

PAHA Board Meeting 10/11/21

In attendance: Molly Kring, Sarah Saddison, Cathryn Needham, Elizabeth Morey, Julianne Imbleau, Jeff Suffolk

Absent: Brian Kaiborski, Shaun Osborne, Justin Doran

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Diana Guiney, Rilla Snedden, Jori Snedden, Keriann Carter, Brandon Tom, Braxton Esper, Edward David, Eli Brinkman, Caleb Grawey, Amie Grawey, Joe Grawey, David Tingleff, Ann Marie Tingleff, Megan Boughner, Mike Boughner, Courtney Brinkman, Anthony Brandao

Molly called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

Open Forum – Discussion of Bantam House U14 Team:

Molly has a call in to Brian from Kalkaska to merge with our Petoskey team and it would be considered a PAHA U14 House team. Diana Guiney from MAHA, district director, addressed the issues with the Bantam house team and parents. Her intentions were to keep the house team here in Petoskey. It would be a mix of practice at Petoskey and Kalkaska rinks. The goal is for all kids to have a place to play and will be registered with Petoskey.

Parents are worried that there isn't going to be a Bantam team. A parent asked if the Bantam Travel team has to travel as far as Kalkaska. The response was that they go back and forth between Gaylord and Petoskey. Another parent presented her concerns with communication issues between PAHA and parents. Other parents joined her with this discussion.

Diana will make calls and get a team in order by the end of the week. Her husband, Jeff will help with coaching until a permanent coach is determined.

Molly left the meeting.

It was also voiced that Rob Higgins should be contacted to see if any 14U kids didn't make varsity and could potentially drop down to the house team.

Other Concerns – Open Forum:

Parents and other members brought up the concern with dropping Adray league. Diana is going to check into this. Parents explained their concerns and their reasoning on why staying on the Adray league is so beneficial to our program.

Diana went over general responsibilities to the new board members. She also suggested making packets for parents, scheduling team meetings, coaches should set expectations, a code of conduct should be signed by players and parents, set up a Try Hockey for Free, encourage kids to go to high school games

(players get in free), make sure we set picture day, and host a reffing clinic at our rink for the younger kids interested in reffing.

It was also suggested that we have parent meetings before the beginning of the season to meet the board and have question and answer sessions, as well as update the bylaws so that board members can participate even if their kids are not part of hockey, so we have some unbiased views in our association. We will discuss these suggestions further in the season, and work towards strengthening our association.

Diana adjourned the open forum at 8:40pm.