

DYHA Meeting Agenda



March 15th, 2016

Board Members in Attendance:

Jason Habrock, President
Kim Taylor, Vice President
Shane Brilley, Hockey Director
Dawn Kramer, Secretary
Rebecca Lloyd, Treasurer
Mark Birch
Frank Earl, ACE Director, CIHL
Kim Earl
Tom Peter
Stephanie Edgecombe, newsletter

Review and approval of meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm. Motion to approve the January meeting minutes made by Jason, seconded by Shane, motion passed all in favor.

No February meeting minutes – lack of quorum

Financial Report – Rebecca

Financial report is done, but Rebecca does not have printout, she will email to everyone. There are some bills to pay. She does have checks to deposit.

Community Foundation sent check for \$37,500, which is not currently reflected in the balance. These funds will be put in the general fund for now.

Rebecca has Lincolnland and CIPHL checks. She has a few other checks for TOF. Still have to pay for ice for January, February, and March.

President Report – Jason

Hockeyville project update

Girls' locker room has new benches and shelves and will be painting soon. Rubber flooring is here. We are getting close to wrapping up the initial Hockeyville projects.

Stephanie suggests putting pictures out to media of progress. Jason wants to recreate the Hockeyville video using same format and show the difference that Hockeyville funds have made.

Phase I: Civic Center had \$112,500 to start. If projects meet the upper end of projected costs, it will mean a couple of thousand out of DYHA funds, if some projects meet not-to-exceed amounts.

Shane is working with Dynagraphics on getting designs for hallway and locker room and these will be additional costs to DYHA. We can wait until other projects finish to see where financial

status stands. Shane got bids for wrapping the doors and the full hallway, as well as inside glass on benches and white boards for coaches in player's boxes.

End of season survey results

60 people completed the survey. Closed session, info will not be shared outside of the room. Board should respond to survey with action items based on feedback.

One item mentioned in the survey is the timeliness of the Board meeting minutes; people may not realize that they are a month behind because they must be approved by the board before publication.

Another suggestion was to offer payment plans, with smaller amounts. When people register, they can pick their payment plan.

Central Illinois Girls Hockey Association Inc. (NFP)

Doug Kent: from Bloomington is trying to organize a girls association and is looking for partnerships from other local hockey organizations. The association would be stand-alone, not for profit, organized to promote girls hockey.

Doug says they have communicated with 43 girls of all ages from 8U to 19U. Board will be made up of someone from each organization (like our high school board). Number of girls on a team from a particular town would determine percentage of practices at that rink. NIHL Tier II, and CIHL. Development camps in summer months. Tryouts around August 15.

Kim attended an AHAI meeting last week in Bloomington. She thinks some of this may change. AHAI discouraged Tier II, suggested house instead; it would be better to be accepted into organizations. Other organizations want to support but do not want to give up their ice so did not like the percentage of practice ice idea. Kim did not mention this, but we would be able to provide ice that other organizations do not have even without the percentage.

Doug wants the team to play NIHL. Shane is wondering if we have the ice here for practice, the kids might choose to go play on other teams and still practice in Decatur. Question is will we grow too fast; Decatur girls are not used to travel, etc.

Jason looking at it from DYHA side; small group at first but then got more girls. We pulled girls from Mites and other teams for scrimmages. Older girls wanted more than the practices, wanted more games. Jason thinks that if we leave as is, some girls might be frustrated. However, if we had 12 this year and next year have 16, some may want to go to Bloomington. Will we hamper efforts to grow girls program if we do not join? Dawn suggests making girls house like girls mite, following the ADM model, to improve their skills.

Some discussion will have to be after new board is seated. Shane hopes that the lacrosse program will reciprocate by encouraging hockey in the off-season. Park District will need some info by July or so to include in their August newsletter.

Kim suggests tabling this because they will be scheduling a meeting with the other associations and can see how other associations feel.

Decatur probably has the most available ice. Kim suggests to Doug that we would run program from Decatur. Doug said they would need about 84 hours of ice for the season for practice and games. Decatur has cheapest and most available ice.

For now, wait for more information.

Hockey Director Report – Shane

Tryouts

Last year we spend a lot of money for tryouts in Springfield. Can we possibly get ice earlier here next year? If we are going to pay \$1749, Shane is suggesting we move tryouts to first weekend in October during declaration games and that way there is no ice cost because we would use our own ice. Jason thinks September ice will not happen due to Civic Center commitments. Suggest that first weekend of ice, have tryouts. Shane will ask coaches what they think, most of the time they know who will be on the teams anyway. Rebecca says: what if kids want to play in Decatur so they wait for late tryouts, but then they cannot go to other organizations to tryout because it will be too late. Shane says as long as they do not play a game or have a contract, they can switch to another team. Hard to do spring tryouts because kids change and coaches change and kids move here. Shane will have coaches meeting later and ask them and bring info back to the board.

New goals for next season

New goals from Rink Systems; really need to get intermediate goals for mites: \$250 for one goal.

If we get a new set of big goals, two sets of junior goals, 6 pegs, with nets attached, this would be a \$3600 line item proposal for next season's budget.

Shane suggests using EPSN1050 to advertise for advertisers to help pay for the goals.

Coaching applications

Coaching applications will be at next coaches meeting.

Old Business

CIHL Update – Frank

Most of teams out of Peoria have failed to commit to games. CIHL needs to have scheduling meetings to make sure games are scheduled. Some teams that have ice late want to schedule late games but our games are done by then.

Advertising Program Development – Andy

Jason has info that Andy sent, but he wants to wait for Andy to present.

Return Rental Equipment – Tom

34+ kids used equipment, but only 7 returned, only 1 may not be returning. Returns were mostly for size. Some kept for younger siblings. One wants a check, rest want credits. AHAI will do this program again; Kim has info and will get to Tom.

New Business

Concessions – Andy / Tom

At TOF and cross-ice games, we have nothing to offer the fans. Many people used Jimmy Johns. Tom wants to know if he can start conversation with Civic Center about offering food. Kim says CC wants 30% of profit, so therefore, food was high priced, and people went elsewhere. Tom says not so much about profit, but for experience at the rink. Tom thinks the more we can offer the more we can have teams wanting to return for tournaments and games. Tom wants permission to approach Civic Center about providing food. Jason thinks a good idea, suggests sit down with Mike and Chris. Can we use parent volunteers for like Bingo credit? Kim says it will be hard. Tom says even having other vendor run it and share profit with CC, then we do not have to organize or make money.

Warmups for next season – Tom

Tom wants to know what we think about having Johnny Mac set up an online store to reduce the work involved. The can do the embroidery; they sent Tom a sample. It would not go through DYHA. Embroidered Expressions did not really make money on it, said she just liked doing it. Maybe Johnny Mac could do logo and EE could do the sleeves. Tom will get pricing and see if we get a percentage back to DYHA, but Jason says that they may jack up the price. Tom will check into it. Will need to know details for the budget.

Patches: suggest order at beginning of season. Maybe add to online registration at beginning of season.

Frank: went to central preps game.

Question came up about JV team not playing in championship. Got email saying protest was taken back, but then wrote protest on scoresheet.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by at Jason at 7:18pm. Seconded by Kim, motion passed all in favor.

Next meeting: April 12, 2016 at 5:30 pm