



# RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## *September 2020 Agenda*

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DATE: Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

ATTENDANCE: Jody Christensen, Carrie Torgersen, Kristin Jepson, Kaylan Wilson, Catherine White, Kevin Hare, John Linehan and Nicole Ralston.

ABSENT: Frank Linn, Chad Flanagan and Paul Bloodhart

Meeting called to order at 6:06

### **AGENDA**

1. **Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review** **Wilson**
  
2. **Consent Items** (All can be approved in one motion, unless an item is removed by a board member for further discussion) **Wilson**
  - A. Agenda Approval  
**Action Item:**  
Approve Agenda and any supplementary
  - B. Approval of Materials  
**Action Item:** Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion made to approve all consent items by John seconded by Kevin. All in Favor.

3. **Guest Comments** **Guest**
  - Jon Z, Mike Delong, Matt and Joe Cranston joined the meeting to speak regarding the overview of the girl's program. Mike Delong is the girls program liaison. The Board was provided with the girls program document, document is located on both the RF and Blackhawk website. For the 2020-2021 Season we are looking 2 U10, 2 U12, 1 U14, JV and Varsity team. Numbers continue to grow for the girls program. Communication committee was developed last year to help with the understanding of the coop program. Discussion on why there hasn't been tryouts at the U10 level, answer was to develop kids and keep them in even(ish) teams of talent. This year they will be having more formal evaluations for the split of the 2 U10 teams.

Russ Swanson has joined the Girls Committee and will be attending the Board meetings to give updates on the girl's side. Discussion on around sharing ice as a group instead of splitting for teams; the focus is development around the girls as a whole, as for pushing the girls, they will be teaching the coaches on how to push the girls in small groups and pair the girls up to the same ability to push each other. The girls committee was asked to share their view on girls who would like to play boys hockey; the group has a strong opinion on keeping the girls with the Blackcat program, girls are treated equally among the group. It starts from the bottom up and everyone is treated equal and like a family. Matt Stated that he likes to recruit girls that play girls because in some cases the boys are not developed the same way girls are developed to play hockey. If there any questions in the future have them reach out to Mike Delong directly.

- Neil Accola was in attendance

#### 4. Hockey Operations - On Ice

Hare

- Coaches are confirmed for both preseason and regular season
- Liaisons are decided
  - Mites - Paul Bloodhart
  - Squirt A - John Linehan
  - Squirt B - Carrie Torgersen
  - Squirt C - Frank Linn
  - Peewee A - Jody Christensen
  - Peewee B - Kristin Jepsen
  - Peewee C - Jody Christensen
  - Bantam A - Kevin Hare
  - Bantam B - Kaylan Wilson
  - U10 - Nicole Ralston
  - U12 -Catherine White
  - U14 - Chad Flannagan
- Conversation regarding Baldwin goalie coming to skate with RF, currently we have one goalie (possible two goalies) for this level. Jody will follow up.
- Compressors are scheduled to start on September 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by painting next Thurs/Friday.

#### 5. Hockey Operations - Off Ice

Christensen

- Hunt will not be renting ice till at least January 2021
- First round of D2 game slots will be submitted this week
- Officials had a meeting regarding the arbiter program. On ice sessions will be schedule for Officials training. Inquiring on having a couple of scrimmages with the kids during preseason so the officials can have some training.
- Discussion about creating a room that can be used for education, the current room is very small. Possibility of using  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the old varsity room, the equipment would need to be consolidated. Jody will bring Brian in and see what they can make work
- Preseason Clinic registration as of 9/8/2020
  - Mites-11
  - Goalies-4
  - Squirt/U10's-14
  - PW/BA/U12/U14 - 12

- Current Registration; 107/225 - Missing 118 Skaters
  - Mites 36/87
  - Squirts 20/35
  - PW 21/37
  - BA 10/24
  - U10 9/23
  - U12 6/13
  - U14 5/6
  - LTS: 20 boys (4 boys on Wait list) and 16 girls
- Reminder email that registration closes on September 18, reminder email will be sent out.
- Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 we will have an Open House for new members, fundraising team will be available to answer questions.
- COVID19 Committee will be meeting tomorrow night to go over policies and procedures
  - COVID19 numbers are low in RF according to recent data

#### **6. External Relations/Advertising**

**Williamson**

- Kaylan will ask Jeri to get the information posted regarding the open house on the 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **7. Financial Operations**

**Flanagan**

- Financial Packet was reviewed. Fair amount of changes since the August meeting. Ending season projection has decreased. Variety of areas impacted the financials (removed Hunt Ice rent through December, increased our Utility expense to start-up in September, reduced HS Revenue projection due to their season being shortened 3 weeks, removed all the golf / softball income, modified some expenses as have received more information, etc) and the biggest yet to come will be actual registration. This doesn't include any potential revenue from the Ice in Bash.
- Expecting extra revenue for Men's rented ice on Sunday's evenings
- Hockeyville prize will be direct deposited. Once deposited, we will discuss on how the money will be used.

#### **8. Fundraising**

**Jepson**

- Kristin was able to push back the promotion start date on the pizza cards to October
- Ice in Bash - September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-10pm; 21 tickets sold (includes what was sold in April), White Pine Farm, Devine for liquor truck, cash bar, live music, bonfire. Dinner by Smokey Treats and dessert by Holy Donuts. Event will be held both inside/outside. Masks for inside would be required. No children allowed.
- Raffle/Pizza are the same fundraisers for this season.

#### **9. Building Operations**

**Bloodhart**

- Automated hand dryers and soap dispensers will be installed
- Safety glass for the concessions

#### **10. Member Engagement Retention/Recruitment**

**Wilson**

- New Member open house on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

**11. Building Events**

**White**

- Pool Tournament for Twin States is unlikely, Catherine to follow up with Frank

**12. Other Business**

**Wilson**

- Org chart hours were discussed for changes.

Motion to adjourn by Catherine; Johnny seconded. All in favor

<u>2019-2020 Calendar - Key Dates</u>	
September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Board Meeting – 6 pm
September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Open House – New Members
September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Ice In Bash
October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Board Meeting – 6 pm
October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	LTS Equipment Handout
November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Board Meeting – 6 pm
November 20-22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020	U10/U12 Ponytail Classic
December 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	U14 Tournament
December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Board Meeting – 6 pm
December 12 -13, 2020	Mite Extravaganza
January 8-10 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Peewee B Tournament
January 15-17, 2021	Peewee A/B Tournament
January 22-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Squirt A/B/C Tournament
February 12-14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Bantam B/C Tournament
February 19-21 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	Bantam A/B Tournament
February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Mites End of Year Party