



**Berlin Youth Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 13th, 2024, 6PM
Berlin Water Works**

Board Members in Attendance: Kari W, Carl W, Sam R, Scott V, Evan B, Serena W, Kelly T, Mike B, Jason D, Zach C, Maranda M, Christine G, CJ V, Josh T, Derek P

Absent Board Members: Scott T

Non-board Members in Attendance: Dan A, Joe D, Jess J, Jason J

- 1) Meeting to Order: 6:03 Zach C
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Approval – Mike B Second by – Kelly T
- 3) Treasurer’s Report:
 - A. CJ V – We had one late registration. Other than that pretty quiet month.
- 4) Registrar Report:
 - A. Goalies
 - a. Kari W – We have 119 registered players at this time. There are no goalies at the 12U level. Added an 18U Black goalie this year. Lost 6 players from last year’s registration. Need to keep in mind that birth years 2006-2007 have to complete safe sport.
 - b. Kari W – Looking to waive tuition fee from half off to free for this year for 12U goalie.
 - i. Derek P – I know someone who might be interested in 12U goalie position.
 1. Zach C – Not able to play 12U. He is a 2011 birth year. Looking to develop a goalie within my team. Was hoping to steal a kid from other organization, but he already went to another.
 - ii. Evan B – Motion to approve free tuition for 12U goalie positions for 2024/2025.
 1. Approval – Carl W
 2. Second by – Josh T
 3. All in Favor – Zach C
 - a. Majority Approved
 - c. Zach C – I would like to see an email go out to all 12U players to see if anyone wants to be a goalie. Send internally and then do a social media blast.
 - i. Kari W – Okay, I can do that.
 - B. 10U Player
 - a. Kari W – We have 9 skaters and 1 goalie at this time. Just had another player drop. Would like to focus on getting a new player instead of moving one up. If no one joins by September 1st, we will have to look at petitions and maybe moving one kid up from 8U.
 - i. Derek P – I would like to make sure we have enough for a team before then. Can we look at petitioning a kid up now and if we get more then we get more?
 1. Kari W – Petitions cause problems. Instead of creating a squirt goalie last year, we allowed a petition. This is causing issues in higher levels. We should have developed a goalie instead of moving one up.
 - a. Derek P – We had to move kids up last year.
 - i. Kari W – No we did not. We should have tried to develop a goalie last year.

- i. CJ V – Shout out to Kelly T. Prior years I was able to help, but this year I could not. She put the majority of it together with Scott T. They have to spend the entire day there and both did a lot of the background work as well.
- B. NH Legends of Hockey Banquet
 - a. Zach C – I will send an email out to J. Haze this week regarding D. Dagesse being inducted into the hockey hall of fame. It is October 20th at the Grappone Center. Scott T wrote the letter to make this happen. Would like to see him and a couple other representation from BYH. It is \$400.00 per table of 8.
 - ii. Carl W – Motion to approve paying the cost of \$400 for the table of 8.
 - 1. Approval – Jason D
 - 2. Second by – Evan B
 - 3. All in Favor – Zach C
 - a. Majority Approved
- C. GSL Parity Weekend
 - a. Zach C – Parity weekend for 10U-14U is September 13th to September 15th. I will be attending the State meeting Saturday, going to try to see if they would let us host one of the divisions here at Notre Dame Arena.
 - i. Scott V – They did say they were going to try to keep it to two locations.
 - 1. Zach C – We will see what happens.
 - ii. Mike B – If location is decided, would like it to be sent out sooner than later.
 - b. Zach C – Mites parity is September 8th.
 - i. CJ V – Parents are reaching out for more information.
 - 1. Zach C – We have put out what we have for information.
 - 2. Scott V – They want every 8U team there. They will have one hour practice and one hour game. They will be following the ADM module.
 - 3. Josh T – We do not have times. Just know it is all day.
- D. Road Toll
 - a. CJ V – It is scheduled for September 28th.
 - b. Samantha R – Spoke to Dave Broome. He will take lead on this fundraiser. He and his wife are going to be there for the day. Would like to see as many faces there as possible to help. Would like to have outdoor activities there throughout the day. Read email to body regarding event and lunch.
 - i. CJ V – In past, we prefer families go for couple of hours and bring their own lunch.
 - 1. Josh T – I agree with this. Families should bring their own lunch.
 - 2. Carl W – We cannot supply lunch. Will need to reach out to Broome.
- E. Coaches Meeting
 - a. Serena W – The coaches meeting is scheduled for August 28th. Would like to send an email out to the coaches changing the location to 1329 Main Street, Berlin. Heather will be there to go over the concussion protocols.
 - i. Evan B – That is fine. We can do that.
 - ii. Josh T – No problem with me.
- F. S and P Lunch
 - a. Zach C – The camp is all weekend. Are we interested in proving lunch on Saturday?
 - i. Kelly T – We have left over water, coke, and Gatorade from the golf tournament.
 - ii. Samantha R – We could do sandwiches and a platter or two.
 - 1. Carl W – Do not feel we should pay for lunch. Only few kids in the camp from the organization. It is not like it is the whole organization.
 - b. Zach C – Do we have a roster of the kids yet? Need to provide a blurb and weaknesses of the kids that are signed up.
 - i. Kelly T – We have emailed looking for one. We do not have one yet.

1. Zach C – Once we do, I will sit with Evan.

G. Parents Meeting

- a. Serena W – It is scheduled for September 6th. Heather will be there to go over protocols. We would like all parents there for this meeting. Need to get the information out.
 - i. Samantha R – I can put an email out to the entire body.

6) New Business

A. Bruins Alumni Game

- a. Zach C – Working with a group of people to get a charity game going here at the Notre Dame Arena. We are looking at hosting it on December 28th. I have briefed Kate and have asked her to black out the entire organization. I sent out the packet. To summarize, the cost of having them come here is \$9,500. Everything after that amount is a fundraiser and comes back to BYH. There are a list of different ways to fundraise the money. Would like to fill the building and do a mite game between periods. The Bruins will bring their own announcer and broadcast team. Grenier has been working on corporate sponsorships and would like to have D. Dagesse do the ceremonial puck drop.
 - i. Joe D – The arena staff is on board with this. Joe A is willing to help.
- b. Zach C – We will also have to find a place for them to stay. We have to cover the cost.
 - i. Kelly T – Could talk to the TNC. Joe A works there.
 1. Zach C – Maybe they would give us a deal.
- c. Zach C – During the game, they will bring a merchandise table. In between periods, the alumni guys will come out and sign autographs. Would like to get the whole organization involved and maybe some coaches. Will need a fundraiser committee to meet with Alex.
 - i. Samantha R – I can help with this. I sat in on a meeting recently with them.
- d. Carl W – My concern would be where are we going to get the money?
 - i. Zach C – Most will come from corporate sponsorship. Grenier has been working on this and thinks a number to aim for would be \$15,000 to blanket us.
 1. Christine G – Could we send out letters looking for donations towards this?
 - a. Zach C – We could if need be. Working with Grenier on this.

B. Start of Season

- a. Zach C – Would like to start practices the week after the S & P camp. Maybe do two skills sessions on Mondays. Need to figure out who is practicing at what times.
 - i. Kari W – Based on financials, we should combine half ice mites.
 1. Zach C – Need to work out skill ground.
 - ii. Kari W – Mites and squirts can split the ice and rotate. Like we have before.
 1. Derek P – Not getting anything out of 4 years olds practicing with squirts.
 2. Josh T – I have an issue with that. Could cause intimidation and fear for younger kids.
 - iii. Serena W – Why do we need to do what is always done?
 1. Kari W – My issue is the tuition.
 - a. Serena W – Change is okay.
 - iv. Samantha R – Could the mini mite teams split the ice with goalie skill training?
 1. Zach C – Goalies need full ice for skill practice.
 - v. CJ V – Are we looking at September 9th for the first practices?
 1. Zach C – Yes.

C. Player Alternate Fee

- a. Zach C – Have a player looking to be an alternate for my 12U team. Looking around, the fee to be an alternate is about 1/3 of the yearly tuition. If they can make practices they

can. Games would be on coach's discretion. Looking to do one set fee of about \$300.00. It would create more opportunities for us and we might have another goalie interested.

- i. Evan B – Our tuition is the lowest is the state.
 - ii. CJ V – Would this be only for GSL or tournaments too?
 1. Zach C – That would be up to the coach.
 - iii. CJ V – Would we allow them to go to Marlborough?
 1. Zach C – That would be up to the coach if they need them.
 - iv. Kari W – Are we guaranteeing a minimum number of games?
 1. Zach C – We could set a minimum, but do not have to.
 - v. Kari W – Only \$300.00 is cheap for a fee.
 1. Evan B – I do not think we will have 30.
 - a. Zach C – Maybe 5-6.
 - vi. CJ V – One third of our tuition is approximately \$360.00.
 1. Evan B – It is a steal.
 - vii. Kari W – Maybe we could consider it for the midget team.
 1. Evan B – Maybe \$200 for midgets because of split season.
 - viii. CJ V – For GSL, thought they needed to participate in 50% of the games.
 1. Zach C – I do not think it is that high.
- b. Kelly T – Motion to approve player alternate fee of \$300 for all except midgets \$200.
- i. Approval – Carl W
 - ii. Second by – Serena W
 - iii. All in Favor – Zach C
 1. Majority Approved
- c. Kari W – Player has to be registered with USA hockey right? Do they need player alternate form?
- i. Zach C – There are a few rules within NHAHA with exceptions for girls within GSL league. Yes, they would need a player alternate form.
 - ii. Mike B – If they are rostered on a team, yes they need to be USA hockey certified.
 1. Kari W – It would be easier to put them on team if so.
- d. Kari W – So we would register them as an alternate and have them pay fee at once?
- i. Zach C – Yes, one-time fee at registration.

7) Around the Horn

- A. Josh T – What is the age cutoff for starting mites?
- a. Kari W – Last year we had a four year gap.
 - b. Zach C – If a kid comes to learn to play and is not getting anything out of it, parents may decide to register them as a mite. Our cross ice teams this year are very green.
 - i. Kari W – Our registration only allows birth years of 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.
 - ii. CJ V – Some kids are 8 years old as mites. We have always done a four year gap.
 - c. Kari W – Rosters do not lock until December 31st.
 - i. CJ V – If a kid is ready, have them evaluated by a coach. Most cross ice happens after Thanksgiving.
 - d. Scott V – Our website only allows you to register certain ages. We restrict it by age to prevent parents for signing up 3-4 years old.
 - i. Zach C – Every organization has a house mites.
- B. Kari W – Would like to have a holiday party for the kids. Maybe do a skills competition and potluck.
- a. Zach C – Could try to tie it in with the Bruins reception. The ice is from 2pm-4pm for the game. We could block off from 6pm-8pm.
 - b. Kari W – Would like to do raffles and something to give back to the kids. Maybe get some mystery mini sticks and skills medals. Can use old ones from upstairs.

2. Scott V – It was clear that it would be a bump in tuition.
 3. Kelly T – We do not know, it could average out.
 - d. Zach C – If you do AAU, your parity tournament could be considered a tournament for your team. You would probably have to choose which tournament at the end of the year you would want to attend. Think that is the biggest thing to worry about with doing both. You do not have to play home games, you could schedule the games away. That would offset the cost and maybe pay out of pocket for league fees and other tournaments. No reason to say no to 10U playing in both leagues if they want to.
 - i. Joe D – So the board is not against us doing both leagues?
 1. Scott V – Need to make sure to follow guidelines and maybe be okay with extra costs out of pocket that can be associated with it. Playing AAU can potentially be 12-20 more games.
 - e. Derek P – Could we skip playing GSL and only do AAU?
 - i. Kari W – No, you are already declared as a GSL team.
 - f. Zach C – At the end of the day, we voted on \$3,000 for tournaments. As a coach, you will have to take time and look at it.
 - g. Mike B – Did Kate agree to be the scheduler for AAU too?
 - i. Scott V – Yes, she has at the moment.
- 9) Next Meeting Date: September 11th, 2024 – Location TBD
- 10) Meeting Adjourned At: 7:53pm