

Tornado Youth Hockey  
 Board Meeting  
 8/14/23 6 pm  
 Omni Center



Board Members	Role	Present	Absent
Jen Keer	President	x	
Amy Dzieweczynski	VP	x	
Greg Marso	Treasurer	x	
Gabby Hansen	Secretary	x	
Bryan Helgeson	Past President	x	
Andrea Kelm	Girls Director	x	
Mary Ciano	External Communications	x	
Scott Zietlow	Fundraising Director		x
Steve Stoczynski	Goalie Director	x	
Ron Dehli	Tournament Director	x	
Joan Chodur	Manager's Representative	x	
Kristen Kingery	Registrar	x	
Heather Pryor	Mite Coordinator	x	
Kadie Haug	Mini Mite Coordinator	x	

**Guests:** Becky Dehli

**Call Meeting to Order**

1. Attendance
2. Discuss July minutes - Add update on Jackalopes; Still TBD; edit and these are approved: Bryan motioned to approve, Andrea second approval
3. Review Agenda

**Consent Agenda Items:**

1. Play up policy proposal discussion/approval - **See example proposals attached in email**
  - a. Gabby to mesh SHAW policy and example already made and send to group this week for approval
2. Bylaw update - Adam has revised, Greg will review, Exec committee to review and approve

**Officer Reports:**

1. President
  - a. Non-Parent coaches - how much to pay them? Needs to be updated in handbook
    - i. Coaches registration is planned again for this year via sports engine at same time as player
    - ii. Coaching updates/thoughts: need to connect with list of names from the community; coaches are working on reaching out to contacts as well
    - iii. UWL club team still being asked, reach out to adult hockey group?

- iv. Coaching fees: decided on \$2500 max Bantam, \$2000 max PeeWee, \$1500 max Squirt head coaches
  - 1. Includes hotel and travel, for any level within the age group
  - 2. For assistant coaches TYH will pay for hotel and travel
    - a. note to team manager, maybe teams can pitch in donation at end of season if desired
- v. Past President will reach out to Scott Roush about overseeing non-parent coaching - make him direct contact for anyone interested to review program and needs
- vi. Will continue to work on developing/forming/naming coaching liaison/leaders as we do not have a director of hockey
- b. Modifying days of Mite practice discussion
  - i. Mites will move to Wednesday and Saturday AM, on jamboree weekends will be Sunday afternoon
    - 1. Today we reviewed: Wednesdays 5-7 and Saturday 8-10, backup on conflict days is Sunday 1-3. Jenny will confirm it works with Omni and Mite group
- c. Registration timeline
  - i. Registration will open 8/22/23 through 9/15/23; girls open later and fully separate
  - ii. Mite registration open through November when try hockey for free day is so anyone there can register
  - iii. Cost for 2024 season:
    - 1. Bantam \$695
    - 2. Peewee \$595
    - 3. Squirt \$495
    - 4. Mites \$265
    - 5. LTS \$100
    - 6. No credit card fees for registration
    - 7. Jersey cost is additional \$172, however with funds raised could offset by \$90 for squirts and up? \$100 for jerseys and socks
      - a. Personal fundraisers for self-funded options
    - 8. Steve will notify Scott that they need 6 extra sets of goalie jerseys, NO socks
    - 9. \*\*no further girls registration discussion with CRS group so their cost is not in our budgeted numbers however last year girl's cost was about \$30 less than TYH skaters (set historically without review of use/value), girl's will be sponsored this year per Andrea
      - a. Andrea to get Greg numbers for billing West Salem and Onalaska from last year
      - b. Propose/approve cost for TYH registered CRS girls for 2024:
        - i. 10U: \$395 (was \$425)
        - ii. 12U: \$445 (was \$475)
        - iii. 14U: \$495 (was \$530)
        - iv. This is based on actual ice time cost for Omni center
- d. Mandatory parent meeting(s)
  - i. Likely will do at tryouts
- e. Omni Center Updates

- i. Curling club use of Omni requires all of our games/practice is done by 3pm on Saturday and Sunday
        - 1. No impact on ice surface minus some extra circles
      - ii. Goalie practice will change nights
      - iii. Lockers use in Omni
        - 1. Amy will email Justin about rental cost, would like to keep 1-2
        - 2. Greg will work on reducing equipment in these
    - f. WAHA annual mtg updates - see fwd email from Jenny sent 8/11
      - i. No Play Down requests approved anymore unless approved by USAH for disability
      - ii. Need to appoint/ask for volunteer of Culture Education Liaison/Leader (CEL) - Gabby to send out to organization
      - iii. New WAHA Locker Room Policy - Need Coach or Coach approved monitor present in locker room at all times
        - 1. Will need to be dedicated by team manager/head coach, gets full service hours
      - iv. Approval to purchase GameSheet app for scoring our games (not required this year but will be in 2 years)
        - 1. WAHA will provide Grant for 75% reimbursement for GameSheet app per association this year (will be lower in following years)
        - 2. Cannot run this on a phone
        - 3. Cost is about \$4 per game (for home games)
        - 4. Greg will source ipads and buy them before October.
      - v. Safety Officer (Likely current first aid coordinator)
    - g. Question about nominating someone for a scholarship and waiving volunteer hours
      - i. OK to submit nomination via email for consideration
2. Vice President
  - a. Tryout Plan
    - i. Friday October 6
    - ii. Saturday Oct 7
    - iii. If cannot make tryouts - historically was placed on lowest team, will have alternative plan this year given large number of reach outs for absence due to prior commitments and desire for all kids to be placed appropriately
    - iv. May be some kind of alternative date/plan for those who truly cannot make it
      - 1. Bryan, Kelly, Amy, Jake, Josh, Adam, RG, Scott Roush are the committee
      - 2. Asked for update on process, evaluators, structure - document coming
      - 3. Will have evaluators provide committee eval info and final decision will rest with head person at each level, approved by the board
      - 4. Ice time is booked, figured out how much time was needed at each level
      - 5. Outside evaluators are being found so kids are truly placed on the right team
      - 6. Overall will have less skill based evaluation, more intentional review, watching each skater and how the skaters are together
      - 7. Continuing to work on evaluators
  - b. Bantam development camp had low interest - time shifted around for some pre-tryout times, also Kelly has approved 5 more squirt skaters due to interest

### 3. Treasurer

- a. Registration prices for TYH and CRS - see above
- b. Tournament prices for 23-24
  - i. Per Manager rep, prices vary at all levels \$800-\$1200
  - ii. 2024 season prices:
    - 1. \$850 Bantam
    - 2. \$800 Pee Wee
    - 3. \$750 Squirts
  - iii. Ron to ensure this is updated ASAP
- 4. Secretary
  - a. First aid kits return - Joan will email coaches and managers
- 5. Past President - no report

**Board of Director Reports:**

- 1. Girl's Director - no report
- 2. External Communications
  - a. Gabby send reminder for Kornfest and Copeland events
- 3. Fundraising Director
  - a. Golf Outing was a success.
  - b. Pure Hockey- had a call with Stuart earlier last week to go over our order info.
    - i. Example Jerseys are ahead of schedule so we should be getting these quicker than 6 weeks
    - ii. TYH can order the jerseys directly instead of parents. We can also order the mite jerseys also from Pure Hockey. Mites can have numbers and or numbers/names, TBD.
    - iii. Jerseys come in youth and adult sizes. Stuart sent over size charts
    - iv. Becky Dehli was kind enough to volunteer to help with ordering the jerseys
    - v. Need to review last year's rosters for number verification
    - vi. Pure Hockey online store is ready. Additional items such as Pure Hockey clothing were added. We can go live at any time. 4- 6 week lead time.
  - c. Grants: Becky Dehli submitted for all grants with WAHA. Thank you for doing that!
  - d. There has been some interest in Raffle Coordinators
  - e. Voted on color of mite jerseys (gray, black, purple) these are CCM brand; majority of board voted for purple
- 4. Goalie Director
  - a. Need to pick new time for goalie practice, will email board
- 5. Tournament Director
  - a. Explore La Crosse has reached out about working with them for hotels (did not discuss)
- 6. Manager's Representative
  - a. Away tournament registration - most is done
    - i. All C teams have 2 away tournaments (hardest to get later in year, many are already full and have been since July)
      - 1. PeeWee C: WI Dells "Waterpark Classic" December 8-10, Dodgeville "Ice Wolves" Feb 16-18; Home tournament is Jan 26-28 at Omni
      - 2. Squirt C: Mason City Iowa (will send all Squirt levels to this tournament) December 15-17, Sun Prairie Jan 6-7, Home tournament Feb 9-11
      - 3. Bantam tournaments being managed by Kristen Fay
- 7. Registrar-no report
- 8. Mite Coordinator-no report

9. Mini Mite Coordinator-no report, see above for mite discussions

**Old Business**

September board meeting moved to 9/18/23 6pm.

Closed Executive board meeting to be held immediately following this meeting.

Adjourn 955pm