

EYHA Board Meeting minutes

In attendance: Chris Yoho, Rusty Myers, Dean Lewis, Sabrina Heckathorne, Natalie Darr, Chris Watts, Mike Mukavetz, Heather Whaley, Katie Obyc, Jeff Sharp, Susan O'Connor

7:00pm-8:30pm Harry Buffalo

- Introductions
- Coaching submissions- can we start opening them now vs. later?; 3 open positions; house treasurer, select treasurer, select coordinator
- will cover upcoming season in June mtg
- CBJ foundation; application due in 2 weeks; will be asking for more money this year; Jenny spoke to Kathy Dods(?); large amounts given to other organizations; COGH is applying for grants also but should mention the push to CBJ; last year put money to outdoor rink
- suggestions/ up for discussion- grants for the girls program; additional equipment
- Scholarship info send to Jenny
- New this year- board members will be signing a disclosure; Dean authored Confidentiality Policy
- Meetings are generally open to the public; there will be some meetings that will be closed sessions; executive sessions for board members only
- Natalie and Jeff- Central Ohio Girls Hockey (COGH)- general premise to start this due to girls spread out throughout the many organizations locally and regionally; no connection to each other; approx. 14 organized events so far; approx. 25 girls in attendance each time; observations-imbalanced skill levels; asked all organizations to agree to pull U10/U12 girls to be allowed to sign up; would be supplemental hockey; girls would still play for their house teams; 1-2 practices a month(?) plus tournaments; did a tournament in Indiana; interest is there; budget between \$400-\$500 per player; tryouts to start by August; to be promoted all around Ohio; hope is for other organizations to help promote;
- COGH Best to possibly wait until other tryouts are done to run; possibility of losing players is a concern; Natalie has ability to promote the girls; contacts & information for girl players on hand; no organization is willing to host this yet; biggest challenge is trying to get all organizations to work together;
- Sharp; has been building up connections over a year so far; everyone has had an excuse to not help; smaller tournaments (Bowling Green, smaller venues); could have alternative weekends or options; Niagra Falls (?); Canada (?);
- Concern is if a girl tries out before boys regular select try outs; vice versa; try out times are touchy; having girls make decisions on which to decide to do, etc.; shouldn't make the girls choose between girls select and boys select;
- June search for house coaches; July search for select coaches
- will they be lady dragons (?); under an essential titles?; need other organizations approval and buy in;
- one more technicality; roster team (?) (ask dean)
- COGH isn't set up for a team; the goal is for EYHA to take over the reins;

- Sensitivity over other rinks; purposes of rostering and registering, must have under one organization (EYHA);
- is intention to run practices only from Easton or anywhere you can find ice time
- house and select practices have been all around town; girls select practices should be the same
- The R Bar has collected cover charges to help with costs for COGH
- 6-7 girls coming into the organization purely from COGH
- talked to CCYHA; Darcy is on board; great way to grow the organization
- Jeff Sharp motions to form a U10— U12 select girls team
- Heather Whaley seconds
- Discussion- passed unanimous all in favor

-Dean; coaching apps open June 1 for house; select coordinator needed; is it time to put travel on the to do list for the 2018-19 season; the growth in central Ohio is exponential; we've lost a whole lot of numbers this year; how to do it better; how to keep the cost down; is it something we want to do; tabled til next board meeting

- Mike Mukavetz- received an email from a CAHA parent; interested in EYHA house team from reputation of house teams; not happy with CAHA organization
- Jim Schwinne was recognized for his 9 years of service with a plaque by board president Chris Yoho
- Meeting adjourned