

Petoskey Area Hockey Association Board Meeting

Petoskey Ice Arena

August 12, 2024 @ 7:00pm

In Attendance: Sarah Saddison, Chris Firman, Brent Bolin, Henry Pfiefer, Doug Nowels, Jona Thom

Absent: Fedor Fedorov, Brittany Case, Rob Higgins

Public in Attendance: none

1. Brent called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.
2. Approval of tonight's agenda. Motion approved 7-0.
3. Approval of 8/12/24 meeting minutes. Chris motions to approve. Doug seconded. Motion approved 7-0.
4. Public Comments: None
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. District 7 opening meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 27 @ 6pm at Otsego County Sportsplex. President, Registrar, and Coaching Director are invited. Brent will be going.
 - b. Brent has coordinated with MAHA on our district paperwork and updates.
 - c. Sarah will be the Adray rep. from our district. Brent will update Ralph.
 - d. New members are to send home addresses to Brent for updated paperwork.
 - e. All board members need to register for USA hockey, get a background check, and take a safe sport training. See Brent's email.
 - f. New bookkeeping contract: Sept. 1 – Aug. 30th – \$3000/year with Maggie LaHaie – Legend Bookkeeping. Henry motions to approve. Jona seconded. Motion approved 7-0.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Heaven, Brent, and Brittney met to hand off the materials and train Brittney in the treasurer role.
 - b. Heaven has agreed to continue helping with the transition.
 - c. Maggie and Brittney now have access to our financials in SportsEngine.
 - d. Heaven Alcalá to be removed from the First Community Bank Account. We will add Brittney Case to the First Community Bank Account. Motion approved 7-0.

New Business

7. Move-Up Requests:

- a. Brooks Thom – move up request to 8U
- b. Brooks has already completed 2 years on mini-mites team. His mom has requested a move-up to mites this year, even though he qualifies as a mini-mite.
- c. Brooks has completed 6-weeks of Fedorov Camp this summer.
- d. Brooks is a good size.
- e. Doug Nowels supports his move-up as a previous coach.
- f. Motion approved 7-0 to move Brooks to 8U for the 2024-25 season.
- g. Parker Tuthill – move up request to 8U
- h. Parker has already completed 2 years on mini-mites team. His dad has requested a move-up to mites this year, even though he qualifies as a mini-mite.
- i. Parker had played with the 8U team as needed last season and was comparable.
- j. Doug Nowels supports the request as a previous coach.
- k. Motion approved 7-0 to move Parker to 8U for the 2024-25 season.

8. PAHA Internal Processes:

- a. We need more clarity about our processes.
- b. Brent proposes we have processes to follow for Ice Scheduler, Financial Controls, and SportsEngine Access.
- c. Brent has submitted processes to the board for us to review.
- d. We will table this for now.

Old Business

9. 2024-25 Registration Update:

- a. We currently have 53 registered.
- b. Brittney will need to go in and invoice registration fees.
- c. Henry is continuing to work on gaining more information on the trust.

10. 10U Select Proposal:

- a. Tryout happened
- b. 13 skaters and 2 goalies
- c. Chris will make sure that the roster is accurate and send to Henry.
- d. New budget has been submitted.
- e. Practices on Friday – start Sept. 6

11. 14UAA Proposal:

- a. This team has dissolved, due to the competition level.

12. **Board Member Updates:**

- a. Sarah will send out an email out to last year's members to turn in their PAHA equipment & goalie equipment to Doug Nowels. They are to contact him through email.
- b. Crooked Porch Photos – Sarah will work on scheduling a date.
- c. Ref Class – these are all virtual this year, but Sarah will still inquire on if we can host an in person clinic.
- d. Carter's Imagewear – Sarah will work with Carter's to do our PAHA apparel. We would like to keep the ordering link open throughout the season.
- e. Fed was emailed a list of coaching candidates. We will wait for him to report back to us on head and assistant coaches.
- f. Try Hockey for Free – November 2nd. Sarah will update on our website.
- g. PAHA Bring a Friend Event – Sarah will schedule – This will be a chance for players to test their gear and skates. Brent will talk to Fed. about neck guards and mouth guards, and having these available to purchase at the rink during this event and throughout our season.

Closed Session

13. The board entered Closed Session to discuss sensitive financial matters and to privately discuss a minor player registered for the 2024-25 season.

14. Next meeting: September 9 @ 7pm - Petoskey Ice Arena. Some members discussed the option of moving the location. Ideas are to be forwarded to Brent.

Brent adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.