



Call to Order

Date: May 16, 2017

Time: 6:03 pm

Attendees

Present: Phil Harbison, Dan Barrett, Derek Troy, Gary Weber, Victoria Haynes, Bryan Smith

Absent: Lee Olson, Mike McIver

Membership in Attendance: Robert & Kristin Veldman, Bryan Lukaseczk, Bern Levesque, Mark Ferla, Scott & Danielle Anderson, Matt Ruddy, David Grant, Steve Compton, Liza Gudheim, Todd Miller, Steve Millstone, Courtney Saiya, Alison Habetler, Randy Watler, Jon Svede, Crystal Swider, Carlos & Cristy Gonzales, Miro Bergman, Janet Clark, Jennifer Schum, Betsy Bellissimo, Jen & Jim Bosier, Matt Giedt, Stephanie Hodge.

Scribe: Victoria Haynes

Agenda

Gary introduced himself and stated that we will be discussing Team Colorado, bylaw changes, teams and budget. We will also be voting on new members of the Board of Directors.

Gary introduced Bryan Smith, Hockey Director of Colorado Select.

Bryan said it was a bumpy road for his 1st year, especially the last 3 months with Team Colorado - which was unexpected. He talked about himself and reassured everyone that he is here to help develop athletes, not his ego.

Bryan wanted to give a brief recap of each team. There was success on rec side. Good numbers at all age groups.

10U- good coaches focused on development. Worked hard and excelled. Good group of leaders.

10U Futures program with Bern heading it. Worked well, thanks to the leadership involved. This program helped players not ready for games to develop.



12U - top girls in CCYHL our first year in this league. Very successful year. Played in Pee Wee B level. 2nd place in the league tournaments. Won state in the CAHA championships.

12U MSGHL - had some bumps, played hard. Very exciting games, great team.

14U AA - Had adversity with the coaching changes at beginning of season. Great players, hungry for more hockey knowledge, wanted to be pushed.

14U A MSGHL - great light hearted group of girls. True team on and off the ice. They had to work hard to be more competitive. There were some new girls to the team, they were embraced and treated well.

16U Tier I - Had some adversity, lost players during the season. There were leadership changes. The 8-9 players left on the team for the State playoffs played hard at those games against the Lady RoughRiders who had double the numbers. It was a good group of very talented girls.

19U Tier I - Team had a coaching change at the beginning of the season. It was a change that was a rude awakening for some of the girls. They were pushed harder. This is a crucial level for the girls moving onto a D1-D3 team. They need to make sure they are having the right experience. Manage academics, family life and hockey. Parents don't have a lot of say in the process. They aren't going to have a say in college, it is a time for preparation. The team won 16 total games throughout the season. They were competitive at Nationals.

19U AA - Led by veteran coach Wade. He does a great job with all the little details. They had a great season. Some of the girls got into colleges to play hockey and two girls were looked at by D3 teams.

19U A- MSGHL started with 8 players this year. They grew as season went on. Expecting more this year.

8U - 26 girls which is a high number for us. Great group of leaders. Bryan hopes to be more involved with the 8U program in the upcoming season. They were competitive in jamborees.

Bryan asked if anyone had any questions, there were none.

Bryan continued. What are the plans for next year?



Captains Council will be back. This is a leadership group for the girls that have interest in being leaders. We will involve community service works.

Shooting Club - We will do a better job of promoting and getting the word out about this program. We need to change the culture of the girls hockey program. Get the girls to understand that off ice shooting and stickhandling will help them grow and develop their shots.

Select Futures will be back. There will be a summer session. It will be on Saturdays at South Suburban. There were a total of 40 girls registered for the Select Futures last year.. The Avalanche is going to do a better job of promoting girls hockey. All camps/clinics are listed on the website. \$10 for 45 minute session (\$15 if you show up day of). High paced. Futures will be free.

Bryan asked if there were any questions, there were none.

Continuing. There will be a focus on preseason and postseason off ice fitness testing. Mike E will be helping with that.

We will also look to establish an association wide style of play. We need to get all the coaches on the same page. Implementing at the 8U all the way to 19's . This is new this year and Bryan is excited about that.

Apparel - The two ladies involved in apparel are on top of it and we can expect the process to be smooth. We are thankful for them volunteering and they are working on fan ware as well as team apparel.

Paragon - This is an off Ice training facility that is located over by the Subway at Bowles and Zang. They are catering to teens. They will help with conditioning, weight training. This will be an extra fee and will be on a team by team basis as far as how much this is used and what the fees are.

This upcoming season you can expect to see the Tier coaches at rec level practices. Tier coaches will be out and helping with the practices.

Mile Hi Mites - Avalanche model to help with more exposure. Association nights at the Avalanche games for 8U to skate. This program is being expanded to include relay races and skates for family members after the games.



Team Projections for next year:

19U Tier II, 19U A MSGHL

16U Tier II is dependent on what happens with Tier I tryouts

14U Tier II, 14U A MSGHL

12 U CRHL, 12 U CCYHL

10U CRHL x 2 teams

8U push, grow and get more girls

Big announcement coming next week in regards to the Tier II teams. Bryan wants to wait until after the Team Colorado Tier I tryouts are complete.

Bryan wants to be contacted if there are concerns about things people are hearing. If it is important to you, it is important to him.

Questions:

12 CCYHL team, what is the criteria? Currently we are a probationary member of the CCYHL. We did not get granted permanent status yet. We are still waiting on information from the CCYHL. We should be playing in the league this season.

Team Colorado - Where will they practice? 19's will be at the Edge. 16's will be at the Stable, Apex and Old Foothills. Our ice at the Edge will not be impacted. The difference between Team Colorado Tier I vs AAA was discussed.

Rec coaches for the year? Parent coaches that are involved with the association currently are the most knowledgeable group that Bryan has worked with as far as parent coaches. It is hard to get a non parent coach with the stipend package that we have for the rec coaches. Bryan has some great people that he is talking to and will make announcements when he can.

Gary discussed travel policies that will need to be implemented. There will be some revisions to coaches reimbursement and some safety issues.

Ron Kennedy will be taking over as SafeSport Coordinator as Jim Porter has stepped down from the position.



Derek went over the budget. He explained that we had been balanced and the budget had been approved by the BoD at our last meeting which was prior to the Team Colorado change. The budget needs to be reworked and approved. He presented what we currently have.

Bryan discussed the rebranding of the Select. Bryan did it at the 20 year mark with Rocky Mtn. Hockey Schools. We have been around for awhile, and we need to let people know we are still around. It might be time to develop a new fresh look. Feedback from recruiters has been that the Select is not really looked at anymore. The name has been dragged through the mud a bit. There is a cost involved in rebranding. New jerseys etc.

We want to open it up to the membership and have some fun with it. Logo redesign is the 1st step. Rec players have one logo and the Tier has another. The BoD will be working on this with apparel coordinators. This change will be for the 2018-19 season.

Vote

Gary went over the need for a By law change. We need to show just one Director of Hockey. Last year the position had been divided into two, Tier and Rec. Gary moved, to make the change, it was seconded and all were in favor.

The members running for BoD positions gave quick bio info.

The following members were selected by vote for the open BoD positions:

Gary Weber - President

Phil Harbison - Vice President

Bern Levesque and Bryan Lukaseczk - Co-Coaching Directors

Lee Olsen - Tier Program Director

Dan Barrett - Communications Director

We have BoD positions still open for Recreational Program Director and Director of Sponsorship/Fundraising.

As stated by a member in attendance we are moving forward selling the positive!

Adjournment

Date: May 16, 2017

Time: 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting

Date: June 12, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m.



