



General Membership Meeting 3-21-2023 6:00 pm est Ice Box

1) Call to Order: 6:03 pm

PRESENT- Board members: Jim Abercrombie, Sean Bublitz, Karey Ciosta, Anne Clifford, Nick Dames, Jason Hix, Nick Limberopoulos, Brenna Payne, Jon Schubert, Lucas Snyder, Lynne Syer

Guests: Brenden Lambert, Mike McNeill, Dennis Jordan, Pat McMahon

NOT PRESENT- Board member: Lynne Syer

2) Approval of Minutes: approved

3) Treasurer's Report: Nick Limberopoulos, financially strong, with funds still available from hosting 2019 National Tournament. Need to complete end of season reconciliation for Select and Rovers for final assessment determination. Updated process mid-season for paying rinks and refs sooner, need to improve process to additional vendors.

4) Board of Directors Report: Code of Conduct updated. Bylaw updates per USA Hockey. 501 rostered players through IYHL for 2022-23 season.

5) Standing Committee Reports:

Safesport- Jeff Cress, 1 verified Safesport violation this season

DEI- Lucas Snyder, 2nd year for COR (Community Outreach) program increasing to 30 participations (last year 15)

Disciplinary Committee- Jason Hix, no open cases; plan to define a disciplinary committee members for next season

Scheduling- Sean Bublitz, scheduled 1074 events this year with Ice Box and Compton

Indiana State Hockey Association- Lynne Syer, State Tournament 2023 took all Rover and Select teams, new in 2023 Girl's Festival in Indianapolis; Indiana Elite offering full-time, part-time, and girl's travel team options; hopes to increase cooperation amongst all participating organizations

Webmaster- Sean Bublitz, website improvements and fresh information on the homepage

Registrar- Lucas Snyder, USA Hockey rosters, coaching certifications checks for known coaches; only one registrar allowed per organization

Head Coach- Jon Schubert, adopted coaching selection committee with improved documentation of the process; need more coaches, including increased coaching education

Marketing- Karey Ciosta, Back to Hockey Day and Championship Sunday hats; general role to increase promotion of IYHL to keep growing

Fundraising- Brenna Payne, no current league fundraising, researching options to implement for upcoming season

House League- Nick Limberopoulos/Jim Abercrombie, lowered team count at 10U, 12U, and 14U; need more coaches; Brenden Lambert provided practice plans; plans to continue the Trine Crossover event and continue to work with the Garden.

Select/HTP- Lynne Syer, tryouts conducted prior to house evaluations; team count impacted by number of players, goalies, and goalies; 8U and 10U with 2 teams; 12U and 14U with 1 team each; 10U, 12U, and 14U each had 11 practices

Girls/Shamrocks- Brenna Payne, 10U select style team, 12U tournament; plans for full-time travel teams for 2023-24 season

Rovers/NIHL- Karey Circosta, 6 teams with 2 teams plays at PSL level (14UAA, 12UAA), 2 teams at NIHL tournament runner-ups (14UAA, 10UA), and 1 National-bound team (14UAA)

LTP/rental gear- Anne Clifford, Total LTP 157 unique participants (11 did both sessions); Fall LTP 37 of 102 rented gear, Winter LTP 39 of 65 rented gear

Fall Camp- Karey Circosta, practices at Compton and scrimmages at Ice Box; team count with 2 8U groups, 1 10U group, 1 12U/14U combined group; difficulty finding coaches with certifications

Spring Hockey- Nick Dames, awaiting tournament confirmations, plan for 2 tournaments

Facebook/Social Media- Anne Clifford/Karey Circosta, focus on increasing engagement to increase awareness and pride in the IYHL with photos from around the league driving the best engagement

House Sponsors- Karey Circosta, fully filled house team sponsors, looking for other opportunities to recognize sponsors other than house league jerseys

Goalie Equipment- Sean Bublitz, equipment available for lease for those interested in trying goalie, 8U while and blue continue to do best with Quick-Change pads

Jerseys and Apparel- Karey Circosta/Anne Clifford, Back to Hockey shirts, State Tournament and National shirts, jersey hoodies for IYHL, Select, and Rovers, looking to expand IYHL merch and working with Tape2Tape, increasing sizing for house jerseys

Used Equipment Sale- Anne Clifford, tied to Back to Hockey Day, online Facebook group still active

Pictures- Jason Hix/Lynne Syer, positive feedback for 2 years with on-ice pictures

Championship Sunday- Sean Bublitz, great event with positive feedback from visiting tournament director

ND Promotions- Lucas Snyder, 6 opportunities for 8 teams, on-ice pregame for ND games (change from years prior being done at intermission between periods)

2x2 challenge- Anne Clifford, USA hockey initiation for growth with emphasis on 8U level looking at retention (Back to Hockey Day), acquisition (Try Hockey For Free days), and Conversion (getting sign-ups); focusing on Gold level; Roger Sharrer Grant obtained for 2022-23 season for \$5250.00

Referee Development- Lynne Syer, new this year with in-person training and testing, on ice training, and getting experience at 8U level

Nominating Committee- Nick Dames/Nick Limberopoulos/Jon Schubert/Jim Abercrombie- Ice Box construction, Mishawaka site with ice pulled from initial build but facility is being designed to add ice at a later date

- 6) Nominating Committee Report: Lynne Syer, bios submitted for 13 nominees
- 7) Nominations from the Floor: 2 additional nominees from the floor
- 8) Election of members to the Board of Directors: election results- John Alcock II, David Birchmeier, Tyler McGregor, C.J. Owens, Brenna Payne, and Jay Rizzi
- 9) Other Business: South Bend Youth Hockey Board Presentation
- 10) Adjournment: 8:05 pm