

Petoskey Area Hockey Association Board Meeting

Petoskey Ice Arena

September 9, 2024 @ 7:00pm

In Attendance: Sarah Saddison, Chris Firman, Brent Bolin, Henry Pfiefer, Rob Higgins, Fedor Fedorov, Jona Thom (zoom), Doug Nowels (7:17pm)

Absent: Brittany Case

Public in Attendance: Dylan Pelton, Charlie Licata, Aaron Weisberger

1. Brent called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. Approval of tonight's agenda. Motion approved 7-0.
3. Approval of the 8/12/24 meeting minutes. Chris motions to approve. Henry seconded. Motion approved 7-0.
4. Public Comments: None at this time.
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. MAHA meetings – Brent emailed the updated MAHA announcements to the board.
 - b. Bank cards – Brent is working on updating cardholders.
 - c. Insurance company – Brent is working on getting everything current.
 - d. Brent still needs to get a cell phone for our PAHA landline.
 - e. Brent will meet with Brittney to determine our treasurer needs. We may need to find a new treasurer or a current board member filling the role for this year. We will table this for now.
 - f. Board members need to get their USA hockey number, SafeSport, and background checks completed before the season starts.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Brent emailed the financial report to the board. He feels we are currently in pretty good shape.
 - b. Brent continues to work with our bookkeeper to keep things in order.
 - c. Brent has been paying bills.

New Business

7. 10U Select Team Proposal:

- a. Aaron and Charlie presented an updated 10U Select Team Proposal.
- b. The team would continue playing throughout the season (through March).
- c. They are asking for 50% funding through PAHA (\$10,640).
- d. PAHA will analyze our budget to determine funding options for this year.
- e. Brent suggested we approve the planning of the team and move forward, but the board will continue conversations on funding options for the select team. Henry motioned to approve, Chris seconded. Motion approved. 8-0.

8. MAHA Items:

- a. Locker rooms – team managers, board members, and each team can reach out and get a locker room monitor – we need 2 adults in the locker rooms at all times. There are serious violations if locker room rules are not followed.
- b. Goalie pads – making sure we have an organized system for our youth goalies.
- c. Goalie Coach – we need a point person – MAHA is putting more resources into goalie training.
- d. Dylan Pelton is interested in being a PAHA goalie coach – He will attend one practice per age group per week. He's currently working at the high school level. There was talk about compensating Dylan. We will table this for now.

9. Budget:

- a. Brent presented and reviewed a projected budget that Chris and he put together using last year's numbers in comparison with this year's numbers.
- b. We currently are not showing a revenue.
- c. We haven't had a budget in many years.
- d. The board is reviewing the numbers.
- e. Henry indicated the Huntington trustee will be coming to our next board meeting to review our trust parameters.
- f. Brent feels we should allocate 50% of the player cost using the trust fund. This would keep it equitable and consistent to apply over the years. The public message would be that PAHA is covering 50% of the cost – through the trust.
- g. We will table the money requested for the 10U Select team (\$10,640) until Brent finalizes the numbers confirmed in our budget. Brent will work with the accountant.
- h. We will vote electronically on the high school skate and the 10U select funding. Brent will call Jeff Guiney to discuss.
- i. Fedor asked PAHA to fund the training for the high school team. Brent motioned to allocate \$5000 of the trust to the high school fall camp. Rob seconded. Motion approved 8-0.

10. Fundraising:

- a. First goal should be to pay for the tournament fees through big sponsorships.
- b. Team sponsorships are tabled for now.
- c. Jona is currently working on individual fundraisers for each player account.

Old Business

11. PAHA Bring a Friend

- a. We will cancel this and focus our attention on the Try Hockey for Free Event.

12. 2024-25 Registration Update:

- a. 65 players have registered.
- b. We will keep advertising.

13. Try Hockey for Free – Nov. 2:

- a. Rob has signed up for this event and we are all set.
- b. Sarah will help advertise.
- c. Rob will organize the event.
- d. High school kids will help on the ice.

14. Board Member Updates:

- a. Fed will email the head and assistant coaches.
- b. Feb. 16th – Ferris State University will be at our rink (on their way to Michigan Tech) – they will run a clinic after for the kids. Doug will organize this (5-7pm). We'll make it an event.

15. Next meeting: October 14 @ 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 9:26 pm.