



Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 6th, 2025, 6:00PM
Notre Dame Arena

Board Members in Attendance: Kari W, Serena W, CJ V, Mike B, Zach C, Derek P, Samantha R, Evan B, Josh T, Jason D, Christine G, Maranda M, Kelly T Scott V, Zach C

Absent Board Members: Carl W, Scott T

Non-board Members in Attendance: Adrian L, Dave B

1) Meeting to Order: 6:00 pm Zach C

2) Approval of Minutes:

A. December Meeting Minutes

i. Zach C – Motion to approve.

1. Jason D – First Approval

2. Serena W – Seconded

3) Treasurer's Report

A. CJ V – We had a fundraiser in the month of December that brought in a substantial amount of revenue, received the check for the 3rd quarter of LiveBarn for \$440.48, and received recalculated taxes in the amount of \$125.39 from the casino. Also, in miscellaneous donations we received \$500.00 from Joe Dupuis to go towards the 10U Squirt team. In expenses, we had ice time, postage, QuickBooks payment fees, and tournament costs.

4) Old Business

A. Bruins Alumni Wrap-Up

i. CJ V – This was a very successful fundraiser. We brought in revenue of \$25,971.68, expenses came to \$11,145.54, and we had a net profit of \$14,826.14.

ii. Zach C – I would like to thank everyone who helped with this. It was a big undertaking. We received some positive feedback. They said it was extremely well run and professional and everyone had fun.

B. Fundraising Policy

i. Zach C – This was sent out late, not sure if it was read or not.

ii. Christine G – The purpose of this was to draft something we could have a discussion about. There are some areas that brought about questions. Like what to do with the money raised if specific reason for fundraising was cancelled and if certain team raises money then how do they use the remaining raised.

iii. Derek P – It was awesome to see something written up. One thing to add would be to have a time line for approval or whether or not a team is approved to individually fundraise. Do we make them wait until the following meeting or do we base it off the situation?

1. Christine G – When presented to the board, we could potentially approve it that meeting.

2. CJ V – We could maybe put that an answer would be given within 7 days.

3. Evan B – I think we should create a fundraising policy instead of adding to bylaws.
 - a. Christine G – What is the difference?
 - i. Evan B – We could approve policy without changing bylaws.
 - ii. CJ V – Bylaws are not detailed. Policy could be.
 - b. Derek P – So, if we do not put in the bylaws then it can be scraped at any time?
 - c. CJ V – I think we could put something in the bylaws about fundraising, but only referencing policy. That way there is a policy in place and keeps it accountable and on the books.
4. Mike B – I think we need to add how policies and procedures are created and how to amend in our bylaws. Need to also include how often they need to be reviewed. This would give us the ability to modify at any time.
 - a. Evan B – These should fall in line with NH hockey bylaws. It would be easier to change but we need to add policies into the bylaws.
 - b. Scott V – Bylaws can be changed at any time.
- iv. Christine G – Is there anything else besides time line to add to section?
 1. Derek P – This is to be voted on by the whole board correct, not just e board?
 - a. Christine G – Yes, the whole board, not just e board?
- v. Josh T – Is it a requirement for teams to register through charitable trust individually?
 1. Evan B – No, BYH is so every team would just fall in line
- vi. Derek P – Are we going through the whole thing tonight?
- vii. Zach C – I suggest take out any (e.g.).
- viii. Christine G – What I think I have the most question on is: what happens if the tournament or specific thing you fundraise for falls through? Do you identify back up at the beginning?
 1. Kari W – I think it would be case by case.
 2. Evan B – Would be easier to identify a backup plan if canceled than have them come back to the board to ask to use it for something else.
 3. Derek P – If cannot be spent out, then it needs to come back to general fund.
 - a. Kelly T – Or we can put any extra funds into the tournament fund.
 4. Derek p – Need to make sure clearly state what you are fundraising for. Make sure to include the team and reason.
 - a. Christine G – I agree with that and I have it in there.
- ix. Adrian L – Does the money follow the team?
 1. Christine G – There is no real way for it to. The team would not be the same.
 2. Mike B – Need to spend money by end of season before team breaks up.
- x. CJ V – Section 3 number one, do we need to create separate checking for this?
 1. Scott V – How are we doing the Lake Placid tournament fund?
 - a. Kari W – It is attached to CJ personally. Lake Placid has separate account all together.
 - i. CJ V – I have a google spreadsheet on how we did things.
 2. Derek P – Could it go into the tourney account?
 - a. Evan B – That could get messy.
 - b. CJ V – If I am spending the money you will see in p and l. Do we think we would have to make separate savings or checking for each team?
 - i. Serena W – We can have the coach work with you for this.

3. Dave B – What if you did agreement with the coach? Have them sign it and explain to treasurer expenses.

a. Josh T – Establishing a contract with the coach will hold them accountable for where funds are going and make sure it is not being misused.

4. CJ V – Venmo has a card to use to buy or make purchases we could do separate Venmo accounts per team.

a. Christine G – I think whoever is going to put this on for their team should be responsible for providing documentation and we should be good. We want to have checks and balances.

xi. Samantha R – We need to make sure that we realize that we still fundraise for the whole organization not just team by team. Need to also be clear there should be no businesses asked by individual teams for any donations.

1. Kari W – I agree no businesses.

2. CJ V – I think it is different if a business solicits your team. I know there are some grandparents that may want to help and have asked to use tax id number to use donation as a write off. Do we give them the tax id number or no?

a. Evan B – I think you are donating to BYH anyways, so let them have it.
i. CJ V – We do not pay taxes because we are a 5013c. I think we are able to offer our tax id as it is being used for youth hockey.

b. Mike B – As part of taxes, do you need to indicate anything on taxes?

i. CJ V – Only if donation is over \$5,000 I have to claim. But, anything we do charitable, I need to claim.

5) New Business

A. 2025-2026

i. Evaluations, Registration, Spring Raffle

1. Zach C – Registration will be \$50 again for early, \$250 for late registrations. The arena is looking at having the ice out pending last week of March or first couple days in April. We could do an ID skate once during last week. If we go to him and buy ice might be able to stretch the time line, but would want to go to him with plan.

a. Evan B – The reason to stretch it to April is because 18u team tier 2.

b. Kari W – We would have to watch until after national tournament which I think would be the 11th and 12th.

i. Zach C – They came up with new rule not to have tryouts before April 1st for national bound teams. Teams have kids come in for practice and bring kids in for next year. Really goes on down state for teams that play at tier 1/2 levels.

2. CJ V – Do we know when the Chabot Cups are? Talked about last year doing it after Chabot Cup and making it a fun weekend day of parent games. Maybe buy all Saturday and make it an event. Do raffles and have fun stuff. Think if we do 4/5-4/6, we could do parent skates on Saturday and host all team games. Have the parents participate and bring crockpots.

a. Kelly T – If you go in with a plan, he most likely will not say no to sell us the ice time. I am willing to talk to Joe if we have a plan. It does not make sense for us to have to travel for evaluations and give money to another rink.

- i. CJ V – I think if we offer to buy more ice time, might be an incentive for them. Money would talk for them if we commit to purchasing more ice time. We could do 2 ice time every night of week.
 - 3. CJ V – I think we would like to have registrations close by May 20th the latest. That way we can keep the funds in this fiscal year.
 - a. Kari W – Would like to register kids after April 1st.
 - b. Derek P – I heard there is going to be a big influx of rec kids. Heard it will be a lot of 10U kids.
 - c. Kari W – If we wait until after April 1st the rec kids would not have to get prior year USA hockey.
 - i. Dave B – Could you do evaluations and have families come with USA hockey numbers or set up computers and have them sign up right here.
 - 1. Kari W – It needs to be done prior. There is stuff behind scenes that needs to be done before they can go on the ice.
 - 4. Kari W – We could put in for try hockey for free day? We would have expense of ice. I have to apply for waiver.
 - a. Derek P – Do they not need USA hockey number for that?
 - i. Kari W – I would have to apply for waiver.

B. LTS Second Session

- i. Zach C – There will be about 15-20 kids or so. Most returning.
 - 1. Samantha R – There have been some parents complaining of other kids hitting kids.
 - a. Dave B – I was there and spoke to parents after I addressed it. It was fine just kids being kids.
 - i. Christine G – Maybe we can have older kids out there helping.
 - ii. Samantha R – Still need to take care of it as 2-3 parents have complained.

6) Public Comments

A. Dave B – What are we doing about Marlborough?

- i. Zach C – It has not been brought up, not a lot of money in the tournament account.
 - 1. Dave B – How much would we need for Marlborough?
 - a. CJ V – Enough to send at least 8 teams. Last few years it has been touch and go with last minute cancelations at all levels. We have \$5,700 in the account which is not enough to send everyone.
 - b. Kelly T – We have spoke about other places.
 - ii. Adrian L – We could find one more accommodating for all teams to be able to participate in. We know Lake Placid is expensive. I have spoken to many parents and most are on board because they have fun. Talk about Vermont or even southern Massachusetts. But, why aren't we looking for others if we are not going to Marlborough? All kids enjoy the Marlborough tournament. Just a suggestion to look harder for next year for a tournament as a whole group again.
 - 1. CJ V – I think because our acct isn't full. We would have to allocate funds into that account.
 - 2. Kari W – We did Spin-o-rama and that is how Marlborough started originally.

- a. Christine G – Just look at how successful this one fundraiser was. It sent the whole organization to another tournament for years.
 - 3. Dave B – I want to do it this year. But, if we are not going, then I would like to ask for \$1,295 for another tournament for my team. Our states are here.
 - a. Scott V – Would need to find something close by with several rinks. Could consider participating in one in Tri Town. Not huge, but have multiple age groups. Think they waived home fees.
 - i. Samantha R – Yes, I believe.
- iii. Christine G – How do we go about coordinating something like this?
 - 1. Kari W – We would have to start in September and October.
 - 2. Samantha R – I agree with Kari and then I contact about room blocks for entire organization.
 - 3. Dave B – I think coaches need to push parents to get more involved.
 - a. Samantha R – I think more people need to be involved to help.
 - b. Scott V – I think we need to go back to the idea of dibs/charge more.
 - i. Christine G – Need to make a benefit for people who contribute to helping.
- B. Adrian L – We need to do something about the jerseys. I have heard from multiple teams that they were so glad that we played the farm league this week. Can we get new jerseys? It cannot be that much. Our kids do not even have names on jerseys. Then you could give the current kids their jerseys to use as practice jerseys.
 - i. Samantha R – We would probably have to put the expense of buying new jerseys if they are customized with names on the parents.
 - 1. Jason D – Parents are saying they do not mind.
 - 2. Mike B – We don't want to raise tuition, but we could have parents buy them.
 - 3. Scott V – We would need to tell parent that they have an additional expense of a jersey.
 - 4. Kelly T – We could do it as they come in as new mite.
- C. Adrian L – I am also moving forward on the motorcycle ride fundraiser that we spoke about previously over the summer for this upcoming year. I am working with Paula from the Chamber of Commerce. Once I get more information and dates, then I will be presenting it to BYH and discuss with you guys on where we want to put the money. Maybe some funds for kids that cannot afford to pay to play.
 - i. CJ V – We have had donations for that specific situation in the past. They were very specific on why it was donated and that it is to go to kids that cannot afford to pay to play. We have depleted those donations.

7) Around the Horn

- A. Christine G – Are we having someone come do some camps again here at the rink?
 - i. CJ V – If we get in or look into something at the beginning of season like we did this year, it would help incentivize getting the ice in earlier.
- B. Derek P – Other organizations like Manchester all start tryouts and registrations in February. Why we waiting so long?
 - i. Kari W – We are waiting for the new year's USA hockey numbers. We have always done it in the fall. Last year we did it in spring. Had to do multiple registration numbers.
 - 1. Dave B – Can you do a waiver for one day?
 - a. Kari W – All BYH kids are good, it would be the others without a current USA hockey number. We could do tryouts before, just not registration.

- ii. Scott V – Those organizations do it early because they have 3 teams at all levels.
 - 1. Derek P – I do not want to wait to do tryouts. Why can we not open registration in February?
 - a. Kari W – They make players pay, we do not. Would have to get all new USA hockey numbers and chase them down and update. Double the work.
 - b. Jason D – If new player to here, then they would have to register twice.
 - i. Kari W – We can have evaluations without registration. I am fine with letting people tryout for free.
 - c. Dave B – Realistically, how many kids are without USA hockey?
 - iii. Serena W – Why are we even doing evaluations and worrying about registering kids? You know who is moving up and where kids are going to be. Do you guys even use the results of the tryouts truly?
 - 1. Christine G – Some kids are in the middle. If we did tryouts earlier and known of them are knew. You kind of know what team looks like. You have an idea of where they will probably fall.
 - 2. Kari W – So many registered last year that ended up not playing. It screwed up the team numbers last year.
 - 3. Derek P – I do not want to fight with this in September to fill a roster. There is an issue for 10U. We have about 18 and not sure if one team or two.
 - a. Kari W – Moving tryouts will not do anything for that issue.
 - iv. Samantha R – So if we are doing spring tryouts, when are we telling kids what team they made?
 - 1. Zach C – You need to tell them what team they made. Need to decide when. Could charged \$50 for tryouts. Then say, this is the team you made, to reserve a spot you need to submit a payment?
 - 2. Samantha R – This year regardless, need to put more kids on the lower team then have the opportunity to move them to upper team if need to. We really screwed two teams this year.
 - a. Dave B – So default make lower team bigger roster to begin.
 - b. Scott V – I have been doing this a long time and this is the first time we had 5 players drop before the season began.
 - c. Christine G – If put more on lower team could give kids an incentive to work hard if spot opens to show what they have.
 - i. Josh T – It would be a solid incentive.
 - ii. Dave B – Issue is coach might not want to lose player.
 - 1. Samantha R – That would be selfish.
 - v. Zach C – So, if kid is coming from rec, let's just waive the registration fee and have them pay for USA hockey numbers.

8) Next Meeting Date: Zach feb 11th 6pm '

9) Meeting Adjourned at: 7:35pm – Zach C