



DYHA Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2015

Meeting called to order at: 5:30pm

Members in Attendance:

Jason Habrock, President
Shane Brilley, Hockey Director
Kim Taylor, Vice President
Connie Lusietto, Treasurer
Dawn Kramer, Secretary
Stephanie Botts, Registrar
Mark Birch
Stephanie Edgecombe, Fundraising/Newsletter
Todd Anderson

Review and Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Kim Taylor to approve the December 2014 minutes. Todd Anderson seconded the motion, motion passed with all in favor.

Out of Order: Todd Kellermann

There is a new adult referee, Mike Vercillino, who is having a hard time with the background check, he was told it was sent over to him but he has not received it. They said he has to have another packet which is \$58. Todd Kellermann requested a \$58 check for AHAI and he will track the package. Mike is a Level I referee who has worked games prior to this, but now he is suspended because of this issue. DYHA has one packet left over from the Blaze players; Jason made a motion to give this package to Mike. Stephanie Botts seconded, motion passed with all in favor.

Also, Todd said that the nets need attention. Jason agrees. Mark Birch offered to help with any welding.

Financial Report: Connie Lusietto

Ice is not completely paid for yet. The referees are paid through AHAI. The cost for the newsletter has increased. Connie wants to move \$7470 from Bingo fund to general fund.

General Fund: \$19,940.28

Bingo Account: \$13,440.63

CD1 \$10,393.95

CD2 \$4651.58

Registrar Report: Stephanie Botts

There is a new beginner registered and a new house player who is strictly practice because he is not on the roster yet. Also, there is an issue with a player who has two different birth dates in the system. Shane asked what is the total count of registered players, and Jason answered 145.

President Report: Jason Habrock

Board Vacancy Nomination

Greg Lawson is resigning from the board, Jason nominated Rebecca Lloyd. Rebecca has been involved with DYHA for many years and is also a former board member. Connie Lusietto questioned why we don't wait until May elections. Jason answered that the board was at an odd number with Greg, but now is at an even number of members with his resignation, and he would like it to be an odd number. Connie responded that the board reduction vote was not valid so we still have 15 spots on the board, and why have we not yet filled them? Kim reviewed her notes and said that the board has been running short even with the previous presidency, when Bill Bublitz and Derek Carter both resigned in October 2012, and the former president did not fill those vacant positions before Jason became president. The intent is to re-vote at the May election for a reduction in board members to 13. Jason indicated that the board is doing nothing outside of by-law guidelines. Connie answered with the question of whether the other people who ran were notified of the open positions. Jason said that he has run this by Jeff Justice and it is legal per the by-laws. Connie requested transparency in the voting to see how each board member voted. Kim brought up Robert's Rules of Order which do not require this. Jason then invited anyone with questions to talk to him after the meeting. Motion made by Jason to appoint Rebecca Lloyd to hockey board. Kim Taylor seconded. Motion passed with 1 opposed.

Tax Exempt Status

Received from the IRS on November 28, 2014. It may take 90 days for them to look at it, and another 90 days to approve. The case is not yet assigned to an agent. Jason spoke with an IRS agent who said: we can still operate as tax-exempt while the application is in the process, because it is for taxes which won't be filed until 2016. This means that we can accept donations. The IRS indicated that they do not want to hinder organizations like DYHA. Those who wish to donate can say that they won't without a current letter, but the old letter is still valid. Stephanie B will check with ADM to see if they will accept the old letter; realistically, it may be months before DYHA gets the new tax exempt letter, but it will be retroactive to this date.

Up until November 26, 2014, the official name of DYHA was Decatur Amateur Hockey Association. The new name is Decatur Youth Hockey.

Early Dues Collection

Jason proposed the idea of offering a 12-month payment plan for hockey dues. If this is rolled out soon, it would allow use of tax refunds to start making hockey payments. Connie indicated that this may create extra work for the treasurer, because of coordinating online payments with Quickbooks. Shane suggested making the payments the same, like \$50 or \$100 to make this easier for the treasurer. Kim T expressed that the goal is to make it easier for the membership even if it is more work for the board. There is a setting on the website to turn off requiring a USA hockey registration number when making payments, which would allow payments before next season's registration. Jason will work with Dana on this and keep the board updated.

Hockey Director: Shane Brilley

Nets

The hockey nets need repair, paint, and new strings. Jason would like to wait until after the hockey season, in April, to initiate repairs. Jason suggests having 'game only' nets. Jason will talk with Zac of the Decatur Blaze. Shane, Mark Birch, and Todd Anderson will work on estimating the costs.

Other

The Mite Jamboree is scheduled for February 28th.

February 21st is Try Hockey for Free Day, with extended time by using unscheduled ice. Shane sent the schedule for February ice to the coaches. The Squirt House team may be able to use some of the unused ice.

Senior Night is February 11th. Let other teams know so they can attend.

Girls Team

Shane is looking into the possibility of fielding a girls team next season. Decatur is a good central location to invite girls from Champaign, Springfield, and Bloomington. Possible name is 'Central Illinois Fire' to go with the Flames and Blaze team names. We can reach out to the Midwest Mustangs to see if those Decatur girls are willing to play.

Rules and Safety Meeting

Tonight at 7:45pm, one player.

ACE Report: Jason for Frank Earl

Screening status is good. CIHL: no report, if there are scheduling issues, let Frank know.

Old Business

Operation USA: Dawn Kramer

Scheduled for Saturday, February 7th, from 10:00am to 7:00pm. Four games will be played at home that day. Events include display boards, collection boxes for care packages, jersey/tshirt/puck sales (all proceeds to the USO). Game events include a special seating section for military and recognition of military attendees during the games. Looking for monetary donations to cover costs, as well as donations of water, cookies, and blankets for the military seating area.

Newsletter: Stephanie Edgecombe

Will include Mites at the United Center, also looking for High School game pics to include. A suggestion was also made to include pond hockey photos.

Tournament of Friends: Kim Taylor

Donations are coming in, the Non-Profit status that Jason gave will help with that. A \$1000 Ameren grant will pay for dinner from LaGondola, which will cost \$2.50 per person. There will be 33 games, raffle, silent auction, 50/50, and chuck-a-puck. Kim is looking for volunteers and passed out sign-up sheets.

Alumni Game: Jason Habrock

Jason is trying to get an answer on insurance coverage for this proposed game.

Girls Locker Room

Moving tonight; need signs for the doors.

Motion made by Jason to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dawn Kramer, motion passed all in favor.

Submitted by: Dawn Kramer, DYHA Secretary, February 4, 2015