

Stamford Youth Hockey Association October 8, 2014 Membership Meeting

Board Members Present: John Nilsen, Rex Morris, Vic Rella, Dave Genova, Kevin Unger, Lee Bowbeer, and Brian Mitchell

Called to order at 8:20 pm

President: John discussed the successful weekend in Philadelphia. The golf tournament was a great job done by Brian and did well with a substantial donation. House league is at 51 players. It wasn't set to be mandatory but is a great bargain for the extra ice time. Please get the word out to friends and any PTA/PTO you have connections with. Shark Apparel 2nd ordering window is open until 10/12. Discussion

Hockey Director: Bobby discussed the 1st couple of clinics which included goalie clinic from Midgets to Mites. Next clinic is this coming Friday for Mites & Squirts. All teams seem to be doing well. House league is kicking off this weekend. Bobby would like to get house coaches to skill sessions this coming Saturday morning. Mark Rosetti is set as the house coordinator. Discussion

Mite B: going well

Operations: we are sticking with the ice budget. Schedules are set with house ice being worked out with Bobby & Mark. Any open ice is getting emailed to coaches. Ice has been set aside for CHC make-up games. Discussion held on Squirt Tier 2 team that dropped down to Tier 3 and may change the required games for our Squirt A team. Tracy & Cari are doing a great job with refs & scorekeeping

Registrar: John thanked Kevin for getting the new Jerseys done. Kevin is working on age verification for a few players. Coaches still need to finish coaching levels & modules. Kevin will be getting a list to Bobby. Final declarations due 10/11, no changes anticipated at our end.

House Registration: Tiger Sharks at 17, house at 61 with 40 mites. Possible new travel player at Bantam level, Kevin is following up on it. Goalie equipment for the house league should get organized. Mite A & B teams are using the goalie equipment now. Our pucks are disappearing quickly & a note will be going out to coaches. New water bottles will be available in the coaches room. Helmet stickers are available if needed. Discussion

Development: Brian discussed the golf tournament. Numbers were lower with only 54 golfers and we were hoping for a better turnout. We made approximately \$2500 along with an additional donation of \$10K. Overall it was a good time. Next year the golf tournament will hit it's 25 year anniversary & we will get the word out early to attract golfers from outside the league. We also have a good relationship with Sterling Farms which has helped us. All sponsors were given a hole sponsorship and we are working on taking pictures with the hole signs and some of our

players. New sponsors will be updated on the website. This year's house league teams will have NHL names with sponsors on the back of the jersey. Discussion

Swedish Exchange: The Swedish Exchange has been taking place for 32 years. Rex discussed that this year is our turn to travel with our players going to Sweden. The Bantam A team will be going. Discount cards are being sold as a fundraiser for \$20 each. Money is being raised to offset costs for this year along with for next year when we host. Flip-flops are also being sold and they are getting a sample. All information will be emailed out and posted on the website. Discussion

Treasurer: Dave reported that only 2 players are missing jersey money and will get followed up on. Coaches pay has gone out let him know if there is a problem. He is still working on getting payment from players non on payment plans. Dave also discussed the reimbursement process with a form on the website. Fundraising has helped a lot. If you know any donors or sponsors please let us know. Revenue is down on house along with the fact that we eliminated the Squirt B team that was budgeted for. Discussion

Discussion held on the cost of hockey and financial aid, which led into a discussion of volunteering with the organization.

Discussion held on recruitment from other towns along with overall increasing the size of the organization and spurring interest in hockey. Bobby discussed the need to improve the program which would increase the desire for players to come to our organization.

Photo days should be coming out soon

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Victor J. Rella, Secretary