



Juneau Adult Hockey Association

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Juneau Adult Hockey Association

- Held: January 14, 2020
- Meeting chair: Jason Soza
- Location: Juneau Public Library, Meeting room
- Board members present: Jason Soza, President
Rick Driscol, Vice President
Michele Drummond, Secretary
Adam Bryan, Treasurer
Claire Baldwin, Women's Tier Representative
Andrew Dimond, A Tier Representative
Brian Thomason, B Tier Representative
Ryhana Akhund, Member at Large A
Matt Reece, Member at Large B
Andrew Ainsworth, Tier D Representative
Chris Coutu, 40+ Tier Representative
- Board members absent: Thomas McKenzie, Registrar
Tyler Ferrin, C Tier Representative
- Visitors present: Mara Jennings, Experience Hockey Project

1. Call to order at 5:37pm: (Soza)
2. Standing Items

2.1 Public Comment: Mara Jennings (Experience Hockey Project) Organized to introduce new people to the sport of ice hockey. Advertised on her Facebook page, 5 rentals between the end of December 2019 and January 2020, and got about 40 people on the ice for skating and game play. C and D tier players acted as coaches. As a result several people signed up for the D Tier Winter 2020 season. They used the Labatts donated hockey gear the is at the rink. Some people ended up paying for USA hockey membership but were unable to get into the Intro to hockey class because of lack of space. Try to remedy this situation for the Winter Season.

2.2 Rink Update:(Soza)TAAB report,

A: Juneau has bid for 2024 the Arctic Winter Games, push for a second sheet of ice at the existing location.

B: Policy on ice time allocation being developed.

2.3 JHO Update: (Gregson/Nankervis) Look into what the discount should be when no scorekeeper shows up for games. Preferably before the current contract between JAHA and JHO is signed.

2.4 Tier Reports: A Tier (Dimond) 3 Teams of 10 players each, attendance is still an issue. There is a sub list that includes those players from B Tier who could possibly move up to A. Possibly consider changing the tier structure if signups remains low, perhaps an X tier format.

B Tier: (Thomason) 5 teams, there may need to be some player shuffling to even out the teams.

C Tier: (Ferrin) Absent- 5 teams of 13 skaters. Some movement between tiers after implementing slap shots in the B Tier.

Intro/D: (Ainsworth) 2 teams of 16, the number of players per team was adjusted to make room for the added interest. As of meeting time there was still room for skaters in the Intro class, focus on building skills, revisit next year, add game skill development.

Women's Tier: 4 teams of 10, Ana Enge broke her ankle the first game, so she should be requesting a refund for the season. Numbers of players per team needs monitoring going into playoffs incase players need to be picked up before playoffs. Claire is putting the playoff schedule together for tier reps to email the league.

40+ Tier: 49 players split between 4 teams. Goalie skill levels are wider than he would have liked. 4 players have already been moved to balance parity.

2.5 Treasurer -(Bryan) There is \$94.3K in the bank. This should put the account slightly above the \$50K that was in the bank at the end of 2018/2019 season. When teams have 13+ players JAHA makes money. With the extra teams in B and C things are looking good.

3. Old Business:

3.1 Jerseys:(Soza) All the new sets of JAHA jerseys are to be ordered once the company gets the logos from Soza. Barnaby Brewing is looking into having a set of jerseys made for Fall of 2020, also Martha's Flowers.

4. New Items:

4.1 Late Fees(various) \$75 fees apply after registration closes through the first half of the season, no exceptions. Set up an interim period when registration closes, and tier reps need to recruit players to create teams this fee should be waived. There should be a way to change the signup form in Thriva, or give those players a coupon code to negate the \$75. Currently there is an "early bird" registration rate, then after a certain point that fee becomes the normal registration fee, (NOT a late fee) Some players confuse this fee change. The tier reps should be recruiting players after the "early bird" rate ends and registration closes.

4.2 40+Tier member comments:(Coutu) After a letter from Brian Glen, a player from the 40+ tier inquiring about skill level in 40+, the board reminds players in this tier that it was set up to

provide a tier for older players, no matter their skill level. It is the responsibility of the tier rep to create parity across the teams.

4.3 Goalies(Soza): It has come to the JAHA Boards attention that there is not a process to evaluate goalies or decide who gets to play in what Tier. When more goalies than there are teams how do tier reps determine who to place on teams. Currently they are limited by when they register to play. This issue will be discussed further at the next JAHA board meeting.

4.4 Banquet(Drummond) Formed the committee, Ry Akhund and Michele Drummond with Claire Baldwin providing information from last year's banquet.

Reece: Motion to increase last year's banquet budget by \$1000. Second by Driscoll, The motion passed unanimously.

4.5 (Soza): Reminder that elections are approaching, if you are not interested in continuing with the board, please consider good candidates to run for your seat.

5. Ending items(Soza):

5.1 Next meeting, February 11th, location Douglas Public Library.

Adjourn: 7:33pm (Soza)