

Fremont Flyers Board Meeting

December 2022

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

In attendance: Dan O'Malley, Justin Quick, Angie Wyle, Warren Peters, Amanda Buzzell

Absent: Allyssia Nieman

(Open Session)

- Approval of Minutes from November
 - Motion to approve November minutes by Dan
 - i. Seconded by Justin
 - ii. Approved - All

(Closed Session)

- Hockey Operations
 - Travel Director Report (Warren)
 - Have shuffled some tournaments as usual, dealt with minor disciplinary issues. All have gone well. It's about to get busy at every level. Plan to look at all rosters to make sure we are compliant and covered throughout the season. Anticipating illness, injury and the potential of players not finishing the season.
 - We will be receiving a check and a credit next year for the Blaine tournament that we pulled out of because of Silver Sticks. They issued a 50% refund and a 50% credit toward next year.
 - Warren will go through the rosters to make sure we have everyone on the roster by December 31.
 - House Director Report (Jason Buzzell)
 - In Squirt House after the first two games of the season where the two teams combined for a 4-0 record outscoring opponents 53-4 in league play, they were off from Omaha league play in November for some unique opportunities; the "House Combined" team joined together for their first games of the season at the Fremont Freeze against area "C" level teams from Sioux City, Ames and against the 10U Girls. They also played against the 12UB girls last week. Our traditional house teams (with all the select players) both went undefeated in the Thurber C tournament round robin beating Wichita's travel team as well as tying and beating the Omaha "House Select" team. The two ended up in the final where Silver won 2-0. They play again in the annual December game on Dec. 20 at 5:45 p.m. House Combined has a doubleheader in Omaha on Dec. 18 with select out of town in Mason City.
In Pee Wee House, after a 7-2 loss on Nov. 20 to move to 2-2 in league play, the team had a tough time at the Thurber C as Omaha's team is more at the "B" level and they also had to play against Wichita and Kearney's Travel teams, but ended the weekend playing a Des Moines team (Des Moines has started to create two "house all star teams" that attend a couple tournaments instead of submitting a house select team in Midwest) and had such a good matchup, the team was inquiring about trying to get a friendly or two with them scheduled in the new year if budgets work. They get back to league play Dec. 18 in their only home games of the season with a doubleheader of their own. Tigers positive feedback from coaches.
 - Coaching Director Report (Warren)
 - We have struggled with mite coaches but had a bunch of coaches step up at the Brandon Valley Tournament. Credentials are slowly being completed. We have had a good response from parents at all levels stepping up to help with scheduling complications and voids. BT A- Kloke, BT B- Vigil, PW house- Sinclair, Mites- Evert, Carrol, Bird, Hallstrom, Eklund plus others that helped in Brandon Valley.

Next we will be more on top of making sure all the coaches have credentials up to date earlier in the season.
Working on exemptions for Parrone and Ortmeyer.

- Finances
 - Scholarship/Collections - Scholarship funds from current funder will not be approved for non-Fremont families.
 - Dan makes motion to cover every family under scholarship list that was not covered . Warren seconded. All approved. For that scholarship, communicate that people living in Omaha do not qualify for the scholarship.
- Ongoing Business (Consent Agenda)
 - Review of Director's Report
 - Hockey Operations
 - Registrars Report – All rosters are closer to being locked in. Everything needs to be in and changes made before Dec 20 so that we have time to get them approved. Warren is working on coaching compliance and is also learning the registration process to be able to help with the registrar position. The plan is to take this off the “Rink Director”, it creates a conflict regardless of the individual in that seat. Jason Buzzell is willing to help with the house rosters, I will put my name on the registrar and handle travel teams. Good news, we are close to being set for the season. I will own the 12/31 deadline, nationals, any double rostering and specifically the Warbirds.
 - Midwest/MWAHA Representative Report –
 - Youth Hockey League Report
 - Coaches Report – Nothing new to report
 - Equipment Report –
 - Fundraising –
 - Janet Jungle - check was mailed on Monday with each skater total that will need to be deducted from their final bill along with the total of donations made towards the rink. They have offered to do a mothers day flower fundraiser for us as well however these funds would go directly to the rink and not the individual skater.
 - Smitten - check should have already been received in the amount of \$209
 - Crush Pizza - I am picking up the check today and will drop tomorrow
 - BWW - extremely disappointing as they report only earning \$69, has this check been received?
 - Items to plan/discuss
 - skate-a-thon
 - When do we have open ice?
 - Donated pork and sell sandwiches
 - this will require a committee
 - Gala/event
 - I am working with the Fremont Golf Club to see what they would charge us for the space, food, and 2 drink tickets to hold a gala. I recommend tables of 8 seats and sell each table at \$800 or \$125 a ticket. Tickets would include a meal and 2 drink tickets. Cash bar. Centerpieces from Janet Jungle that could be auctioned off. Request that MJ Meyers speaks at the event give the who, the why, the what. Silent auction but NO item exceeding \$599 and we would request these items be donated.
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 - Spring - April - before people get busy with graduations
 - Website, Social Media & Marketing – Brandon Pappas has been working on cleaning up the website. Jason and I have been gathering information and have started writing spotlights to share the Flyers stories. I've reached out to Dawnetta Westman about her helping to gather and write some of these stories.
 - Safe Sport-
 - Disciplinary Committee Report- Not on the committee, player suspensions have been communicated and received well by coaches, managers, parents and players. Seems to be going well.
 - Bank Balances – **Refer to chart below**
 - Team Reports
 - House Update (Jason Buzzell) – See above
 - Travel Update (Warren) – See above
 - Tigers High School Hockey Update

- New Business/Follow-Ups from last meeting
 - Finances
 - Delinquency/Collections - Refer to Handout, I will commit to calling all delinquencies before the end of the week.
 - Warbirds DSM Kids Ice Fees - Not charging DSM kids. Ice Fees are covered, Meeting with Jeff this week to solidify his roster well before the 12/30 deadline.
 - Squirt Fundraising- I would like to have a discussion about this. I feel that they really went off the rails and didn't follow guidelines or fully discuss this with Allyssia or the board. (Allyssia tell me if I'm wrong) They have solicited a bunch of sponsors from in town that we had discussed as a group not going after including people who are on the Y Chariperson Roundtable who we're not supposed to solicit. They've also ran their own concession stand in the lobby selling many of the same things my concession stand sells competing with it. I have no problem with them selling things that we don't sell such as cookies and baked goods, etc but have a problem with them selling coffee, hot chocolate, candy bars. The chuck-a-puck and split the pots have went well for them too. I think someone needs to just give them some clear parameters. I will say they are a very eager group and we could task them to do more that would benefit the program as a whole and they'd be good at it. I'm willing to help be there to support or deliver the message. Allyssia- we can work together on the message. I was not aware of selling items in the lobby or going after sponsors from organizations that we discussed. In my conversations with the Squirt parents I was very clear to not go after big organizations such as LPP, Wholestone, Dillons, Diers, Don Peterson, RTG, DPA, or any bank and to run it by me to make sure we were not competing with the organization. I was only aware of the chuck the puck and the split the pot events.
 - PeeWee Fundraising - I had a PeeWee parent reach out to me as well asking about where the team could ask for companies/restaurants to donate as she did not want to duplicate. I let her know the restaurants I have been in contact with: LA Fire Door, Raising Canes, Gambino, Renita, Chuy, Jimmy Johns, Keno, and Runza.
 - Suggestion for next year is that we do not allow teams to go rogue and do their own sponsorships and fundraising, it is creating a competition with the organization.
- Next Meeting – Monday, January 23 at 8 pm

		As of 11-17-2022				
		Balance				
Bank Accounts		QB Balance		Bank Balance	Outstanding Fees	Upcoming Bills
	Travel	\$ 137,904.45		\$ 142,168.79	\$ 202,188.00	\$ 35,840.32
High School		\$ 30,399.26				
Warbirds		\$ 3,088.22				
Bantam A		\$ 16,336.56				
Bantam B		\$ 13,505.62				
PeeWee		\$ 21,924.68				

	Select	\$ 21,222.82		\$ 25,722.82			
Bantam		\$ -					
PeeWee		\$ (4,400.00)					
Squirt Gold		\$ (4,094.50)					
Squirt Silver							
	House	\$ 135,520.22		\$ 137,263.54			
	Registration	\$ 7,705.00		\$ 7,705.00			
	Fundraising	\$ (34,800.00)		\$ 2,066.38			
	Emergency			\$ -			
	Total Money in Bank			\$ 289,203.71			