CLHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**February 10th, 2014**

# ROLL CALL:

\_X\_\_ Mike Klun \_X\_\_ Chris Bodell \_X\_\_ Theresa Cottingham \_\_\_ Eric Lee

\_X\_\_ Jen Hegstad \_X\_\_ Howard Immel \_X\_\_Lea Vogelsang \_\_\_Erik Edson

\_X\_\_ Amber Hill \_X\_\_ Dave Burgen \_X\_\_ Shannon Hejny \_X\_\_Lisa Stangl

\_X\_\_ Scott Thompson \_\_\_ Louise Bye \_X\_\_ Jenae Palewicz \_X\_\_Jeff Dowd

Others present: Paul Gibson, Bob Traux, Ron Kimlinger, Jenn Caudill, Sarah Burgen, Kelly Lawry, Nate Kerkow

* Call to Order – Mike Klun called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

### Review of Agenda –Theresa Cottingham added a new business item that was on the agenda at one point but was lost in translation at some point. The item is a tournament/event for a U8 team sponsored by CLHA. Also the Peewee Parents should not be an action item under new business it should be added as an open forum item. After the changes Scott Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda as restated by Theresa Cottingham, the motion was seconded by Lea Vogelsang and approved unanimously.

* Review/approval of last meeting minutes – Jenae Palewicz made a motion to approve the January 2014 meeting minutes, the motion was seconded by Amber Hill and approved unanimously.
* Treasurer’s Report – Eric Lee was not present at the meeting and the email he provided to Jen Hegstad failed to send appropriately. Eric will electronically send a report upon return of his vacation.
* Bills to be paid- No bills to be paid for the month of February.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Special Meeting Date-March 17th-Theresa Cottingham (Positions for Election are: President, Coach in Chief, Director of Hockey Operations, Director of Outdoor Facilities, Treasurer)-** Motion was made by Theresa Cottingham to accept the date of March 17th as the 2014 special meeting date with a start time of 6:00pm. The motion was seconded by Chris Bodell and approved unanimously.
2. **NHL Alumni Game-Lea Vogelsang**- Scott Thompson has received approval from the NHL Alumni to treat the Alumni game as a CLHA Fundraiser however due to a lack of time between now and the event Lea and Scott asked the board to cancel the event for the 2013-14 season. The board agreed we’d rather put enough time into the event instead of rushing to complete the event.
3. **U8 Tournament-Amber Hill-**CLHA did not host a U8 team for the 2013-14 season. Amber connected with the group of girls that are on the B and C Mite team wondering how there seasons where going. Amber posed the question if the girls would be interested in playing in some sort of a tournament before year end. With the cancellation of the 3 v. 3 tournament Amber requested a controlled scrimmage between another D10 U8 team. Amber will follow up with the girls and their families as well as connect with D10 U8 teams. Ice Scheduler Shannon Hejny affirmed the possibility of ice availability in lieu of the 3 v. 3 tournament and will connect with Amber to make final arrangements.

# OLD BUSINESS

1. President – Mike Klun- Laura Boudreau has received her sentencing of a 5 year probation, 100 hours of community service, continued mental therapy, and ordered restitution of $6535.00. Theresa Cottingham read to the board the following statement from Mike Klun:
2. Vice President – Chris Bodell-Chris spoke to the behavior of a CLHA player. The player was removed from their team for a couple of weeks. The skater is welcome to come back to his/her team after the 2 week suspension is served. This is the first incident on formal file with the board of directors. Chris wanted to remind the members to review the code of conduct policy, the board does not have to give a warning. The process is a “three strikes and you’re out” policy. Formal concerns must be submitted to the directors before the situation will be investigated.
3. Secretary – Theresa Cottingham- Theresa reminded the board about the importance of submitting agenda items in a timely matter.
4. Treasurer-Eric Lee-Not Present
5. Coach in Chief –Erik Edson- Not Present
6. Tournament Director – Lisa Stangl-The squirt and peewee tournaments went through successfully. Lisa wanted to give the especially the PeeWee families a great thank you for their dedication to the events. Lisa will have more to come with exact numbers in relevance to the profits made for the association. Lea Vogelsang asked about the families that will not fulfill their tournament credits as they were counting on working the 3 v 3 tournament. Lisa said there will be no forgiveness given to the members who did not fulfill their tournament work credits. We were short volunteers for both tournaments there were plenty of opportunities for members to volunteer there time. Often times there are district tournaments that will ask for help. There will be those opportunities for members then to fulfill their commitments.
7. Director of Competition - Dave Burgen- Due to the cancellation of the 3 v. 3 tournament as planned, Dave is working to put together an in house tournament for the CLHA teams. More information to come. This year our teams are having some success. The following are rankings received for our teams for the 2013-14 district season: A Bantams were ranked 8th, B2 Bantams ranked 9th, A Peewees just missed district participation ranking, B2 Peewees were ranked 7th or 8th, Squirts were in the top 3, U10A’s were ranked 3rd, U10B’s are ranked in the middle of the pack. CLHA will be refunding the A Peewee group their D10 tournament fees in the form of a credit to their 2014-15 hockey bills.
8. Director of Operations / Equipment – Howard Immel- Nothing to report
9. Director of Girls Hockey – Amber Hill-Nothing to report
10. Director of Business Operations/Fundraising – Lea Vogelsang-Nothing to report
11. Ice Scheduling – Shannon Hejny-Nothing to report
12. Advisor – Scott Thompson-Nothing to report
13. Assistant Treasurer- Jen Hegstad-Nothing to report
14. Mite Director - Jenae Palewicz-Beginning to focus on recruitment of D mite players. Putting proposals together for in house training/camp for the upper mites.
15. Outdoor Facilities –Jeff Dowd-Jeff apologized for the lack of communication between him and the city of Chisago City. The director of parks Doris Zacho and Jeff have been in contact however the city is finding some trouble with their hired rink manager. Often the rink is shut down early or teams are shoed off the ice. Jeff is working to get these items ironed out.
16. Registration – Louise Bye-Not present

Open Forum:

Concerned A Peewee Parents: The parents requested the item to be tabled until March as there are a few members that were not able to be present at the February meeting. Mike Klun asked Jennifer Caudill to proceed with the issues at hand. Jenn spoke for the group and told them her concerns:

\*Why were PHIT instructors hired to evaluate Peewee tryouts if the coach picked their own teams?

\*Why were their not three peewee teams formed? Where North Branch kids from years past not contacted and asked to play with CLHA again?

\*Why were Tim Waldon’s concerns not addressed?

\*Why are evaluation score sheets not available to association members. What is a perfect tryout score?

\*What are the results of the powerskating clinic survey?

Dave Burgen suggested he address the questions tonight because he felt comfortable doing so right now.

#1. PHIT instructors where only paid $600. Their scores did matter. A coach’s pick had to be in direct correlation to the scores. The decision had to be made within reason.

#2. North Branch was contacted and the Interim-President said that they would not be releasing any of their players to other associations for the 2013-14 season. Concerned parents said that North Branch sent kids to Centennial and St. Francis, etc. Dave couldn’t speak to that but has proof that North Branch was in fact contacted however North Branch showed no interest in skating with Chisago Lakes.

#3. Dave was never given the questions posed by Tim Waldon. Jenn Caudill told the directors that she is appalled by that fact and said that is a real disservice to CLHA members. Chris Bodell said he was under the understanding that Tim connected with Dave personally therefore Chris believed the matters where resolved.

#4. Dave believes a perfect score is 50 however would like to verify that. Dave understands a desire to see the evaluation sheets and will consider the best way to relay that information.

#5. As far as three teams go, Dave agrees three teams would have been beneficial for all peewees. It was a numbers issue. First off we didn’t receive skaters from North Branch. Jenn said that kids would have been better served with a A Peewee B1 Peewee and a C peewee team. Then three goalies would have been developed. Mike replied by try having a team that doesn’t. have a goalie. Jenn said that the directors put themselves in that position. Those teams with two goalies could have been placed one of the goalies on the lower level roster. You can always move a player up a level however once a player is rostered on an upper team they cannot be moved down.

Mike Klun posed the question what are the concerned parents looking for? Kelly Lawry asked for a definition of what is an exceptional player, what is the definition of a coach’s pick, and asked the board to consider the past practice used around the Corey Stilp as CLHA President era which states a coaches pick must be in a certain percent of the top evaluated players.

Paul Gibson asked the board to consider adding a board of directors appointed position of high school coach. Paul would like to see the position as a voting position. With some debate about conflict of interest Scott assured Paul that Scott will support that action item at the March Board meeting.

Jenae Palewicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm seconded by Scott Thompson approved unanimously.