

RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



April 2017 Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, April 12th, 2017

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

ATTENDANCE: Jody, Jana, Steve, Johnny, Kevin, Ted, Neil, Paul, Susan, Andrew and Nicole

ABSENT:

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review **Linn**

2. Consent Items (All can be approved in one motion, unless an item 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.

Motion to approve the minutes by Steve, seconded by Paul. All in favor.

3. Guest Comments **Guests**

A. Jim Joseph and Mike Miller

- Locker room proposal – RFHS is asking RFHYA to consider enhancing existing High School locker rooms.
 - RFHS will have approximately 40 players in the high school program next year and the numbers are expected to grow over the next three years.
 - Funds are available from RFHS and they would be willing to fund to remove the block wall.
 - Paul will do a walk thru with Jim so he can explain his vision.
 - Discussion will be held at the May board meeting.

4. Hockey Operations – On Ice **Hare**

A. Season end recap – Jim and Kevin met with the boy's coaches to receive feedback on the 2016/2017 season, 17 coaches were present.

- Lots of positive feedback and overall energy was very positive
- All coaches felt supported by the Board and their Liaison.
- The kids were mature this year, they had a great season.
- Kevin and Jim will continue to look at the game/practice ratio and review where they can make improvements for the 2017/2018.
- Questions was asked if the non-parent coaches will continue into the 2017-2018 season, at this point it's unclear

- B. Practice Plans
 - There is a current group of coaches that are building practice plans.
 - Taking the current skills and development and building them into concepts.
 - This is phase one and with hopes to have 3-5 total phases.
 - They are also looking at the possibility of dryland and where this could take place, Andrew may have possible connections at the Armory. University of River Falls?
- C. Coach's interest update for 2017-2018
 - Kevin has received confirmation of 20 possible coaches interested in coaching with 5 interested in coaching multiple levels.
 - Jody will send out a follow up email to the Association members to see if there is any other members interested.

5. Building Events

Linn

- A. Position Updates
 - Building Events Bucket Lead: Erica Rangaard (Full Hours)
 - Open Skate: Chris Diethart
 - Floor Hockey: Frank Linn/John Linehan
- B. Twin States –
 - Picnic License secured
 - Alcohol order will be completed this week
 - Volunteer spots will be up on dibs this week
 - We Expect to have the same number of teams as last year
- C. Gun Show –
 - Date has been set
 - We have enough chairs and will need to find tables.
 - Signs have been ordered
 - Rivertown has bought the Shopper, they are very expensive. Jody said we can get a free add if we put the ad's in the sports section. We need 8-12 lines and would like to run for 4-5 weeks. We would also like run a line add. Jody will talk with Bob Burrows and see what she can do.
- D. Drop the Pick
 - USA Welcome Back week is Sept 19-25th.
 - We will plan our Welcome Back event for that Saturday, September 23rd.
 - Frank will form a committee.
- E. Floor Hockey event
 - Would like to schedule this week before Welcome Back Event.
 - This would involve association kids and parents

6. Building Operations

Wilson/Linn

- A. Updated summer project list
 - Frank will be walking the building and updating the existing list of things that need attention.
- B. Outdoor rink timeline
 - Frank sent out the timeline.
 - Currently searching ideas on other rinks.
 - We will need to discuss if we want sand, grass or pavement; the options will be weighed out.
 - We will need to order the materials and install ourselves.
 - We do have an individual to remove the boards.
- C. Organization Chart Updates –
 - If you have any updates, please bring them forward.
- D. Cleaning of the building
 - Jody proposed that that we pay an individual to clean the building.
 - The cleaning would consist of the day to day cleaning; bathrooms, garbage and lobby.

7. Financial Operations

Accola

- A. Neil sent out the financial packet for everyone to review; not much has changed overall.
 - He is waiting for a few more expense from the Fat Boy Tournament
- B. Solar Grant Project – Neil sent out the Solar Proposal from Able Energy.
 - We received grant of \$75K from WPPI.
 - The warranty for power is 25 years, parts is 10 years.
 - We expect to save 6-8K savings per year on utilities cost.
 - Project is scheduled for summer of 2017.

Neil made a motion to approve funds for Solar Project, Andrew seconds. All in favor.

8. Fundraising Operations

Thompson

9. External Relations/Recruitment/Advertising

Linn

- A. Position Updates
 - New Sponsors: Steve and Suzie Oakins (30 Hours)
 - Existing Sponsors: Jana Walker (30 Hours)
 - Alumni Coordinator - OPEN
 - River Falls Parade: Becky Briese, Frank will reach out to her.
- B. LTS –
 - Frank spoke about the possibility of expanding this program.
 - More equipment would need to be purchased.
 - We would offer two 45 minute session vs one hour session
 - Early registration email will be sent to families that were on last year's wait list on April 13th
 - Registration will open to the public on May 1st

10. Hockey Operations – Off Ice

Christensen

- A. Early Registration
 - May 10th from 6-8 –
 - Jody, asked for the Board to be there if possible.
- B. Open positions – If you have any open positions and want them promoted at early registration, sent them to Kara
 - Kara Therriault at kdtherriault@sbcglobal.net
- C. Registration Fees –
 - Discussion regarding raising registrations fees for the 2017-2018 Season
 - \$50 for Peewees/Bantams/U12/U14
 - \$25 for Mites/Squirts/U10
 - LTS to Mites will stay the same at \$100

Kevin made a motion to raise registration fees, Steve seconds. All in favor.

11. Other Business

- A. Annual Retreat Date Selection –
 - Date was set for Tuesday, May 30th from 5:30-8:30 at RFHYA
 - Frank will send out documents from the last retreat.
- B. Board revisited a discussion about a prior release request.

Andrew made a motion to adjourn at 8:06, Frank seconded. All in favor.

2017-2018 Calendar - Key Dates

April 27th-29th, 2017	Pool Tournament
May 10th, 2017	Spring Registration 6 pm-8pm
May 10th, 2017	RFHYA Board Meeting 8pm
May 19th-21st, 2017	Bearing Arms Gun Expo
May 30th, 2017	Annual Board Retreat 530-830 pm
June 14th, 2017	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
June 17th, 2017	Circus
July 12th, 2017	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
August 9th, 2017	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
September 13th, 2017	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
September 13th, 2017	Fall Registration
September 23rd, 2017	Welcome Back Event
October 11th, 2017	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
November 8th, 2017	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
December 1-3rd, 2017	Squirt A/B and B/C Tournament
December 9-10th, 2017	Mite Jam Tournament
December 13th, 2017	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
December 29-30th, 2017	HS Holiday Tournament
January 10th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
January 12-14th, 2018	U10/U12 Tournament
January 19-21st, 2018	PeeWee A/B and B/C Tournament
January 26-28th, 2018	U14 Tournament
February 9-11th, 2018	Bantam B/C Tournament
February 14th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
February 16-18th, 2018	Bantam A/B Tournament
March 14th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
March 16-18th, 2018	Mite Tournament; ½ Ice
March 23-25th, 2018	Fat Boy's Tournament
April 7th, 2018	Gala