

December 2016

Golden Eagles: Per the budget sheet, the Eagles program is running in the black. They have already participated in five tournaments. Ty is always open for further questions. There is a concern how the rosters change, such as where do the fees come from for kids who swap and some who leave? How are they charging and tracking? Ty and Scott plan to continue to work with the Eagles. Is there a way to have factual after the roster deadline of December 28th? There have been many conversations about bringing the Eagles back in under DCYHA jurisdiction. Decisions need to be made now because they hold their tryouts in May and will begin planning their next season. We need to look at the Eagles factual, through February 1st, then we will have a better understanding of how the Eagles program is operating. Should there be as many teams in the Eagles program? Our wish is to foster more kids/talent here in the state. To create an opportunity to really foster talent, we need to consolidate the program, it has become too thinned out. High school hockey is a goal, as weak as a solid travel program. High school hockey has been cannibalized from too many travel programs throughout the state. More and more travel teams are being created, and are being watered down. There needs to be more of an open dialogue with the Eagles, perhaps looking at bringing the U12 and U14 team back into DCYHA. We have a solid foundation, now we need to build the program for where our mites and squirts can go. If we pull the U14, there could be a gap, and we could potentially lose those kids. A route is needed to create a smooth transition for our players year after year. Keep in perspective that not only do we lose the players, we lose the coaches, managers, etc. Golden Eagles should stay a part of our program, but how do we bring them back in and work in tandem? A possibility is to hold a separate meeting with just the Eagles. A suggested way to bring back control is put the two single A teams back into the house program, have U14 A/AA follow requirements, have 3-5 person board to work specifically with the eagles, a board certified "sub board" give guidelines and rules on how to function the Eagles programs. John makes a motion to inform the leadership of the Eagles that the Board is evaluating how to incorporate the Eagles organization, and have some decisions made by the February 18th board meeting. This will help DCYHA regain control and help us better manage our responsibilities. We are re-evaluating the U12 A and U 14 A with a thought of disbanding those programs. An Eagles rep should be at every board meeting. Motion amended by TY:

a. **recommendation to disband U12 A/U14 A for the 16/17 season**

b. evaluate the tier program

c. look at creating a subcommittee to administer to the tier program

d. there will be a commentary period until the February 18th board meeting

Ty will reach out to the Eagles about our motion. The motion is seconded by Mike. All in favor

January 2016

Eagles Update: TY makes a motion that as of the 2016/2017 season, the Golden Eagles are no longer part of DCYHA and will be 100% broken off from DCYHA and will run their own travel program. Seconded by Rich. By doing this, they would not

have an affiliate status with UAHA. The Eagles will now have to file for their own sub-affiliate. Becoming your own organization is a difficult task. The Eagles are already an existing tier program, and hopefully that will hold some sway with the State Board in allowing the Golden Eagles to become their own organization. Tier requirements versus House requirements are at a completely different level. It's a competitive league. The play time is based on talent and ability, not equal opportunity. There has been some risk with the Eagles, with how they have been able to drift away from the Board's control. There are several players in the Eagles program, that are not DCYHA kids at all. If we disband the two younger teams, and cap the program, it will cause those players to leave, the coaches to leave, and can damage the program. We need to focus on growing our house program and working with ice issues. Let's focus our efforts on keeping our house kids in the program and continuing to grow. The only way the Eagles could stay under our umbrella is by capping their teams, and controlling their organization, we need to get back in and work with their schedule, and their ice issues, coaching, budgeting, team managers, etc. The reasons we were going to disband the team was we have outgrown the SDRF facility. There is just not ice available to support our teams. There would be so much work to do, so much more administration, so much more work to put on the Board to keep the Eagles. Both organizations have grown exponentially. **The motion has been discussed and amended that if the Eagles are not able to gain their own charter by the 2016/2017 season, they can continue to operate under DCYHA charter as our sub-affiliation, with their own board, that reports to the DCYHA Board, with the Eagles 14U and 12U being disbanded.** In favor, Ty, Rich, Doug, John, Becky, and Mike. Nay, Anna, Scott, and Dave.

February 2016

Eagles Update: Went to the UAHA meeting, and informed the State Board about the Eagles leaving the DCYHA organization and becoming their own organization. Things are progressing and the idea was received well at the meeting. They will be attending a Tier meeting on the 23rd.

March 2016

Eagles Update: Matt Green wishes to share that they had a blast finishing up the season with us. As far as the sub affiliation, everything is moving along with the state. **At the last UAHA meeting, a vote was taken, the Eagles will be granted their sub affiliation, but must stay under us for one more year before they can become their own organization per the UAHA Bylaws in regards to creating "new" teams.**