

DYHA Meeting Minutes July 1st, 2014

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Board members in attendance:

Dawn Kramer
Stephanie Edgecombe
Kim Taylor
Dana Hansen
Mark Birch
Frank Earl
Kim Earl
Connie Lusietto
Stephanie Botts
Shane Brilley
Jason Habrock

Review and approval of meeting minutes

Jason asked if there were any questions regarding the previous meeting minutes. Stephanie Botts questioned June 3; she was not listed as registrar. Dawn Kramer will edit the minutes to add this. In addition, the title of the minutes will be changed for the June 3rd minutes to Regular Meeting minutes. Jason Habrock made a motion to accept all minutes, and Kim Taylor seconded. Approval of the minutes passed with all in favor.

Financial Report

Connie Lusietto listed balances of accounts. Connie also received an email tonight with amounts of bingo money to add, which are not included in the totals below.

Regular:	\$16,625.15
Bingo:	\$5,880.63
CD1:	\$10,270.70
CD2:	\$4,651.58

President Report

Budget – Jason handed out copies of the budget (modified from his email) along with a document with notes on the budget. Stephanie Botts had questions about funding from AHAI. We can't charge beginners more than \$150, and we charge the for hockey cards. So the beginner fee is actually \$100 for playing plus \$50 for hockey cards.

Jason discussed the beginner credit to be applied to returning beginner players this year. This credit applies only to beginners, not just first year players.

Kim Earl questioned the mite full ice fee, and asked why they were the only team not required to cover all their expenses. The cost for a mite player is \$294.58 per player and the mites will pay proposed dues of \$200. Jason

explained that this might be a good transition financially between the cost of mini-mite and squirt. Both costs together more than cover the cost of the mite program, because there will be more mites than mite full ice.

Jason explained the squirt fee, which DYHA costs are \$857.55 per player but the player cost is a proposed \$825, which is a 3% increase, same as the cost of living. Jason is willing to discuss tweaking these costs, but he feels that these fees are an easier way to transition from mite to travel. Some mites will be in both divisions to their costs will be \$650. Jason blocked out a sheet of ice a week for mite full ice. They can play 15 games after Dec 31st. Jason will make changes to the budget that Kim pointed out, which will increase the income a little bit but it will not require any adjustments to costs or registration fees. The number of players listed is a minimum, to build a safety net into the budget.

Stephanie Botts said that the bingo numbers are going down again, Monday night going down from 5 to 4 workers, and Wednesday night from 4 to 3 workers. Jason used the latest info from Rebecca Lloyd for the bingo numbers on the budget. Connie suggesting removing the \$100 fundraising amount, and Jason will remove it, and he will also increase the admin fees for mites to reflect the number of kids playing.

Jason made a motion to accept the budget with the above corrections, and Stephanie Botts seconded. Motion to approve the budget passed with all in favor.

Remaining appointments-

- ACE Director – Frank Earl is interested in this position, and Jason made a motion to appoint Frank as ACE Director. Shane Brillley seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.
- Disciplinary Committee Chair – per bylaws, this position should fall to outgoing president; Jason has talked to Bill, Bill declined due to busy schedule. Jason contacted John Latshaw this morning, and John would like to accept the position, with some recommendations. Jason made a motion to accept the appointment, Frank seconded, and motion passed with all in favor.

Monthly meeting time acceptable? – Jason asked if the time is good for everyone. Dana Hanson says this day of month is the worst in regards to schedule conflicts. Stephanie Botts mentioned that she and Connie discussed holding meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month due to bank schedule. The time of the meeting is good. Motion was made to move meeting to 2nd Tuesday of the month starting August 12, 2014. Connie seconded the motion, and motion passed with all in favor.

Scheduling of rooms with Civic Center – The Civic Center management has requested that they have limited points of contact when reserving rooms, so go through Jason first, then Shane.

Hockey Director Report

AHAI ruling on 8U playing on Squirt Team – 15 full ice games after Dec 31st is what they will agree to. This will provide a good transition point for the kids to move up to Squirt. There are 16-18 players in the 2006 birth year, which if they stay, could potentially field two teams at that age group. To get these kids from mite to mite select will get them used to playing together and gives them a break from cross-ice. The players can go to ADM practices and then games on Sunday. Kids can go to as many ADM practices as they want, but they are only required to attend one. Shane will have a meeting with both sets of parents to explain these policies. Most of these kids have been in ADM for three years. The 8 year old age group has enough players for a team, and if after open registration for the team, if there are enough players, they will not have tryouts. They will try not to cut kids, with the intention of retaining kids in hockey. Greg Larson will try to coach, but his other son plays on PeeWee team so he is putting out

feelers for other helpers, and Shane will also help. Their ice is Tuesday from 7:45-8:45pm, in addition to half ice and ADM.

High School coach Daniel Street does want to be coach of high school, and it was approved in March.

Bruce Racine (goalies) and Showdown Hockey Clinic – Shane has call in to Bruce. Lot to get set up, but he thinks it will be great. Mite to HS and goalies can attend. Shane will try to work with a flat fee, which will be good because we don't know how many kids will be there. Need at least ten goalies, and will give DYHA players first chance and then will open up registration to outside DYHA. It will be called a preseason work-out camp. Shane will get out email for the October 4th date. Training is on and off ice. Will require our coaches to help, at least 4, and that will keep the cost down because they won't have to bring their own coaches. Shane will suggest to coaches that they avoid declaration games that weekend. If opened up to outside registration, kids must be USA hockey registered. Jason suggests letting Shane finalize it. Our players may fill all spots, but may be room for outside goalies. Registration will be set up on the website which will include putting in a USA Hockey registration number. This is not intended to be a fundraiser, it will just cover costs. Members can use bingo money to pay for registration.

Tryout ice -September 15th and 17th at Springfield Nelson Center, Monday and Wednesday. Mark, Jamie and Chris all in agreement. Two days is enough, most kids don't come to all three anyway. Teams are probably close anyway based on numbers. Cost is \$225 an hour. The dates are better because there is less time between tryouts and opening day. Jason and Shane say that we will know by the evening of the 17th who the players are.

- 6:10 pm – Squirt
- 7:20 pm – Pee Wee
- 8:30 pm – Bantam

Proposed weekly ice schedule - Shane has been working on it for a few weeks. Took beginners off weekend and moved them to Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:15-6:1pm. It is okay to beginners to arrive a little late to practice if there is a parent conflict with work. Looking for student coaches or parent helpers. Anyone on ice has to be registered with USA Hockey, even parents. Hoping to get Blaze players to help. This change will help parents who have both beginner and travel players. The extra sheet of ice on Saturday will to the the mite select team or whoever needs it. The number of open skate times went down from 4 to 3, high school will practice Monday and Tuesday from 4:30-5:30 with Lincolnland games on Wednesday. On Friday nights when the Blaze are out of town, there will be stick and puck. On Thursday the Squirts and PeeWees will practice 1.5 hours together. There may be some conflict with high school and Blaze games, but that will be worked out when the Blaze get their final schedule and we can schedule home games on opposite weekends. If anyone has any ideas, call Shane.

Registrar Report

Stephanie Botts and Jason started online registration online last year, and with the intention of going completely paperless. She will try to put all forms online. This will help the managers who will not have to carry so much paper. All USA Hockey registration information can be imported to populate registration. Civic Center has wifi so we can set up board member's computers during registration and assist members with online registration.

Registration will be August 23, from 12-3pm and September 6 from 12-2pm. Deadline for travel players signup is September 6th, and this will also be the main registration for beginners, mites, and high school players.

New Business

Stephanie has someone from the Decatur Celebration approach her with an offer for DYHA to work barricades and souvenir booths. DYHA would have to cover all three shifts, and the shifts were long. Jason appreciates the offer but it is a lot of manpower (20-22 people per day) and hours expected for little monetary return.

Beer stand at Decatur Celebration organized by Mark Birch. Will be in same location as last year. He passed out sign up sheet for board and then will try to recruit members for other shifts. Need a lot of people so that people don't have to wait in line during busy times, like when bands are there.

Parade for Decatur celebration - All signed up for it. Kim Taylor is point person.

Newsletter – Stephanie Edgecombe – want to get info to members, coaches tournament, etc. Stephanie came up with some good ideas. Use Constant Contact, \$100 per 6 months. We can put together a newsletter and send out with graphics via email. Will give feedback to what people are reading using stats, can forward to friends, link to Facebook and the website, and is a good bridge to gap in communications. Motion made to approve funding for newsletter, Dawn seconded, and motion passed with all in favor.

Development of Team Manager Training – Kim Taylor Jason asked Kim to put together a training packet for new managers. If you have info for Kim send it to her.

Plaques for outgoing board members : Jason has talked to Custom Trophies, they are \$25 per plaque. Jason made a motion to place the order, and Kim T seconded, and motion passed all in favor.

Frank asked Chris Hahn to come and discuss his struggle with whether or not to do travel hockey, and whether DYHA can provide non-travel hockey opportunities due to cost and time of travel hockey. Jason and Shane have had discussions on this. May be able to use extra sheet of ice for this? Our goal is to try to keep the young kids playing hockey so we can keep them in the association. Maybe we can have a sheet of ice where kids can play and have fun, maybe one during week and one on weekend. Would need coaches and parents to help. The only way this may be feasible is to be able to combine ages, and we would need the membership to field this kind of team. It would be a good way for kids to learn a skill, be on a team, and burn energy, but with a lower level of commitment.

Jason made a motion to adjourn meeting, which was seconded Kim Taylor, passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

Submitted by Dawn Kramer, DYHA Secretary