



Board Meeting Minutes 09-24-23, 6:00 pm est, IB

In attendance, in person: John Alcock II, David Birchmeier, Anne Clifford, TJ Collins, Tyler McGregor, CJ Owens, Brenna Payne, Jay Rizzi, Brandon Yates

Guests: Brenden Lambert, Mike McNeill

In attendance, on phone: Jim Abercrombie, Nick Dames

1) Call to Order: 6:15pm

2) Adoption of Agenda: approved

3) Approval of Minutes: approved

4) Treasurer's Report: Completing an accountant walk through- looking back to 2019 and an overview of QuickBooks. Continuing to distribute assessment checks. Check requests for tournaments taking 7-10 days; bank card is much more efficient.

5) Executive Board Report: SB Youth Hockey on 9/5- new chiller setup. NIHL president meeting- locker room monitor (AHAI) must be in locker rooms, neck guards optional, mouth guards are required for 12U+. MidAm Zoom- formalize discipline documentation, locker room monitors need to be circled on score sheet (coach in locker room is ok) can get other adults rostered. Return to play concussion form- McGregor can help expedite the process that the coach fills out when concussion occurs, then parent replies with form that they are safe to return (let coaches know this new rule). New board member- TJ Collins will become part of the house committee, select committee, and will help with player development. USA Hockey has changes we need to make in our bylaws which members will need to vote on at the Oct General Meeting. This involved redefining members of our league and their voting privileges.

Sending to lawyer to wordsmith.

6) Committee Reports:

a. SafeSport Coordinator – Cress, no update

b. DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)/COR – Alcock, 17 new players. New skates received from grant- Tape2Tape sharpened them. Next year we will split the COR program between IB and Compton. Thank you Riley and Penn High Schools for helping.

c. Discipline– McGregor, looking at new discipline document for spectators per Mid Am.

d. Scheduling – Rizzi, Working with rinks on Finnly. Notre Dame has provided October sheet and will be upload Monday. Working with Icebox to get their schedule loaded in first with Finnly api call to SportsEngine

e. Indiana State Hockey Association (ISHA)– Abercrombie/Dames, August meeting

included Hockey Directors from most Associations. Each group sets up a little differently on how practice plans are prepared and how players are developed. Almost all associations have a "hockey director" that is in their association with the majority having this as a paid position. This is mostly part time employment. As a group, discussed creating a Statewide resources for coaches in respect to Drills. Giving all leagues the ability to access video and drill content created by our associations.

f. Webmaster – Rizzi, created the Rover team registrations. Met with Finnly and setup the api to SportsEngine, need Phil Nowak to do something particular on his end to work, will be meeting with Finnly again this week to finalize

g. Registrar – Dames, All Rovers and Shamrocks Teams are approved with eligible members. As coaches and managers finalize their requirements, they are being notified they can be on the ice/bench. Lambert has been providing Coaches' CEP numbers and I have been bringing them into our portal and reviewing qualifications.

h. Head Coach – Birchmeier/McGregor, Need to post coaching apps for Select and House asap. Been working with Brendan to get a list of requirements for coaches that need items done to be on bench. Coaching clinic scheduled at the IB with Brendan on October 3rd.

i. Girls/Shamrocks - Payne Confirming states option. Seeding games currently taking place until third weekend in October.

j. Rovers/NIHL – Dames, 14u - decided on one team. 12U with three teams. Budgets have been created. Compton doing skills on Tuesdays.

k. House League – Abercrombie/Owens, meeting with Brenden, CJ, TJ parent meeting with rostered coaches. IYHL zoom meeting- answer questions about this coming year.

l. Select/HTP – Rizzi/Alcock, All tournaments set up. Yates sent check to HTP. Select- two week turnaround before first tournament. Put tentative schedule out before tryouts. Currently planning on 2 8U teams and 1 each at 10, 12, and 14U. Tryout dates have been set and working to finalize the beginning practice schedule. Head coach committee will work with Select Committee to decide coaches. Rizzi plans to function as point person on evals and select coaches; Alcock has handled all scheduling.

m. Learn to Play/Rental gear – Alcock, 65 players, 22 players using rental gear. High School coverage for all sessions except the last one. Need 3-4 players to help with scrimmages.

n. Fall Camp - Alcock, 10U and 12-14U have between 25-30 kids in their groups. Compton bringing in helpers. 48 kids split between 2 groups in 8U.

o. Spring Hockey - Birchmeier, no update

p. Marketing - Payne, no update.

q. USA Hockey Hat Trick Challenge/Roger Sharrer Award- McGregor/Owens, receipts are in. THFF - Nov. 4 and Feb. 24 for girls.

r. Facebook/Social Media - Payne/Owens, blasting out Select and House. Will advertise our home games on social. Make sure parents know they can send us pics.

s. Sponsors - 30 house sponsors, 2 gold level sponsors for Travel. Plan to get logos ready for jerseys.

t. Goalie Equipment – Rizzi, loaner equipment has been returned. Need crease markers.

- u. Goalie Development- Rizzi/Payne, Look at using high school goalies on the ice during practices.
- v. Jerseys and Apparel - Birchmeier, Rovers jerseys are ordered, things should roll in soon. House jerseys are in need to sort logos and what divisions they will be in. Can't screen until after assessments. Select jerseys are being remade.
- w. Used Equipment Sale - Owens, checks are sent out to sellers. Sale went well.
- x. Pictures - McGregor, waiting for schedule- second week of house practice
- y. Championship Sunday - Owens, no update.
- z. ND Promotions – Owens, Notre Dame hockey schedule is officially out so as soon as we have 6U rosters and coaches finalized. will contact and start scheduling intermission games.
- aa. Nominating Committee – Rizzi, no update.
- bb. Rink development- IYHL board, no update
- cc. Fundraising- Payne, HundredX push- incentivize families to participate in survey taking in the month of November. Need ideas for incentives.

8) Next Meeting:

SUNDAY 10/22, 6:30 pm ND, monthly board meeting

9) Adjournment: 8:40pm