

**CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – December 17, 2014, 7:30 PM**

Called to order by: Bob Normand      Time: 7:30pm

Present:            President (2013)            Bob Normand      X              Vice President (2014) Steve Gibbs   X    
                         Treasurer (2013)            Erik LeMay        X              Secretary (2014) Michael Pynch   X    
Board (2014) Randy Reeg     X     Scott Peloquin   X     Darrell Herr     X     Dan McCauley       
(2013) Rod Olson          X     Trevor Bohland   X     Pat Bowe   X     Ralph Couey        Brad Martin     X  

**Other Attendees:**

Chester Syverson and John Benish

**1. General Meeting**

Darrell brought in the paper announcement that our Figure Skating Club has been handing out at the schools. It appeared to be a very good way of getting the word out on our programs.

Chester reported that the Figure Skating Club had a competition this weekend and it went very well and they brought in about \$3,000. Also, registration for the second half of the figure skating season will be held on January 4<sup>th</sup> in the North Rink.

John noted that he was giving out a lot of pucks this year to coaches and wanted to make sure that people are aware of the cost and do their best to not lose them. We purchase a box of pucks each year and usually do go through most if not all of them during the season.

**2. Secretary's Report**

The minutes for the month of November were approved via an e-mail vote and distributed to the Association.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Motion made by Steve to approve the financial statements for November.

Seconded by Trevor

Motion Approved

**4. Correspondence/Officer Reports**

Bob noted that an Officer's Workshop that will be held July 31-August 1 in Wausau along with the annual WAHA meeting.

Our Bantam A team will have to play a single play-in game against Superior's A team to qualify for state. Superior does not generally play in the WAHA tournament though they have an age appropriate team they are putting forward this year.

**5. Old Business**

N/A

## 6. New Business

Monica Laux has money from her late husband Al's memorial. She would like to donate the rest of those funds to CYHA and has asked to name Locker Room 7 in his honor.

Motion made by Randy to approve naming Locker Room 7 in honor of Allan Laux.

Seconded by Trevor

Motion Approved

In past years, there has been discussion about holding a "holiday party" at the Rink open to CYHA members only and allowing the kids to skate on both rinks. There were no objections from the board. There will be a notice sent out to the association with further details.

Earlier this month teams playing hockey games in Lake Delton got sick from carbon monoxide poisoning at their hockey rink. We had our Zambonis tested for emissions by R&R Specialties. The new one easily passed. The old one tested acceptable but we are going to tune it up to bring the emissions level down. We are going to install a passive alarm that would notify individuals at the rink if they reach a certain level of carbon monoxide. Pat did want to make sure that all Zamboni drivers are reminded to turn on the ventilation timers when they are resurfacing to keep the gases better ventilated.

We are still trying to determine the best solution to maintain enough hot water to run both Zambonis over the course of a tournament. Pat spoke with three different plumbers and got three conflicting recommendations on what would be the best solution. He will continue to research.

Pat noted that we have volunteers from Chippewa Sand Transport and wanted to know if there were funds available to utilize their donated time to complete some other projects. Dave Bundgaard is going to be Chippewa Sand Transport's "Lead". We have provided them with a laundry list of tasks to do and we agreed to fund these individual projects given the small dollar amount required for materials.

A door lock was installed by Dan McCauley on a room over the Northeast corner of the North rink. Four days later the door was kicked in and broken. There was discussion about removing the refrigerator from that room and we will repair the door and reevaluate. If we have another incident like this the refrigerator will be removed.

The internet has been dropping quite a bit. We will be sending out a notification to CYHA that if people experience internet issues who they can let know so we can work with Charter to address.

Since we pulled the trophy cases out of the North Rink we have already had damage done to the North Rink dryland area. We need all members to be vigilant to keep our kids and others that are visiting our facility from doing any damage to our property.

Bob was contacted by an individual that wanted to donate money to help fund players that needed help paying for the costs of hockey. They are sending a check to CYHA with instructions for it to be used to help less financially fortunate individuals to play hockey.

The PDC wanted to make the Board aware that some teams might be over scheduling their teams beyond the number of games approved. He posed the question as to what the consequences might be of teams over scheduling. As of today, there are no specific consequences defined and this will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. The current guidelines for regular season games (not including state) are as follows:

Mites – 25 games

Squirts – 30  
Pee-Wees – 35  
Bantams – 40

## 7. Committee Reports

### Facilities (Pat)

- **Trophy Case**  
The trophy case is still progressing and we have our quote from Post Glass on the glass for the case. Donny and Dave Loew have been working on this project.
- **Rink Security and Planned Security System**  
We have a plan for both indoor and outdoor locations. We would anticipate having this all in place by end of February. We will rekey outdoor locks this summer and then only issue a certain number of keys and the rest will use the fobs.
- **Outdoor Rink**  
There are a number of individuals that have volunteered to help flood the rink and we are just waiting a forecast of five consecutive cold days before we schedule this activity.

### Finance/Administration (Erik)

- **Update on Fundraising for Dehumidification**  
Steve and Trevor have divided up the final contacts and they hope to have completed the drive by the next board meeting.
- **Chuck-A-Puck Rack**  
Cyril Krista is building the Chuck-A-Puck rack.
- **Summer Ice Planning**  
Trevor shared a revised summer ice coordinator job description. He would like to post that to see if there is interest in this role and the board consensus was to do so.

We are looking at upgrading and expanding our rink management software with MaxGalaxy. A number of board members are reviewing the functionality and the intention would be to present a plan and the related funding for this initiative at the next board meeting.

Trevor has a number of dry-land plans for the north rink and the objective would be to have something in place for this summer.

- **In-Ice Advertising and Rink Signage**  
There has been feedback about the number of advertisements in our ice on the South rink. In particular, there are four in ice advertisements for one company. There haven't been any complaints from teams or referees. It was also noted that if in future years some of the in-ice advertisers wanted to drop their support we would be able to take out that patch of ice though it might take a day or so to get it back to being useable.
- **Community Service Coordinator**  
Arlene Eslinger had individuals that needed work hours. We identified Tobie Matherne as a CYHA member that has two skaters in the Association and works two minutes away.

Motion made by Pat to approve Tobie Matherne as the Community Service Coordinator.  
Seconded by Trevor  
Motion Approved

#### Special Events (Rod)

- **Beerfest**  
Ralph Couey and Lisa Steinmetz will replace Nikki Bowe and Craig Frenette. Beerfest will be held in the North rink this year. SpringFest will be donating free tickets to everyone attending Beerfest. Rightway Shuttle has been notified of the date and will be confirming bus scheduled once the pickup/dropoff sites have been confirmed. The ice will be off April 13 so there should be ample time to get set up for Beerfest on April 25.
- **Bingo Update**  
Bingo continues to go well. Willie Johnson volunteered to attend tonight to supervise. Bob met with Roger Hunt and he is going to take care of the sales tax being paid.

#### On-Ice (Ralph)

- **Tournament Update and Registrations**  
With the exceptions of the Girls Tournament and Mites Tournament almost all other tournaments are full and mostly paid. We also had some issues with the ice at the PeeWee A/Bantam A tournament and our six-hour heater timers have already been replaced with one-hour timers.
- **Referee Scheduling**  
We are struggling to get referees. Across the country and state the number of referees is down 15-20%. The belief is that there are just too many hoops to jump through to be a referee. Rod has found that the same issue exists in Rice Lake, Menomonie, Eau Claire, etc.
- **Mite/Squirt Shortage and Move-up**  
Derek Post has had to play 2-3 games with less than 10 skaters and a goalie on his Squirt C team. A request has been made to allow some Mites to skate-up with the Squirts teams for away games and as necessary while continuing to practice and play with their current Mites team. The request was referred to the PDC to determine the players. The procedure is to dual roster Mites as Squirts. The eligible Mites are those that by age will be moving to Squirts next season. The coach requesting players should submit the request to the PDC with a list of potential players. It is recommended the coach speak with the skater's primary coach, the parents, and player to determine their interest in dual rostering.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 21, at 7:00pm.