

DYHA Board Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2024
6:30PM
Dubuque Ice Rink
Community Room

Stepanie Fueger called meeting called to order @ 6:42 PM

Attendance: Matt Timmons, Molly Ties, Marissa Muehlenkamp, Stephanie Fueger, Chad Wilwert, Jess Smith and Cody Lytle. Non-Board member Justin Muehlenkamp, Dustin Smith, Joe Hoffmann, Kelly Klein, Mark Plantery and Amy Sookochoff.

Secretary Report

- Motion to approve secretary report by Chad Wilwert and second by Cody Lytle.

Financial Report

- All Ice has been taken care of for the season.
- Need to verify all expenses with managers, then payout on overages can go out.
- Saint for Life donation of \$500 to support skaters of low-income families.
- Motion to approve financial report by Cody Lytle second by Jess Smith.

High School Team Update

- Banquet in March.
- Saints for Life provided a generous donation to the High School Program.
- Need some direction on coaching for High School Team next year.
 - HS Committee recommending Austin serve as head coach with Tim as an assistant.
 - Need to define coaches pay and then will need to adjust/push fundraising to cover the coaching cost.
 - Will need to post the position externally to allow other candidates to apply. Deadline to apply will be 4/24/24.
 - Mark needs to review and make final recommendation to DYHA board.
- Would like to understand how many Bantam's are moving up next year.
 - 12 – 2009's
 - 13 - 2010's
 - Will need to review list who is high school eligible.
- Spring League just started last week for High School.

Director of Hockey Update

- Summer Programming is on track.
 - Registration is sent/posted.
- Tri State Spring Bantam team up to 13, and now on track to have a travel team. Total registration was 85 kids.
- Bantam Red team had a great trip to Nationals in Buffalo. Very competitive and great showing for program.
- Rules and Ethics Discussion Agenda Item – We can benefit topics and themes discussed in these meetings.

Summer programming

- Deadline for 3 on 3 Registration April 30th. Consider moving deadline to May 15th. No need have a deadline for Summer Programming.
- Decide if we want to just have permanent jersey's going forward.
- Little Blackhawks Youth Program
 - Marketing is not an issue with the rink.
 - Requires 8 sessions, Nov-Dec. Then following Christmas with the standard Little Saints
 - Need to confirm who will coach.
 - DYHA will not charge above the registration fee with the program.
 - Need to confirm that a USA hockey number is required – Stephanie to confirm.

One Goal Initiative

- Stephanie met with Casey from Saints. We are looking at a donation of \$6000 towards to the DYHA.
- Consider placing logo on website.
- Consider buying new Mite Jersey's – 40 Jersey's @ \$50-\$65 – Chad to confirm final cost.
- Consider funding Girl's travel jersey's if we start that program @ 8U and 10U.
- Consider starting a skate sharpening program.
- Consider sponsoring Cow Bell Cup Home Games

Midwest Affiliate Annual Business Meeting

- DSM June 22nd @ West Des Moines Marriot.
- Friday evening social; meetings start on Saturday AM.
- Attending: Mark Plantery, Justin Muehlenkamp.

New Roles for Incoming Board Members

- Justin – Travel Team Coordinator.
- Jess – Retain role of Registrar.
- Cody – Retain role of Safe Sport.

Golf Outing – Other Fundraiser Ideas

- Start a golf outing for Squirt Level.
 - Held @ Lacoma Golf Course.
 - Saturday June 8th @ 9AM.
 - Considering a 50/50, Raffle.
 - Motion to approve golf outing by Matt Timmons second by Chad Wilwert.

Fall Season Planning

- We will send a member survey out – Stephanie to send out.
- Coach interest survey – Need to determine who is interested. Mark to reach out via the list Jess can pull from registration. May 12th deadline for coaching interest.
- Coach meeting held by Mark – Determine once we finalize date.
- Tryouts – Start to consider dates for tryouts. Need to consider NIHL when looking at dates.

Stephanie motion to close meeting at 8:47PM, second by Molly Ties.