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MVYHA General Board Meeting

October 14, 2013

Present:

Tim Herold, Beth Kraetsch, Rich Nelson, Anne Lalla, Jason Sprague, Troy McCulloch, Don Ortloff, Mike Gallagher, Jim DeMay Dave Schavee, Jim Wurst

3 non-members in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by President Tim Herold

President's Report

- Tim thanked Jason for all his work on the tryouts.
- Wants to make sure the evaluators have their invoice turned in.
- Asked about ice scheduling and wants to make sure that is going smoothly.
- Tim then asked about the Bantam level and started a brief discussion on making sure all is going well at that level to ensure all 9th graders are given a good option at Bantams in the event any are offered spots in HS program.
- Tim addressed next season's need to co-op at some boys' levels next season and we all decided that our current board should have something in place by the end of this board season.
- No word back yet from IYH President regarding his inquiry this past summer about last year's January tourney.

Vice President's Report

- Don still needs to get Jim W pancake breakfast financial info.
- Working on team and player issues that came up during/after tryouts.

Secretary's Report

- Jason made a motion to approve Sep Minutes that Mike had sent out electronically, with one small grammatical change. Beth seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Nothing unusual for this time of year. Went over balances.
- We received a \$1,500 check from Lake Region.
- Team budget cells dependent on ice.
- Mike made motion to approve Jim's report, seconded by Jason. Motion passed.

Boy's Coordinator Report

- All teams have been assigned coaches except one Squirt C team. Talked through some ideas on what to do if no one steps up for that team.
- Don initiated a discussion on adding a Coach of month/Player of week onto website. Idea very well received. Jim Demay will get involved in this initiative as well.

Girl's Coordinator Report

- Teams formed.
- Updated tourney details.

Mite Coordinator Report

- First weekend of Mites was a big success.

Retention and Recruitment Coordinator

- MVYHA hosted another good Try Hockey event. Suggested that next year we do one, and do it late September. What worked: post cards being distributed to schools. Might not purchase school lists next year.
- New-family registrations are good.
- New idea from Don on getting some things to hand out to youngsters that are watching older siblings throughout the season. Idea is to get the younger kids interested in MVYHA earlier. Probably going to go with MVYHA foam pucks. Don and Jim will work on idea off-line.

Registrar's Report

- Team Mgr meeting changed to October 24th. A/B D2 meeting on 10-23.e
- Lining up coaches registrations.

Equipment Manager Report

- Jerseys and socks will be on time.
- Buckets of pucks available – will get to the teams over the next week.
- Lettermen's apparel site is open.

D2 Representative

- Scorebooks and Temporary Rosters required for any scrimmage prior to official sign-off. Send to Anne or me and we can get them to the District Director
- Redistricting Question: I need to write an official response from MVYHA to D2 regarding our interest or lack of interest in redistricting. The D2 Director needs this for the upcoming MN Hockey meeting. Are we happy with the current set up? Do we have any ideas for redistricting that would improve play, travel etc? Let me know if you have any ideas.
- Still looking for PW and Bantam level coordinators. If we don't get any other volunteers I'm the PW coordinator this year.
- MN Hockey Competition Committee approved our petition down from AA to A at both Bantam and PW
- Mn Hockey forcing WBL and Stillwater to field both AA and A teams- association A and AA teams will not play each other in league play
- Online Scrimmage and Rescheduling links (including payment) are active on the D2 Site.
- Greg Nagen was voted Metro League chairman
- Association Board members are all required to complete an online training this year (more info to follow)
- Revolution Hockey is a Tier 1 team and NOT allowed to scrimmage or play in a District or Tournament game.
- Northern Educate students can tryout in the Association where the school is located- only B team in 1st year
- Pee wee change- 12 minute periods
- C leagues starting on or around November 22 to accommodate earlier year end tourneys

Try-Out Coordinator Report

- Jason recognized all board members for their time and efforts. Moving on to wash jerseys and getting things back in the shed.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Jim Demay introduced Blake Huffman, Ramsey County Commissioner. Blake gave a quick bio of his background and then talked about Ramsey's bid on Vadnais Rink. The rink was built for 26 mil and the Ramsey bid is for 10.5 mil. The rink has a 1.7 mil operational income. About a 2 year transition period if accepted bid. Rink would pay for itself. If purchased Ramsey will close one rink; it could be Shoreview. Vadnais is 7 miles from Shoreview vs. 10 miles for the Super Rink. If purchased there would be an equal 50/50 ice split between WB and MV Associations. Bond holders meet October 23rd to vote on bid. There are 2 other current bids, both higher than Ramsey, but neither would close the door for the bond holders like Ramsey's bid would.
- Tim initiated a brief discussion on policy of players moving down within same level in their 2nd year. All agreed that system works as it stands.
- Anne initiated a discussion on what to do payment wise when a Mite/U8 player moves up to Squirt/U10. Decision is that for this year stick with status quo: do not charge additional registration fees but have each of those families pay same monthly team payments as all others on team.
- Anne brought to our attention the new D2 system for scrimmage refs, and that a payment is required at time of order. Discussed ideas how best to handle within MVYHA. Leaning toward soliciting a team manager as point person. Anne, Mike and Jim W will make decision by 10-24.
- Anne made a motion to eliminate the Ice Scheduler position (currently held by Bryant Larson) and her and Mike Gallagher would run ice for remainder of current season. Premise behind motion is need for local representation with regards to ice scheduling. Mike seconded and motion passed with all in favor.
- Mike made a motion that all board credits that are donated back should go to the Mustang Fund and that no board member can donate his/her credit to an individual family. Anne seconded motion. A discussion ensued. Motion passed with 9 in favor and 1 against.
- Beth had initiated a discussion on how to solicit goalies from within the MVYHA, possibly with financial incentives. Beth needed to leave prior to any motion being made. The issue will be worked on off-line and discussed again at November meeting.
- Mike made a motion that Schavee, because he was late for meeting, cover drinks at Panino's after the meeting. Motion seconded by Jason and motion passed with flying colors.

Mike made a motion to adjourn at 9:10, seconded by Jim. Motion passed with all in favor; meeting adjourned.