

# Rome Youth Hockey Association

## October 2019 Fall Members Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Friday, October 11, 2019

**Location:** J.F. Kennedy Arena

**Time:** 6-9 pm

### Attendees:

President: Nathan Van Wie	√	Snowbelt Rep: Darcy Crofford	√	Board Members:	
Vice President: Tara Waterman	√	Travel Scheduler: Mike Gardner	√	Beth Baldyga	√
Secretary: Colleen Griffin	√	Mite Coordinator: Tim Sestito	√	John Blaich	√
Treasurer: Crystal Graves	√	Coaching Coordinator: Jason Combs	√	Cristy Carey	√
Registrar: Jen Tyczinski	√	IP Coordinator: Chris Carinci	√	John Corr	√
				Bryan Hluska	√
				Steve Zizzo	√

Additional Attendees:

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1. Welcome
2. 2019/20 Season Overview
  - a. Teams – 15 Teams Total
    - i. IP / Learn to Skate
    - ii. Mites (4)
    - iii. Squirts (4)
    - iv. PeeWee (2)
    - v. Bantams (2)
    - vi. Girls (2)
    - vii. Midgets (Split & Full Season)
  - b. Goals for the program
    - i. Focused on a lifetime love of the sport
    - ii. Grow the opportunity for kids in the area to participate in the sport
    - iii. Life Skills - The value of hard work, accountability & respect
    - iv. Skill Development over wins & losses
  - c. Challenges & Opportunities
    - i. Program growth (retention of players)
      1. Ice time
      2. Tournament Bound Program

3. Girls Program
4. Recreational program

ii. Skill Development

1. Utilization of PEP
2. Consistency across all levels

iii. Operational Improvements

1. Consistent experience
2. Culture and getting everyone engaged

3. Locker Room Policy

- a. USA Hockey Requirement, it is posted on the RYHA website. Failure to abide by the policy can cost RYHA its USA hockey membership.
- b. There are to be no Parents / Guardians/siblings, who are not Board Approved, Registered with USA Hockey, Safesport Screened and passed a background screening in the locker room areas, including the back hallway.
- c. Players are not permitted to get dressed in the “public” areas of the arena, including the warming or game rooms.
- d. Cell phones (mobile recording) devices are not permitted inside of the locker rooms.
- e. Locker Room Volunteers
  - i. Maximum of 2 per team (at the coaches discretion) in addition to the coaching staff (coaches and team manager), must be board approved, register as a volunteer, complete safe sport training and background screening

4. Code of Conduct / Discipline

- a. Snowbelt Sign-In
  - i. All players who are participating on snow-belt teams must sign-in to represent that they have been informed of the snow-belt code of conduct
- b. Code of Conduct
  - i. Separate codes of conduct for Players, Coaches, Parents, Spectators
  - ii. Follow common sense, be respectful of all RYHA participants, guests, visiting teams, officials, rink staff. If you can't or won't then your subject to a discipline hearing, with potential removal from the association.

5. Schedule

- a. Sport Engine App
- b. The Rome Youth Hockey website calendar is the controlling calendar (Not the Kennedy Arena calendar)
- c. Practices
  - i. Goal is two practice slot each week for the duration of the season. There will be weeks when some teams receive one practice slot or the days & times are changed
- d. Games

- i. Each team will be assigned a minimum of 10 home game slots, additional slots will be assigned throughout the course of the season if they become available.
- ii. Teams are responsible for managing the game day operations, clock / scoreboard, scoresheet, penalty boxes
- iii. When you are working a game you are technically part of the officiating staff and should not be cheering.
- iv. Parents should not be coaching from the stands, let the coaches coach and you enjoy the game. Positive encouragement!

#### 6. Tournaments

- a. Each team will be afforded the opportunity to participate in a home tournament. The opportunity is based on the ability to get similar skilled teams to register for each tournament.
- b. Each team should designate a tournament coordinator to work with the tournament committee to recruit teams, plan, manage and administer the tournament
- c. All players are required to participate in the operation of the tournament through the use of a work board. Parent / Guardians are required to work these slots, if you do not then your player will not be eligible to participate in the tournament games.
- d. 50% of the proceeds from the tournament will be given back to the teams for team expenses.

#### 7. Uniforms

- a. Jerseys
  - i. Each player will be assigned a home and away jerseys as part of their registration fee. In order to receive a jersey you must complete an equipment contract and will be responsible for the costs of replacing the jerseys if they are not returned or returned in good condition
  - ii. Jerseys need to be maintained and washed throughout the course of the season.
  - iii. They should be hung up on hangers and brought to the arena on hangers
  - iv. There should be no modifications made to the jerseys.
- b. Socks
  - i. Socks are available for purchase at the pro-shop. All players / teams will wear the socks approved by the association.

#### 8. Logo and Merchandise

- a. Rome Youth Hockey Association owns the Grizzlies logo. Anyone who wants to use the logo for any purpose must have the written approval of the board.
- b. Squad Locker is the online retailer that anyone can purchase customized Grizzlies apparel at any time. The association receives a small percentage of each purchase, each month.
- c. Warm-up jackets can be purchased through Kotary's pro-shop. Look for information towards the end of October / early November

#### 9. Volunteer Opportunities

- a. Board Committees

- b. Team Managers
- c. Game Day Operations
- d. Spring Elections
- e. Ad Panels
- f. Referee Shortage
- g. If you have ideas on ways to improve the association then please get involved.

#### 10. Budget

- a. Income - \$143,903
  - i. Registration Fees - \$79,003
  - ii. Tournaments - \$33,000
  - iii. Ad Panels - \$18,000
- b. Expenses - \$143,905
  - i. Ice Costs - \$75,000
  - ii. Referee - \$15,500
  - iii. Tournaments - \$13,500
- c. Totals: (\$22.00) – breakeven

#### 11. Final Thoughts

- a. Create a positive environment and a passion for your kids to want to come to the rink
  - i. More than 40% of kids stop playing between their mite (8u) and PW (12u) years. The number of reason is, they stopped having fun
- b. You and your player, will get out of this season what you put into it

#### 12. Questions / Thank You! (Prepared by Nate Van Wie)

##### Budget approvals:

Mites: Motion to approve budget: Laura Hussey, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Gray

Squirts: Motion to approve budget: Cristy Carey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cyndi Posello

Peewees: Motion to approve budget: Cyndi Posello, 2<sup>nd</sup> MaryKay Bennett

Bantams: Motion to approve budget: Tara Waterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cyndi Posello

Prepared by Colleen Griffin