



RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

March 2021 Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 10th

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

ATTENDANCE: Jody Christensen, Carrie Torgersen, Kristin Jepson, Kaylan Wilson, Catherine White, Kevin Hare, Chad Flanagan, John Linehan, Paul Bloodhart and Nicole Ralston.

ABSENT:

Meeting called to order at 6:00

AGENDA

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

2. **Consent Items** (All can be approved in one motion, unless an item is removed by a board member for further discussion) **Wilson**
 - A. Agenda Approval
Action Item:
Approve Agenda and any supplementary
 - B. Approval of Materia
Action Item: Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion made to approve all consent items by Kevin seconded by Kristin. All in Favor.

3. **Guest Comments** **Guest**
 - Neil Accola was present for the meeting

4. **Other Business** **Wilson**
 - Dream Supporter -nominations due 11:59 pm on 3/15; 8 members have been nominated so far
 - Board Bio's 11:59 pm due on 3/15, currently 5 Bio's have been received. There are five open Board positions, last meeting stated 6.
 - Board reviewed the updates for the Constitution, Kaylan will send the updates via email.
 - Five positions

5. Hockey Operations - On Ice

Hare

- Considerations for a U16 team next year
- Kevin and Jody will be looking at Rosters
- Hare will be following up with coaches regarding transition practices
- Conversation regarding Survey monkey for skill evaluations help
- Mite to Squart Move up request has been received. After registration, Hare will bring back to the Board for vote on move up.
- Girls move up request has been received from Mites to U10. Reviewed by Kevin and in communication with girls committee.
- U10's are playing in D2 and need additional ice time next week, Jody will be looking at the schedule and try to move things around.

6. Hockey Operations - Off Ice

Christensen

- U10 State tournament was this past weekend, everything went smoothly
- Fat Boys tournament has 3, 60 + teams and 5, 50+ teams. Possibility of a few more teams joining by tournament time, ideally one more team at each level. Proposal would be for beer to sold in the Mezz. Catherine will order beer
- March 26-27th, Bantam tournament is scheduled; 4 teams. RF will combine A+B to form a team. Looking for a few more teams to fill.
- Shamrock shootout is 18 teams, looking to fill 48 more volunteer spots
- 500 hours left to be worked. Jody has sent out two emails to families that owe hours.
- Looking to keep the ice in for an additional week, skills assessment, ice rental, extra practices and then shut down on the 30th.
- Jersey committee is recommending that jerseys are purchased every season. The jersey will be easier to manage. They are also recommending "lottery style pick" for numbers. Skater in good standing is asked to pick their top 3 numbers, if there are skaters wanting the same number within in the same age range, there will be a lottery draw.
- Recommendation for old jerseys is to sell them to fund for operations and pennies. If the managers do not collect the jersey's, then they are to collect a check. Recommendation is to sell them for \$25 per jersey or \$40 for a set.
- Jody looking into purchasing pennies.
- Ice in is scheduled for end of September
- Looking to rent ice in January and part of February from Hunt
- Kylan has reached out to David Crail, the new AD, he would like to meet at the beginning of April. Kit has passed our meeting onto the group that will be interviewing the new High-School Coach.

7. External Relations/Advertising

Williamson

- Kaylan will reach out to Williamson to inquiry on where improvements can be made.

8. Financial Operations

Flanagan

- Financial packet was reviewed
- Projecting positive cash flow. The goal is \$40,000 for the season which allows us to continue to make progress on our long-term plan.
- Major changes in income include collection of fundraising money (both calendar and pizza) and increased projection of concessions.

- Changes in expenses include paying off balance with Rink Tech. We were paying Rink Tech each quarter but paid balance so 3/30 financials would be clear.
- We are expecting increase in our gas bill and balance for Zamboni loaner
- Conversation regarding supporting the Linn family for the last two Bantam years, registration, fundraising, jerseys, volunteer hours, building assessment. Johnny made a motion, Jody seconded, All in favor.
- Member has reached out to asked if they could donate the ice dividers; Board supports.
- Two grants received in the amounts of \$2500 and \$500

9. Fundraising

Jepson

- April 10th, Purse bingo
- Ice in party at Rush River - Big Cheese food truck will be attending. This is an event only, not fundraising
- Meeting regarding Golf tournament planning, next week.
- Fundraising needs to be decided and communicated by early April
- Raffle drawing will be held at shamrock shootout

10. Building Operations

Bloodhart

- The to-do-list has been started
 - Flooring in the boxes need to be replaced
 - Benches need fixing up
 - Looking at putting up some shelving in the LTS area.
- Paul looking into the process on re-keying the building.

11. Member Engagement Retention/Recruitment

Wilson

- Registration coordinator handoff will be completed in the next two weeks
- Early registration is scheduled for Mid-April
- Conversation around 3% fee for online processing, last year the processing cost is passed to the Members. This will not change.
- If the member registration fee is not paid, skater will not be allowed to try out.
- Kaylan and Chad will work together for transition between Sports Engine to QuickBooks.

12. Girls Coaching Committee

- Russ Swanson has stepped down from girls coaching committee, Kaylan will be looking for replacement.

13. Building Events

White

- Fat boys - decided not to grill but possibly offer pulled pork sandwiches, Catherine looking into.
- Request to send your updated server license to Catherine
- Picnic license, we are limited to two a year.
- Softball tournament - RF Days, we are responsible for renting/requesting the field to hold the tournament. Weekend is July 15th - 18th.
- Email received, family inquiring if they could use the building for a Benefit in the fall for the Linn Family. Jody will follow up and see what their ideas are for follow up.

Motion to adjourn by John; Kevin seconded. All in favor

<u>2020-2021 Calendar - Key Dates</u>	
March 10 th , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm
April 14 th , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm
May 12 th , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm
June 9 th , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm
July 14 th , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm
August 11 th , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm
September 8 th , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm