

## **Rome Youth Hockey Association**

Board meeting minutes

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by President Peter Kirk.

**Board members present:** Marcus Smith, Kim Millington, Gary Millington, Kristin Haag, Angie Narolis, Bill Fleet, Bob Gulla, Dean Millington, Peter Kirk, Mick Occhipinti, Chris Narolis, Rob Kopek, Chris Sharrow, and Chris Graziano.

**Confidentiality notice:** We will be looking to add a formal confidentiality policy. If anyone has seen a similar policy please submit a copy to Peter Kirk. Peter reminded the members present that what happens in these meetings is confidential.

### **Public forum:**

- Darcy Crofford provided an update to the board on the 2015 5K Grizzly Run. Darcy has the flyer ready and the registration forms. See the flyer and registration form in the minute's binder. Our run has been advertised on the Rome runner's website as well as emailed to hundreds of contacts. There will be no online registration this year. There will be no age level awards this year. Finish line will be at the rink and Birnie bus will transport runners to the start line. Darcy is looking for volunteers to help out. Darcy has done a tremendous job with this fundraiser and the board is very grateful.

**Treasurer's report:** Kristin Haag presented the Treasurer's report dated August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (see binder for P&L and Cash balances) along with a registration summary. Motion by Dean Millington to accept. Second by Marcus Smith. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Reading/Acceptance of the previous meeting minutes:** Minutes from 7/12/15 and 7/27/15 were distributed by Marcus Smith. Motion by Chris Sharrow to accept both minutes. Second by Gary Millington. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Coach's coordinator update:** Rob Kopek reported out. John Saunderman is looking for an assistant coach for the Midget team. Rob would like the board to work with the City of Rome to dedicate a room as the girl's locker room due to the increasing number of girls in the program. Peter Kirk will talk to Brandon about this.

**Snowbelt rep update:** Chris Narolis reported the meeting is next Thursday. They need an idea of the number of Snowbelt teams at each level. The board discussed this and agreed we would have 1 bantam team, 1 peewee team, and 1 or 2 squirt teams for the Snowbelt league. Peter asked Chris to distribute our tournament flyer at the meeting.

### Old Business:

- **IP equipment return** – Chris Graziano reported that were still missing 12 sets of gear from last season but was pleased with the percentage that was returned. Chris has the names of those 12 people and will be drafting up a letter to send out to them.
- **IP program update** – Chris Graziano and Bill Fleet provided an update on the IP program. See the update in the binder. Help will be needed on 10/4/15 for an information night and 10/11 for equipment handout. Open houses – we want players to attend and wear their jerseys and handout flyers. Open houses were assigned to board members. See updated sheet in binder. Pro Media has all the information and will be finalizing things shortly.
- **Registration update** – Kim Millington provided an update. We have 26 bantams (still lacking 4), we have 31 mites (still missing 8-10), we have 29 squirts (still missing 2 or 3), we have 27 peewees (still missing 2 or 3), and we have 6 midgets, 8 girls from 10U and 3 girls from 12U.
- **Sestito hockey camp** – Renamed RYHA pre-season tune up camp as the Sestito brothers will not be able to participate. Peter informed the board that there is a meeting coming up this Monday to work out the details. Camp will run from the 12<sup>th</sup> of September to the 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be on ice and off ice sessions for each level. Fee is \$50 per skater.
- **Jersey update** – Dean Millington provided an update on the game jerseys. All jerseys were returned. We have 100 sets total. Two sets numbered 1-45 and 10 sets with no numbers on them. (larger sizes) We need to order the additional jerseys by mid-September. We are looking to order 20 new sets in the most popular used sizes. Motion by Chris Sharrow to purchase 20 sets of new jerseys, second by Dean Millington. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **Practice Schedule** – Gary Millington provided an update to the board. We will have about 11 practice slots per week and 8-9 game slots per weekend. This will allow 1-2 skills/drills sessions per week for all levels as well as a slot for the girls program. Rob Kopek will meet with Gary and the coaches to help finalize the schedule.

### Committee updates:

- **Ad panels** – Bill updated the board.. Bill has been working with Brandon and letters have been sent out to let the sponsors know what is going on. Digital Fusion will be doing the work moving the sponsor panels to the dasher boards. Bill is asking everyone to reach out to their contacts and get a verbal commitment for this year. See a copy of the letter that will be sent out to our sponsors in the minute's binder as well as a copy of the renewal agreement and a list of current agreements/sponsors.
- **Fundraising** – Bob Gulla reported that the tag days fundraiser is coming along very nicely. The letter and form has been approved to go to the businesses. We will do tag days on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. NOTE – by participating in 1 fundraiser members are entitled to get their \$25 refund back.

- **Tournaments** – We have received one entry for the Silver Stick tournament so far at the peewee level. The 2015/2016 tournament flyer and registration forms have been updated by Kristin Haag and copies have been placed in the minute's binder.

**New business:**

- **Loaner equipment policy - Peter**, Kristin, and Chris Graziano will review and update this policy for the upcoming season.
- **Hardship application** – Kristin has provided the board with a copy of our current hardship application and this will be used going forward to registration assistance or equipment needs. A copy of this application has been included in the minute's binder.

**Other:**

- There will be a referee clinic at the rink on 9/20/15.
- The board discussed pictures for this season. The board decided we would discuss having our current Photographer offer new options this year. The board would like to see something come back to the association this year.
- Angie Narolis discussed RYHA hosting a goalie clinic during the week of the tune-up camp. Angie will get a cost on a 1 day (2hr) slot on either Saturday or Sunday.

Next meeting date will be September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Kennedy arena.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20pm by Marcus Smith, and second by Gary Millington. Motion carried.