



MINUTES OF DYHA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
February 11, 2014

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Pickerill  
Kim Taylor, Secretary  
Frank Earl, Hockey Director  
Todd Anderson  
Rebecca Lloyd  
Mark Birch  
Jason Habrock  
Kim Earl  
Stephanie Sharp

In addition to the board members, 7 members were present.

President Bill Pickerill called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. Minutes from December 2013 and January 2014 reviewed. Motion to approve the December and January minutes made. Motion seconded and motion passes with all in favor.

Financial Report: Connie Lusietto

Connie requested approval to give Jessica (TOF chair) 6 blank checks to cover expenses for the event. All board members were in favor.

Current balance: \$14,793.32

Bingo balance: \$3,560.63

Outstanding balance: \$4,388.00 in dues

---There are 4 Midgets and 9 beginners and 3 mites that still owe money.

Connie reported she has been working with a DYHA member on reinstatement of our Not for Profit status as it has been suspended. At present, we cannot pay bills as tax exempt. She reported he is hopeful that it will be reinstated by the fall season. The last 3 years tax returns are needed at this time to assist in the process. Discussion occurred as to how to facilitate getting the past year taxes such as going to the local IRS office to obtain copies. Not for profit status expired in April 2013, this has been ongoing issue since just prior to that time. Lack of this status affects DYHA ability to obtain donations from businesses.

President's Report: Bill Pickerill

Bill reported there is a program through IHOA for scheduling referees. He would like to get this software. At this time, he was told there will not be a fee for this software. He will look into the expense if any and report back to the Board. Questions asked as to the benefits of this program, no specific benefit noted, current system works for DYHA.

AHAI had a meeting last night, with a majority of it focusing on the Mite program. AHAI is looking at games that are occurring without referees. At this time, games will be approved if a carded coach is on the ice in the capacity of a referee. Discussion at the meeting also occurred as to the game limits that will be imposed for the upcoming season. They plan to go to USA Hockey on

3/15/14 for additional guidance and approval. Up to this time, no team has been in violation to the no referee issue as AHAI did not have clear guidelines in place for this issue. There will be guidelines for the upcoming season on this as well as other issues at the Mite playing level.

Hockey Director: Frank Earl

Frank will be sending out information regarding coach selection and application process. The applications will be due by 3/4/14 and a recommendation will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

Frank has been in contact with Dynagraphics about getting the names put on about 6 or 7 banners. Frank reported Dynagraphics agreed to do so free of charge if Dynagraphics can also be listed on it. Board agreed to this occurring. Frank will follow up to get this done.

Frank reported there was an issue over the weekend in which a key was needed for the cage and no one was here. Discussion occurred about leaving a key at the pro shop for this purpose. Decision occurred not to do this at this time due to problems that occurred in the past in doing so.

Frank also reported discussion has occurred on improving the current nets.

Frank reported there was a broken jaw injury on the high school team prior to the last game. Parents of the player needs assistance in accessing the USA Hockey insurance. Bill agreed to follow up with the family.

CIHL: Frank reported there is a coach in Bloomington that is pushing to expand the CIHL division. He reported at the CIHL meeting that he has gotten interest in this, but there was a lack of attendance at the past few CIHL meetings. There is a chance that CIHL will not continue after this year. The current money in the CIHL account will be distributed among the member organizations if CIHL disbands.

Missouri Hockey: Bill Pickerill

An issue was brought up regarding DYHA referees that have been used for the Midget games here in Decatur. It was represented by MO hockey that DYHA uses their "homies" for referees. There was a game at the end of January 2014 in which there were no referees due to a potential "miscommunication" that occurred. Bill and Frank reported they were told by Missouri hockey that DYHA was to cancel the refs we had cancelled and MO hockey would provide the refs. However, this did not occur at the January game as MO hockey stated it was to begin 2/1/14, and not effective the date of the MO hockey meeting that occurred as DYHA believed. Todd Kellermann represented if an issue arises with DYHA referees, he would like to be notified immediately so he, too, can be a part of the follow up that needs to occur as there was what appears to be a lot of miscommunication that occurred on this issue. Todd reported there is a proper channel for feedback on referees and no organization or league has the authority to investigate any situation with referees, it needs to go through the Officials Association.

Registrar: Stephanie Sharp

Stephanie reported the Registrar computer has been having some issues. She took it to Best Buy to get assistance and was required to purchase a Tech Support Geek Support Program. It will cover up to 3 computers, so all 3 computers within the association will be covered. She paid \$201.53 for this program. Motion made to reimburse Stephanie for this purchase. Motion seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Projected numbers for next season (this includes players that previously played for us but not the current season):

Mites: 54

Squirts: 24

Pee Wee: 20

Bantams: 15

High School: 30

#### BINGO: Rebecca Lloyd

Rebecca reported there is a reduction in interest in participation in working. She asked an email be sent out and/or put on the website reminding membership of the opportunity to participate with the hope it will generate additional members willing to participate.

Rebecca reported there have been some recent rumors that have surfaced regarding members being allowed to use their Bingo money to reimburse them for equipment. Discussion occurred that this has not been past practices. Decision made that specific rules be set and enforced regarding what bingo money can be used for. **POLICY WILL BE THAT BINGO MONEY CAN ONLY BE USED TO PAY FOR WARM UPS, TOURNAMENT FEES AND DUES.** Discussion also occurred in funds that have remained sitting due to a player not participating in DYHA 1 season. Past practice and policy has been that the money sits in DYHA general account for 1 year, if the member does not return, the funds go to DYHA general fund or they can choose to apply it towards another DYHA player account. Frank will get information to Ian about the Bingo program so he can share it with the Beginner parents to hopefully generate interest.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Kim Taylor discussed the Goalie and Skill Clinic that has been discussed in past meeting. She has been in contact with Todd Brereton from Showdown Hockey (and he with Bruce Racine Goalie Clinics) about a fall clinic in Decatur. Frank will send Kim an email with the ice available that weekend. Discussion occurred. All agreed Kim can proceed with the planning of this event. It will be a DYHA sponsored event and DYHA coaches will be asked to be available to assist.

TOF: Jessica Ellison reported the plans have come together for the tournament. A few slots still need filled to allow DYHA parents to watch their players games. A mite players parents own a Tshirt vendor so they are being used this year as is a Mite parent for the catering.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Kari Kraus discussed the Polar Plunge on 3/8/14 and requested DYHA Coaches and Board support I getting a large group of players to participate. A minimum donation of \$75 per player is required in fundraising towards the Special Olympics. Pictures will be put on the website.

Kim Taylor presented a motion to reduce the size of the board from 15 to 9 members. The motion is: Beginning with the 2014 May election, a reduction will begin to reduce the size of the DYHA board to 9 seats after the 2016 election. The reduction will occur as follows:

2014 election; 1 vacant position will not be filled, 3 of the 4 currently filled seats will be filled. This will leave 3 board members with a term that expires in 2017.

2015 election: 2 vacant positions will not be filled. All 3 currently filled seats will be filled. This will leave 3 board members with terms to expire in 2018.

2016 election: 3 of the 5 currently filled seats will be filled. This will leave 3 board members with terms to expire in 2019. Beginning with the 2017 election, 3 seats will be filled each year.

Motion seconded by Jason Habrock. Discussion occurred. This motion will be tabled for 30 days and will be voted no earlier than March 13, 2014.

Discussion occurred as to the current status of our Mite Director and lack of attendance at practices and the effect it could possibly have on the future of these members return to the program. A few board members will be present at the Mite practice on Monday 2/17/14 at 5:45pm to voice our recognition of the problems that have occurred.

Jason will present an online poll as to willingness to participate in September ice.

Jason has been looking into getting a countdown clock to put in the arena for the games. He has found it to be approximately \$2600. This issue will be dismissed.

Jason and Todd will look into an expanded trophy case for the lobby.

The board went into closed session at 7pm for Discipline issues. 4 incidents occurred that resulted in game suspensions.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:34pm. Motion seconded. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Taylor

DYHA Secretary

Date written: 3/2/14

Date sent to the Board: 3/2/14