



**Berlin Youth Hockey  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday January 10, 2024, 6PM  
Nucar Notre Dame Arena**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Danielle L, CJ V, Carl W, Mike B, Sam R, Scott T, Kelly T, Evan B, Jason D, Zach C, Maranda M, Matt K, Scott V

**Absent Board Members:** Serena W

**Nonboard Members in Attendance:** Kari W, Dan A , Derrick G

1. Meeting to order: 6:00 Scott T
2. Approval of Minutes: Proposed by Sam R, second by CJ V
3. Treasurer's Report: see attached. Almost all invoices paid, \$40,000-\$50,000 in remaining expenses for the year.
4. Public Comments: N/A
5. New Business
  1. State starting a parody tournament next season to place teams:
    1. Scott T: parody tournament prior to season to prevent tier movements mid-season. Should make schedulers job easier. Very important to have spring tryouts based on this parody tournament. Dates of evaluations to be determined
    2. Zach C: schedule for 1 or 2 weekends determined by birth year and performance in prior season
    3. Location of parody tournament TBD by state annual meeting.
  2. Letter to the body
    1. Scott T: stating chain of command so parents know where to go if situations occur.
    2. Scott V: any concerns that go to the state need to go through state Rep (which is him)
    3. CJ V: make letter part of registration packet. Have parents sign it to ensure they have gotten the packet and information.
  3. Hockey Operations Committee
    1. Zach C: 4 or 5 people to help out the coaching director, learn to skate, educating coaches, locker room attendance, etc. Try to utilize Mike Poulin to talk about coaching strategies. Schedule planning for drylands and skills. Matt Dawson potential to be pulled in. A coaches pamphlet to be given to coaches at the beginning of the season. Give coaches education re: game situations to ensure players are getting appropriate awareness of what to do. Write goals for the organization for skills that certain ages should accomplish. Catching up with the rest of the state for what they do. Will give Evan more time to check in with teams and see if there are issues. Put out to organization and gear towards getting ready for next season. Roll into tryouts, summer and next season.

2. Evan B: complete agreement . Would like to have a skills development person. 5-10 people within the committee. Head coach from every team to be involved, coaching director, skill development person,
3. CJ V: put out to the organization for people who will participate . Set a date for a meeting to explain role of committee and set next meeting date.
4. Scott T: another email to really explain the evaluations.
  1. Zach C: Lyndonville has a very good explanation for how evaluations work. Use as a reference for creating our own explanation. Zach to print it out and provide to Scott T
4. 14U Game Jan 20th
  1. Scott T: Oyster River told by state game is mandatory or pay a fine to BYH and loss of their season next year (worst case scenario). With social media posting created, Oyster river feels they are walking into a hostile situation by coming to this game. Use most seasoned refs and offered board members to be present. To have a police officer present minimum of 4 hrs at \$80 per hour. Give to organization for \$250.
  2. Dan A: come up and play the game. Can have officers here very quickly by phone call if needed.
  3. Carl W: two coaches spoke and may both travel to an alternative location for the game or Reschedule At a later date in the season at NDA. Oyster River may be using it as a scapegoat to not come to BYH.
    1. Scott T: will need to speak to VP for above situation to occur. Both coaches will need to speak to Darren Premo. Will need to okay the change in location and date for the team as state is involved.
5. BHS Cancer Nights:
  1. CJ V: \$100 per scholarship. Write a letter with specifics on who they want check made out. Dates of games: Feb 17th at 6PM for girls. Boys date unknown.
6. State Meeting Recap - Scott Valliere
  1. Futures Tryouts always posted on USA HOCKEY but asking all organizations to do a better job at promoting it. Only 33 girls tried out in 2 age groups
    1. Do better at promoting to have more players try out
    2. Kelly T: no one from Berlin has ever made the team so no one wants to go
  2. Substitutions for games need to be brought up to registrar prior to games occurring. (Bring kids up for games). Needs to be approved as rosters are locked.
    1. Can only bring up the number of players from lower level to reach max baseline roster (if 13 and missing 2, only 2 players can be brought up).player needs to be removed from rosters after the game. Max is 3 times per player w/o permanent roster change.
  3. If there is a game suspension they have to be noted in the game that the kid has served the suspension. Needs to be done by coach and score keepers. Rules difficult to understand. Needs to be a GSL game that a player sits, not an alternative league/game. Almost 2 suspensions that way - 1 for USA hockey and 1 for GSL
  4. If doing tryouts, tryouts can not occur until after April 9th. Not USA HOCKEY approved unless after this date.
  5. Annual meeting date to be determined with rules changes to occur including potentially mandating neck guards. Rule change proposals available on their website
  6. Recommendation for referees to additionally wear neck guards.

## 7. Old Business

1. BYH tournament March 15-17th .
2. Sam R: Gladiators are not coming. Please reach out sooner so they can attend next year. Invitations sent out to to teams invited. 24 games to occur . Bantam red to potentially have a tournament that weekend.
  - Rec coach convinced they are coming to the tournamentCJ V: charge up front for their participation. Not USA HOCKEY registered.  
Zach C: apply to be a USA HOCKEY approved tournament. If USA HOCKEY approved will be listed on the NHAHA website so other teams can ask to go .
3. Scott T: NDA to only charge \$1800 for the weekend
3. Hats: Zach C motion to purchase hats for the kids . Make it a fundraiser or gift them. If we buy for the kids then we need to buy for the coaches and learn to skate
  1. CJ V: not on board with doing it as a fundraiser due to invoices that need to happen for each individual hat. Each \$25 needs to be an invoice to be brought back to organization. Not have organization parents involved in raising money
  2. Carl W: not a lucrative fundraising option.
  3. Kari W: spoke to creative threads about having them in stock. Work with her on what they can offer for apparel. If spending money then tuition can not increase
  4. Sam R: what are we doing with the money from the BYH tournament.
  5. Scott T: motion on the table to buy players and coaches a hat from Celli hockey. Zach C motion to gift every one a hat, Maranda M second the motion. Team moms to reach out to teams for what the players will want. Has to be ordered as blocks of 50 or 100. (Vote did not occur)
  6. CJ V: where will this come from in the budget. Unappropriated funds. ? budget for it next year and give it as a gift upon registration
  7. Evan B: table it until the funds are determined from the tournament

## 7. Around the Horn:

1. CJ V: no update from the casino re: funds raised.
  2. Dan A: any situations during the games. Dan can clarify any rules or calls during games that are under question.
  3. Zach C: need to reach out to the Waumbek or alternative golf course about having the golf tournament there as opposed to the Gorham golf location. Will not open as an 18 hole course this year with the damage from the storm. Zach to look for a contact for waumbek. CJ to reach out
  4. Evan B: Peewee Red team signed up for a cheaper tournament to stay within team tournament budget. An additional \$700 for an additional tournament to make up for games lost this year. Motion to approve by Sam R , second by Carl W.
  5. Mike B: girls tournament. Meeting tomorrow night for a girls tournament in late March in Hooksett. If tournament is not USA HOCKEY sanctioned then organization jerseys should technically not be used.  
CJ V: allocation of a certain amount in budget for the girls tournament.  
Motion to allocate up to \$1,500 for a girls tournament by Danielle L, second by Carl W. Vote is unopposed
8. Meeting Adjourned at Scott T 7:43
  9. Next meeting date February 21st at 6PM NDA