



RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

May 2019 Agenda

DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2019

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

ATTENDANCE: Frank Linn, Jody Christensen, Neil Accola, Chris Larsen, Carrie Torgersen, Kaylan Wilson, John Linehan, Paul Bloodhart and Nicole Ralston

ABSENT: Jana Walker and Kevin Hare

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review **Linn**

2. Consent Items (All can be approved in one motion, unless an item is removed by a board member for further discussion) **Linn**

A. Agenda Approval

Action Item:

Approve Agenda and any supplementary

B. Approval of Materials

Action Item: Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion made to approve all Consent items by John, seconded by Jody. All in favor.

3. Guest Comments **Guests**

4. Hockey Operations - On Ice **Hare**

- Jody reported that Jim Joseph has resigned as the HS Head Coach, Kevin Hare will fill in as the ACE director until the HS position has been filled.

5. Building Events **Thompson**

- July 13th, 2019 (RF Days Weekend) Boyd has reserved the rink for his boxing event. Format will stay the same as last year except that RFYHA will receive 100% of the beer and food concessions. Boyd will receive the gate fee.
- RFYHA as the opportunity to host a benefit concert for three high school students impacted by cancer. We have been approached by their planning committee with an ask for RFYHA to donate the facility for the event. They have all the workers needed for the event. No alcohol would be served, but they will need to pull a picnic license due to the amplified music. Three bands are currently lined up for the event and a host of other activities and fundraising. Event date is June 30th from 2-10. Frank will reach out with concerns regarding clean up and areas that are off limits. Frank asked for RFYHA to donate the facility, Nicole made a motion, John seconded, all in favor.

6. Building Operations

Wilson

- The remaining boards for the outdoor rink have been removed. The current plan is to start grading the location as soon as we know the orientation. Frank has received out to First National Bank to discuss the lease of land boarding to our property that would allow us to re-orient the rink to run North and South rather than East and West. Discussions are being had amongst their group that would consider a long term lease or the possible potential purchase if long term lease was not an option. Once determined, site prep will take place. There are still boards available if anybody wants them. Current timeframe for grading is slotted for June
- Frank has reported that the Capital Campaign committee has revised their communication. Current plan is to communicate and launch the campaign over social media will be within the next few weeks. The alumni contact list should be completed by the end of the week. Board reviewed the Capital Campaign Video.
- Refrigeration system has been stripped from all unnecessary parts. Rink Tec is waiting on delivery of the new chiller barrel and receiver for the new system. Once parts arrive, the system will be re-piped. Parts are expected early June. Once that process is complete, they will update the next steps.
- Jody reported that she received communication from River City Electric (Jim Erickson), they would be willing to donate some labor back to the rink to help with electrical and lights. Jody will pass onto Jeff P.

7. Financial Operations

Accola

- Finance Packet was reviewed; not much change from April. Currently projecting up for the season so far, Early registration was under projection in cash flow but doesn't have impact on overall projection. No estimate for Fish game in the cash flow
- Twin States Poll tournament was just above last year's net
- Fiscal YE were submitted to RF State bank last week
- Geissler will begin working on 990s
- Semi-annual bingo report is due to State of WI on 6/30
- Highschool final payment should be received sometime this month, Neil has been working with Rollie
- Final Girls Coop expense allocation will go to Blackhawk for payment
- RFYHA was awarded the 2021 U10B WAHA State tournament, last time we hosted was in 2015
- Neil had conference meeting with WAHA Region 6, all proposed rules and bylaw changes were reviewed;

- New 'role' for each Association = Director of Hockey Operations (similar to ACE, but an on-ice resource for coaches)
- All before & after High School team players need to be attending WI High School or approved Home School to be eligible to play Tier 1 or on National Bound Team roster. Other wording for those younger than HS. In our area, this means if you live in WI and go to MN private school, not eligible for Tier 1 WI Team.
- Change to allow a girl to play for neighboring association on their girls' team if home association doesn't offer one without a release. Potential Impact: may need to deal with U8 girls differently at some point in future.
- Fix the flaw in boundary/release to clarify you can't practice for another team (along with play for one outside your boundary).
- Currently there is 5 game minimum; players must play in a game before being eligible for State Playoffs after 12/15. Proposal changes date to 11/1.
- Adds some language to clarify the Division A vs. Division B levels for girl's state playoffs/tournaments.
- New rule regarding move-up of Mites to Squirts / U10. Currently no wording - change proposed required WAHA approval of the request by November 15th and only if skater falls in to 1/3rd of highest-level team or onto lowest team to fill a team with 11 skaters. WAHA goal is to keep kids playing at the appropriate level. Region 6 discussion was that we would support if the date is pushed back later (12/1 or after) since we sometimes lose Squirt / U10s and to increase the team number to 13 skaters.
- Other Items discussed during WAHA Region 6 Meeting
 - Playdowns: considering changing from 1/31-2/2/19 to 2/14-2/16. I told them we would like to know ASAP due to invitational tournaments.
 - Safe sport emphasis
 - Body Checking (Bantams) - point of emphasis for USA Hockey, referees will be encouraged to call rules currently in the book - only check a player with the puck, hands to head or face is a penalty (any head contact), banging sticks on the boards after a hit, coaches will be required to watch a body checking video.
 - Team WI - will be adding team for 12/13 yr. old boys 2020-2021 (10-16 games, regional practices, 1 tournament)
 - Annual Conference will again be first weekend in August in Wausau 8/2-8/3 - all invited and encouraged to attend.
 - Planning to have a 12-13yr old camp for girls next year. Hoping to hold in Eau Claire for ~120 skaters.
 - Also looking to host Kohlman Cup for girls in Eau Claire next year 4/4-4/5 if ice available (otherwise Chippewa suggested - looking for 2 sheets).
 - October 20th: WHOA will be having a female only ref clinic / seminar in Sparta

- Golf Tournament numbers are up from 2018. Carrie has asked the Board to encourage community members to attend. Rain is in the forecast for next week. If it's a rainout, Kilkarney will not charge us any fees. Chris is working on a video for the night golf to be added to FB. We currently have 12-hole sponsors.
- Neil has sent in our gambling license to the State
- Papa Murphy cars will be handed out in the Fall for those that already registered in the Spring.

9. External Relations/Recruitment/Advertising

- RFYHA has the opportunity to work concessions and the 50/50 at the Fish Game on July 21st
- Chris is working on putting a group together to work on recruitment and advertising. Frank will assist with help getting communication out to the Members.
- Neil has asked Chris to follow up with VanNurden/Briese regarding the RF Parade

10. Hockey Operations - Off Ice

Christensen

- Jody reported that she would like an EMT at each tournament for the U14 and Bantam level. EMT's rate is currently \$25 per hour, Carrie is working on a possible reduced rate. Bantam tournament fee's have been raised by \$75, if the tournament fills this will cover the cost of the EMT. Jody made a motion, Carrie seconded, all in favor.
- Carrie has written and submitted a grant that would provided \$1500 worth of medical equipment. Carried reported that the grant will go up for discussion on Friday.
- Hunt ice rental cost continues at \$185 , Jody has booked ice for the camp.
- Jody has reviewed the HS schedule and looked for nights that RFHYA would need additional ice at Hunt. She rented ice in December and January. 1.5 Practices will be shared practices. Jody is working within her budget
- PETA has sent a letter to Jody regarding canceling the Circus, they have asked her to respond by May 28th. Neil stated that RFYHA is under contract.

11. Other Business

Linn

- Two biographies were received for the open board position; Jessica McQuade and Chad Flanagan. The executive team discussed prior to the tonight's board meeting, both candidates have strengths that bring to RFYHA. Frank is appointing Chad Flanagan to fill the one-year term. Frank made a motion, Jody seconded, all in favor.
- Carrie will move to the two-year Board position.
- Org chart was reviewed and updated. Jody has asked to add to more positions to her bucket Hockey Operations; Referee Education and Promotion/Retention
- RFYHA provides two scholarships to graduates every year. For the last 17 years, we have donated two \$250 to students. Currently, the "sucker pull" funds the scholarships. Frank made a motion to increase the two scholarships to \$500 each, Carrie seconded, all in favor.
- Bloodhart has asked that our yellow payment box becomes a "fast" fundraiser for smaller projects such as replacement of the water fountains, paint, etc...

Motion to adjourn by Frank; Neil seconded. All in favor.

<u>2019-2020 Calendar - Key Dates</u>	
May 21 st , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 7pm
June 12 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
June 30 th , 2019	Cancer Benefit from 2-10
July 10 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
July 13 th , 2019	Boyd Boxing Event
July 21 st , 2019	Fish Game - RFYHA Showcased