

RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



APRIL 2016 MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

Attendance: Linn, Accola, Bennett, Hare, Wilson, Oakins, Linehan, Olson

Absent: Christensen, Cleveland, Thomas and Magnuson

Guests: Thompson

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review Linn
Linn called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Consent Items(All can be approved in one motion, unless an items is removed by a board member for further discussion) Linn
 - A. Agenda Approval
Action Item: Approve Agenda and any supplementary materials
 - B. Approval of Minutes
Action Item: Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Changes made to the March Minutes by Accola. Linehan make a motion to approve the March Minutes as modified by Accola; second by Hare; all in favor.

3. Guest Comments Guests

Shelly Thompson was present to present her fundraising report.

4. Hockey Operations – On Ice Hare

Hare indicated that they have finalized the goals by level and this will be the framework for what will be accomplished for squirts, pee wees and bantams. Next step is to finalize the basic concept by level for skills. Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 18. After that the committee will build practice plans by level.

Later in the month, Hare, Christensen and Coach Joseph will go through numbers and start talking about coaches.

Will be working on re-wording the policy manual, i.e., game ratio, discipline, presence in the locker room, etc. Also will be working on the policy manual concerning discipline policies for coaches, parents, etc.

Hare indicated that they will be working on a goalie component for next year and that Tim LaVold will be helping with that.

5. Building Events

Linn

Fat Boys tournament was a good. The pool tournament is coming up. Since we will have different events coming up which will deal with beer, Frank asked if all board members could obtain their server's license. With respect to the Magicians, we will need to rotate board members (like high school games) and it would be helpful if the board members had their servers license for this.

Looking at a boxing event on June 18. It will be a straight rental, 50/50 on beer, we get concessions and they get gate. However, still in negotiations for this. Gun show will be back in 2017.

There is a crew coming in from the high school to do small jobs. Paul will make a list of those items that can be worked on by them. They will be here approximately April 26, 2016. June 1 is the circus.

6. Building Operations

Wilson/Linn

Nothing new to report. Everything is shut down. All furnaces are shut down, except for the lobby.

7. Financial Operations

Accola

Accola reported that we will end the year approximately \$12,000 over goal. He is starting to prepare the estimates/projections for next year. Our fiscal year is April 1 to March 31.

8. Fundraising Operations

Thompson

Raffle tickets same as this year; Heggess this year buyout will increase from \$200 to \$225. It will be all or nothing; you cannot purchase some pizzas and do a partial buyout. We will obtain MN Wild tickets again but try to get 100-150 tickets for two games instead of doing one large order for one game. They will try to get one game earlier in the season and one game later in the season; with tickets being available prior to Christmas for Christmas gifts.

They will do the Cernohous raffle again next year. The rules have changed for the Wild program sales and they require younger skaters. They will try it again for next year but if it doesn't work out we may not do that again. Too hard to get younger skaters on a school night or send with other parents.

Kwik Trip gift cards will be done again at Christmas time. Looking into a paint and sip night; they will come to the rink.

Gala rolls out this weekend. Total is at 152 people as of meeting. Mike Kealy is the MC for the gala. The comedian put the event on his page – just for the show (no dinner) \$10/person will all proceeds going to the Association.

Next year talked about offering business sponsors two free tickets to the gala, have attendee's entire table discount and offering first time gala attendees a buy one get one free.

Mike Kealy will be handling the golf tournament and it is still being worked on

9. External Relations/Recruitment/Advertising

a. All hockey game day

Bennett

There will be an all hockey game day on January 6 and 7, 2017. Squirt teams on up through High School (no JV) will be playing Hayward. Fusion will be playing Fond du Lac. Coach Joseph has put together a tentative

schedule which has been forwarded to Steve for scheduling. Hare previously approved changing the mite practice time for January 7, 2017, to accommodate games. Talked about making sure that concessions will be open. Also talked about having something special done for that day as well.

10. Hockey Operations – Off Ice

Christensen

Christensen was not present at the meeting but gave her updates via e-mail. She is currently meeting with her committees for next year.

11. Other Business

a. Magicians Update

Linn

Linn received the proposed lease agreement for the Magicians from the Association's attorney; which was forwarded to the board the afternoon of the meeting. Board briefly reviewed the agreement and several suggestions were made. Linn asked that any comments and/or suggestions from the board be received to him by midnight, April 14, 2016 so that he could forward those to the Association's attorney for review. After the Association's attorney reviewed the suggestions and/or changes, the attorney would modify as needed and forward to the Magician's for their review.

b. Organizational updates

Linn

Board reviewed the org chart. Discussion occurred that External Relations and Communications bucket is open as Janell resigned from this. Linn asked if anyone was willing to handle this bucket. As no one stepped up, Frank took on this bucket. Oakins stepped to handle the business sponsors/advertising. Discussion occurred concerning seeking more active involvement from the Association in the committee heads. Linn will reach out to several people to see if they would be willing to help out in areas of the org chart.

12. Adjourn

Hare made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wilson. All in favor.

2015 – 2016 Calendar - Key Dates

May 13th - 6 pm - 8 pm - Spring Registration
August 8th – RFYHA Golf Fundraiser Clifton Highlands Golf Club
September 9th – St. Croix Sports RFYHA Appreciation Event
September 16th – Fall Registration
September 19th – Welcome Back Event
September 27 - Preseason Camp Starts
October 1st, 2015 - Compressors Started
October 11th, - Ice-in finished (*tentative*)
October 13th - LTS Equipment Distribution
October 17th - Preseason Camp Ends
October 19th, 20th, 22nd - Try Outs
October 28th - LTS Starts
TBD – Girls Hockey Weekend
TBD – Team/Individual Pictures
November 7th - Try Hockey for Free