

**2014-2015 Cottage Grove Hockey Association**  
 General Membership Meeting  
 August 4, 2014

**Board Members Present**

President: (To be determined)		A/B Director: Todd Porter	X
Vice President: Chad Brown	X	C Director: Jim Anderson	X
Budget Director: Nicki Donlon		Girls Director: Mike Post	X
Registrar/Secretary: Kathy McLaughlin	X	Mite Director: Chris Rudh	X
		Co-Mite Director: Matt McMorrow	X

**Additional CGAA Board attendees:**

Dan Harrison – CGAA President, Justin Langbehn – CGAA Vice President

**Call for new business:**

- Adam Palodichuk
  - Discussed concerns regarding timing of Eric Folsom’s resignation and decisions related to Jersey vendor, A coach interviews, process for breaking tie for A coaches
  - Dan Harrison suggested Adam, interested members sit down with Chad and Todd to review the coach selection process, help to define what that process looks like
  - Steve Morse indicated the bylaws have been aged for some time, would be worth the effort to review and update. Processes should be documented, input of all board members
  - With Eric’s resignation, Mike Post indicated he had made a recent motion with board for Chris Rudh to assume Pres role; voting was incomplete at this point
  - Dan Harrison advised the membership that the board rules state CGHA follows Roberts Rules of Order, unless specifically stated as such. Roberts Rules of Order indicate VP would assume President position; board needs to decide whether VP vacancy would be filled by current board member, or, pushed out to members for election

**Call for old business:**

**Committee Reports:**

- Fundraising Manager – E.Beth Fritz  
No fundraising updates at this point in season
- Tournament Director – E.Beth Fritz  
  
Registrations for hosted tournaments in progress  
Hosting 2 Girls tournaments for first time
- Equipment Managers – Jeff Schlueter , Dave Gutzman  
Dave indicated that the need for Mite level goalie pads was discussed with Chris Rudh
- District 8 Rep – Nicole Rowell  
Attended the recent meeting – highlights from discussion: Bantam C moving to 75 minute games, Safesport training for coaches this season will be required (online video)
- Ice Manager – Chad Brown  
Ice schedule will be provided this year with better timing than prior season
- Green Line Editor (open position)
- Hockey Director - Jeff Bloedel (No report / not in attendance)

**Board Member Reports:**

- Registrar/Secretary – Kathy McLaughlin
  - Registrations received to date, 45-50% of previous season's membership
  - Safesport training implemented this season – 90/min video, certification lasts 2-years; coaches, board members, team managers, locker room attendants is the audience D8 advised would be required
  - Jersey Coordinators – Roeser, Todd Lawrence, Jeff Schlueter - working on getting some logos drafted up for review and eventual vote to members on design for both Home & Away jerseys; currently planning for two fitting dates – one prior to 8/16, and one shortly after 8/16, our registration closing date.
  
- Budget Director – Nicki Donlon (unable to attend)
  - CGAA is rolling out Positive Coaching Alliance, and first training for coaches will be this Saturday, August 9 @ Park HS, 9:30 AM; Invite will be sent from Nicki Donlon to last season's head coaches. There will be an additional winter session scheduled for coaches unable to make it to first session
  - The association started the 2013-2014 season in a tough situation financially coming off of two years with losses. Acknowledges frustration with player fees last year at this time, but because of great success with tournaments and hockey fest last season, able to lower the fees for 2014-2015 season for most levels. Have a very tight budget this year which really depends on not losing kids and keeping everyone from last year in the program. The more kids we have playing, the costs can be spread further. Budget for coming year only has a 1.3% cushion, (budgeting about a \$5,000 profit). My job the rest of the season is to monitor costs and make sure we don't overspend based on the revenues coming in. Thus, once the registration numbers are more solid, I will do a revision to the budget to see how we are doing.
  - After the September general membership meeting, will stay after and go line by line over our budget for those that want additional information.
  - The board did approve scholarships in the budget. I hope by Sept 1st, after board approval, to have the application out to the general membership.
  
- A/B Director – Todd Porter
  - Coaching
    - End of season (2013-2014) Coaching Evaluation Follow up summary
    - 2014-2015 Season
      - Interview questions for Candidates
      - A Level Coaching interviews & selections completed by target date
        - Final selection process per (Dan Harrison discussions)
        - Post coaching selection follow up with all non selected coaches (phone calls)
      - B level Coaching pool interviews Aug/Sept.
  - Tournaments
    - Tournament selections for all A/B level teams (Pee Wee B2 x 2?)
      - A level coaches provided input on their tournaments.
    - Tournament costs have increased (many are now pool play and 4 game minimum)
  - Pre-Season Clinics
    - Clinics will be organized and run thru a collaborative effort of A level coaches, HS, other...
    - Fall Clinics - approx. 6 hours of pre tryout clinics.
    - Goalie clinics to be discussed
  - Tryouts
    - Tryouts will be working around all fall sport schedules thru communication with those directors for timing purposes
    - Evaluators confirmed, should it be determined to move forward with leveraging external resources
    - Goalie Tryouts tentatively set for Sun Sept 28 (1 day)
    - Try outs Sept 26, 27, 28 with Pool Selection completed by 9/28, and Scrimmages to follow the next week
      - All teams selected by Sunday Oct 5; coaches can work with teams at that point
      - *Concern was expressed by member of timing for clinics/tryouts, as many other associations will not have completed tryouts at that point*
  
- C Director – Jim Anderson
  - Completing tournament selections for C level teams

- Member in audience inquired on whether their 8-yr old could try out for Squirt C, and if they decide they would rather play down on a Mite Tier team, would they be able to? Answer would be “no”; impacts number of players for Squirt C team after player selection has been completed.
  
- Girls Director – Mike Post  
14Us - co-op with Woodbury for coming season  
Registration numbers for 10Us is showing we will have one team, looking at a B level  
Tournament selections
  
- Mite Director – Chris Rudh
  
- Co-Mite Director – Matt McMorrow
  
- Vice-President – Chad Brown

**General Membership Concerns / Discussion:**

Chad Brown motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kathy McLaughlin – meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.