

Stamford Youth Hockey Association

February 10, 2016 Membership Meeting

Board Members Present: Kevin Unger (KU), Chuck Stietzel (CS), Chris Berlingo (CB), Randy Samuelson (RS),

Start: 7:45pm

Tryouts

- KU gave an update of the number of travel/house players in each age group
 - U18: 21
 - U16: 27 + 2 House
 - Bantams: 43 + 8 House
 - PeeWees: 38 + 17 House
 - Squirts: 40 + 18 House
 - Mites: 12 + 45 House/ Tiger Sharks
- Projecting 3 teams per division
- Cost is \$150 which will include a jersey for the tryouts and subsequently practices
- John Nilsen is working on structure of Hockey Committee to finalize tryout guidelines. The following have not been approved but are an indication of what is being discussed.
- Players guaranteed 3 skates
 - Evaluation 1: Skills
 - Evaluation 2: Small ice/side games (2v2, 3v2 etc)
 - A team callback
 - A1/B team callback
- Coaches from the level will evaluate along with other evaluators
- Coaches will be needed to run on ice drills
- Proposed Impact Player rules (Board has not yet confirmed).
 - Mites: None, Squirts: 4, PeeWee: 3, Bantam: 2.
 - Not including Goalies or Stamford residents

Finances

- RS announced we are still falling short of budgeted cash flow
- ~\$3000 spend required to replace logo on ice when it is redone at Terry Conners
- Budgets for next year are being worked on

Fundraising

- Skate-a-Thon
 - Natalie Duggan gave update and things are going well
 - Announcement went to league last week
 - March 19, 6:40pm at Terry Conners rink

- Pledge forms are being made.
- Goal for each player \$20 in pledges.
- T-Shirts and other merchandise will be available
- SYHA Raffle
 - Players will be asked to sell 5 - \$20 tickets
 - Drawing to be held at House Championship Sunday, March 20
 - First prize is free tuition or \$3000
 - \$500 cash
 - Others?

Sponsors

- CB gave update on sponsorship activities
- We received one commitment for Cross-Ice Board sponsorship. Will be placed on boards for remainder of this year and all of next.
- We have not received checks from all house sponsors

Golf Tournament

- CB posed question to those present if they wanted a golf tournament next year. He would like to continue the tradition.
- No one present had an opinion nor did any attend last year's event
- RS stated that last year's event raised ~\$7000, primarily through hole sponsorships
- KU thought that having it at a nicer venue might attract more golfers

Girls Hockey

- Question raised from floor about getting a girls hockey team together for next year.
- 2 Responses last year for tryouts
- Some thought announcing a team early would help generate interest
- If approved would likely be a supplemental travel team formed from house and travel players
- There could be a shortage of ice.

Travel Coaching Announcements

- The Board has approved the following slate of coaches. Not all coaches have accepted positions
- Coach evaluations were generally positive and therefore we have mainly returning coaches.

Mite A	Brendan Baranowski
Mite B	Tim McGrath
Squirt A	Rosario Mallozzi
Squirt A1	Chris Berlingo
Squirt B	Tom Cullen
PW A	James Doherty
PW A1	Sam Thompson

PW B	Scott Valenzano
Bantam A	Bobby Pauls
Bantam A1	Travis Denicola
Bantam B	Giorgio Sestito
Midget U18 Tier 2	Bill Sharp
Midget U18 or U16 Open	Rob Graziano

Swedish Exchange

- SWEX will a 4-hour jamboree on Feb 28 from 12:40-4:30
- Players from SYHA Bantams and the Swedish team will be mixed into teams for play
- All encouraged to attend.

ADM Model

- Concern raised from the floor that we are doing too much ADM in practices. Person wanted to see less ADM and more situational and game play drills.
- CB agreed that the ADM model is not effective in teaching positioning or off sides, however SYHA will continue to incorporate ADM in their practices
- Goalie coach was again praised for good instruction

Adjourned: 9:15pm