

SYHA Open Meeting Minutes February 12, 2013

1. President's Report:

- The Hockey Director, Erik Dube and his Assistants Rosario Mallozi and Bobby Paul are providing us with an update on the league:
 - Blue Streak is doing well and all teams are enjoying the experience;
 - House Juniors and Seniors finally have some games schedule with Danbury, Darien, Ridgefield and Big Cats;
 - In general travel teams are doing well;
 - The House Squirt exchange the power skating ice time of the Mite for this week. The Mite will get another power skating slot;
 - Blue Streak will offer SYHA a pre-tryout skate package;
 - The Clinics are doing well;
 - The Hockey Director and his Assistants will go more often to House practice to help out and observe. They are considering doing a Coaches Clinic for the House program;
 - Lady Sharks are all by themselves on the ice, we should share the ice with House Mite;
 - The Hockey Director will try to find a game for Lady Sharks maybe against the Mite House.

- Nathalie confirmed that the first 40th Anniversary Meeting took place earlier this week. There was a discussion on the use of the Funds that will be raised. Chris Berlingo, president told the audience that the money raised will be used at 50% for the Swedish exchange and 50% for SYHA needs i.e. supplies, scholarships, clinics, special projects, financial aid, payment of the ice (this is partially paid by SYHA). The 40th committee is also looking for pictures to create a video to present on March 22, 2013.
- Rex Morris, Vice-President is in charge of organizing the Alumini game. The poster (see enclosed document) was presented to the audience and the people who want to be involved have the option to come to the dinner or play (if you are an alumini) or both. The game will take place on December 28, 2013 at 3:50pm TCR.
- Following requests from different persons, the president is asking the persons present what should SYHA should look when they are looking for the League Wide Tournament. Everyone agrees that they would like 4 game guarantees, keep the same week-end. Area that were proposed are Philadelphia, PA; Orange, NJ or in Maryland or in Rhode Island. It was mentioned that the styles in PA is much more physical and they kids

would have to be prepared for that. The Hockey Director, his Assistants and the Board will look at the different choice.

2. Vice-President's Report: None
3. Secretary's Report: None
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Checks were done and signed for the young referees and timekeeper
 - Payments that are not done by a certain number of families which have asked for a payment plan is an issue. An open discussion about this topic proved to show that members agree that those families should not be allowed to play anymore in the league if they can't make their payment in a timely manner. The coaches will be contacted to advise them to remove the player(s) starting January 1, 2014. The Board will first review the list of families that are behind in their payments.
5. Registrar's Report:
 - The focus is the Training of the Coaches (clinics, modules, SafeSport) and last minute change for the roster of each team, if applicable with USA Hockey.
 - SafeSport needs to be done by all but we have a delay until Jan 31, 2014 or prior to Sep 2014. She will work on the SafeSport training once we are done with the Coaches update.
 - We still need the information for the Student Coaches.
6. Association Development Director's Report:
 - We have a new temporary rink manager: Kenny Smith. If you want to write a letter to the town to recommend him as permanent manager, please do so.
 - Upon review of the schedule, it was noted that we have 2 scheduling conflicts with the High School but this should be resolved shortly.
 - The House games need referee and timekeeper therefore we need to make sure this is scheduled (for Mite, Juniors and Seniors).
7. Operation Director's Report: None
8. Hockey Director's Report: Done with the President's report
9. Tiger Sharks, Greg's Report:
 - Still doing good. They have a game this week-end with referees and timekeeper. They will use ½ ice.

- They have now split the group in 2 groups since some are stronger than others.
- Looking forward to the Session B registration. Nathalie confirmed that it was opened last week and that we have 2 skaters registered.

10. New Business: None

Attendees:

Chris Berlingo
Nathalie Hade
Deborah Blanchard
Tim Nash
Rex morris
Dan Powers
Kevin Unger
Lee Bowbeer
John Huempfner
Ned Osterhus
Meredith Scheine
Deidre Kilian
Stacy Ellis
Tim Leonard
Frazer Herbert
Bobby Pauls
Rosario Mallozzi
Eugene Shen
Erik Dube
Albert Lian