

**CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at 7 pm**

President	2023	Bob Normand	
Vice President	2022	Steve Gibbs	
Treasurer	2023	Jennifer Lindstrom	
Secretary	2022	Jodi Ash	
Board members	2022	Billy Bergh	2023 Trevor Bohland
		Cyrena Black	Barry Bohman
		Eric Mueller	Brad Martin
		Nick Hart	Connie Fedie
			Chris Buesgen

Others in attendance:

- 1. General Meeting:** Several figure skating club members were in attendance and inquired how long the morning ice would continue. Barry confirmed that the morning ice will be at summer rates through September, then switch to free ice for members in October. Collecting fees can be tedious. Jennifer will look into auto-withdrawal.
- 2. Secretary's Report:** The May meeting minutes were sent and approved via email.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Sent via email, Steve approved, Cyrena seconded
- 4. Correspondence/Officer Reports**
 - President's Report: Bob presented new USA hockey rules that will be adopted by WAHA. For example, no icing on power play in Bantams.
 - Vice President's Report: None
- 5. Old Business**

- a. Covid-19:** *Barry made a motion to repeal all Covid-19 rules, but to continue cleaning. Eric seconded. Motion carried.* Barry will take the mask signs down and turn the water fountains back on.
- b. Summer cleaning:** Jodi Ash and Monica Laux will be keeping track of association members that clean the rink and complete other needed tasks using a spreadsheet similar to last year. An email was sent out to the association with more information and who to contact with what has been completed. Our summer cleaning person may be stepping down, so we need to start looking for a replacement. The Board discussed asking members to clean in exchange for use of the facility (i.e. shooting cage, weight room, ice).
- c. Changing of by-laws:** Steve previously emailed a draft of the by-law changes which essentially protect the principal of the endowment fund that we just set up. Members must be notified of the changes and encouraged to attend the next meeting when they are expected to be approved.
- d. Review repairing/repairing parking lot proposals:** Barry is still working on this, trying to get part of it donated.
- e. Website and Site Content Updates:** Still looking for someone to tackle this. Steve has some leads.
- f. Boy Scout Leadership Dinner vote:** Approved at the last meeting, Bob will confirm with the volunteers selected to attend. Jennifer will secure the table.
- g. Review photography proposals:** *Connie summarized the proposals for the Board, recommending Giles Photography, Barry seconded, motion carried.*

6. New Business

- a. Leak on Cooling system:** temporarily repaired but considering additional valves to buy us some time at a cost of \$20K and minimal loss of ice time.
- b. Switch of Coolant:** long-term may include switching to synthetic coolant because freon supplies are short.
- c. Cooling Tower:** may need to be replaced. Barry gathering quotes.
- d. Wi-fi:** Bob gathered proposals for improving our wi-fi service. The cost is estimated to be \$12,000 to complete all phases which will improve wi-fi performance, reduce our Spectrum/Charter Communications cost, and allow us to increase rent prices for renters who use the service (Steel and Chi-Hi). Phase I will cost \$5,500. *Steve motioned to move forward with Phase I, Cyrena seconded. Motion carried.*
- e. WI Selects banner –** The WI Selects Girls Ice Badger team do not have a home rink in which to hang their recent banner. They would like to hang it in our rink because they practice here often. *Steve motioned to approve, Barry seconded, motion carried.*

7. Committee Reports

- a. Finance/Administration (Jennifer, Trevor)**
 - i. Insurance Review:** About 5 companies responded to the RFP. Jennifer will summarize the responses for the finance committee to decide next week.

b. Special Events (Brad M, Cyrena)

- i. **Bingo:** The jackpot was won by two individuals on June 16th.
- ii. **Steel:** Will be running AAA camps this summer at our rink
- iii. **2021 Golf Outing: Facing a potential cart shortage**

c. On-Ice (Chris, Nick)

- i. **PDC update:** Need coaches, PDC will review non-parent compensation
- ii. **Game Scheduler:** Bob and Connie working on the schedule
- iii. **Summer Hockey Update:** First week is going well, some groups need to be better listeners
- iv. **Ice maintenance:** Bob and Barry recommended keeping both rinks going this summer. Frost is not a concern, both rinks were down last summer, and we could move to an every other year schedule going forward.
- v. **Ice rental:** Ice time is in high demand. Eau Claire figure skaters are our largest renter. Barry suggested lowering the rate in the winter during off-peak times to maximize usage and ice rental revenue. There are several Zamboni drivers who would be available to clean the ice.

d. Facilities (Billy, Darrell, Barry)

- i. **Zamboni maintenance:** Annual offsite Zamboni training is cancelled this summer due to Covid. Barry suggested that we bring the training to our rink when the new Zamboni arrives.
- ii. **Rink Manager Update:** Bob reported that we received a peak Xcel Energy alert last week when the outside temperature was really hot. We get charged extra for failing to adjust.
- iii. **Building Maintenance:** Need a volunteer to pull weeds in exchange for volunteer hours. This is also one of the tasks on the cleaning check-list that will be sent out to the association.
- iv. **Capital Improvements:** See new business above.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date: Wednesday, July 21st @ 7 pm