

## 2024-2025 Cottage Grove Hockey Association

### CGHA Board Meeting

January 6, 2024 – Cottage Grove VFW

#### Board Members (X = Present):

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|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| President: Chris Rudh          |   | Bantam Director: Josh Munger     | x | Girls Program Director: Tyson Terry | x |
| Vice Pres. Ops: Dave O'Brien   | x | Peewee Director: Chris Westphall | x | Girls 10U Director: Nicole Gilman   | x |
| Vice Pres. Admin: Brian Buffie |   | Squirt Director: Alex Rettof     | x | Girls 8U Director: Chris Kubesh     | x |
| Registrar: Tom Wassmund        | x | Mite Director: Jake Benson       | x | Junior Gold Director: Chad Rediske  | x |
| Budget Director: Tom Johnson   |   | Mini Mite Director: Zac Paulson  | x | Hockey Director: Nick Harris        |   |

#### Non-voting (X = Present):

|                                 |   |                              |   |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Communications: Sharon Kortus   | x | Fundraising: Andrea Erickson | x | Tournaments: Abigail Polson     | x |
| D8 Liaison: Dan Olson           | x | Ice Manager: Matt McMorrow   |   | Mite Equipment: Nicole Tvedt    |   |
| Apparel Manager: Ronda Ellevold |   | HockeyFest: Shauna Paulson   | x | Volunteer/Dibs: Linnea Gamache  |   |
| Webmaster: Andrea Harms         | x | Recruiting: Nicole Gilman    |   | Tryout Committee/ Katie Dalzell | x |

#### Meeting Start:

- Meeting called to order 7:03pm

#### Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- Motion by: Chad Redoske
- Second by: Josh Munger
- All Approved

#### Committee Reports:

- Recruiting (Nicole Gilman):
  - Nothing at this time
- Equipment (Nicole Tvedt):
  - Nothing at this time
- Goalies (Brian Buffie):
  - Nothing at this time
- HockeyFest / Jamboree(s) (Shauna Paulson):
  - All coordinators roles filled and they are actively working. Started collecting baskets. Food is being worked on, Junction 70 donating walking tacos and HyVee is donating. Will be hearing soon about Goldy and Nordy and got approved for 50/50 raffle.
  - Coaches game, how was this done in the past? Should we use a google doc?
- Fundraising (Andrea Erickson):

- o 9 calendars left out of 6100
- o One family has no communications at all.
- Ice Manager (Matt McMorrow):
  - o Ice is pretty much booked for the year. So far we had to get an additional 40 sessions at different rinks that I have booked. Teams may have gotten some additionally as well. This has been at Hastings, Richfield, Lumberyard, Woog and Highlands. I am still waiting for Hastings Feb ice return to see if we can use some of that additionally.
  - o As we get into playoffs I will work with the teams to see if they want practices during district playoffs. They likely will be at a different rink but I will work to get them on the ice. If they advance further we will get them a couple more hours.
  - o I have already started working with John on next year's plan. I would need to get the plan for next year's hosted tourneys, HockeyFest-even though we haven't gotten to this years. Mite Jamboree has been identified. If there are special dates needed this spring/summer/fall please let me know. I am going to try and work with the rink and HS coaches to get a more favorable schedule so we don't have to fight two HS games on two different rinks next year. The rink loves it as it only needs one staff for the games but it basically kills a night of practices for the association.
  - o Tryouts for next year we have to start looking at dates. My suggestion would be to start about a week earlier. At least at Ban/U15/PW/U12. That will allow for more solo ice early on and possible scrimmages that everyone is looking for.
  - o We are still working though the last bit of game reschedules. Hopefully we don't have any more. Bad weather has missed us so far.
  - o Level directors please get with your teams and see how many teams added a tournament. It may make sense just to increase a few and schedule it ahead of time. I've had a number of teams having to switch league games because they added a tournament. Might just be easier to book it at the beginning.
  - o I am looking to work with Mr. Bensen over the summer to upgrade the ice program. He likely will need to be paid for his time.
- Tournaments (*Abigail Polson*):
  - o If we cut a tournament we would have to add a district tournament.
  - o We may add a district still, not use our Dibs but we would run it and teams playing in it would do all the Dibs. Maybe at the Squirt level.
- Volunteer / Dibs (*Linnea Gamache*):
  - o DIBS are going well so far! Only 5 total unclaimed shifts this year so far. And we have 6 no-shows so far without attempts to cancel or find replacements within the 3-day window. This is much improved from past years!!
  - o I was recently informed by Chad that this year we are only requiring Jr Gold to complete 4 hours of DIBS per each family if they are the ONLY player in our association. (If they have younger siblings they would be required to complete 8 hours). I think that will have little impact because there are more Jr Gold players than we were anticipating.

- o Hockey Fest will be the biggest bulk of upcoming DIBS shifts. Between that and districts/regions, we will have plenty of opportunities for people to fulfill their hours.
- o I will send out the Team DIBS spreadsheet (Coaches/Managers) to Level Directors in Early February to get started on that. 32 hours per team, should be sent by February 1st.
- o Open board positions on page
- Communications (Sharon Kortus):
  - o Communication needs to start going out about positions open.
- Apparel Manager (Ronda Ellevoid):
  - o Nothing at this time.
- Tryout Committee (Katie Dalzell):
  - o Nothing at the time.
- Webmaster (Andrea Harms):
  - o Anything needed on the homepage about Hockey Fest?
- District 8 Rep (Dan Olson):
  - o Next meeting end of the month

### **Board Member Reports:**

- Registrar/Administrator (Tom Wassmund):
  - o We have 749 players, the most ever.
  - o Little over 100 who are past due on payments. Reminders have gone out.
- Budget Director (Tom Johnson):
  - o Sent financials to board, in a good spot.
  - o Board stipend increase for apparel?
- Junior Gold Director (Chad Rediske):
  - o We had a kid severely injured, he was back at school a week later and started PT. Family sent the team cut resistant socks.
  - o Recognize people for helping out.
  - o One player violated the Code of conduct and is being removed from the team.
  - o 2nd alumni game
  - o Senior night Feb. 2nd
  - o Trying to figure funds left over for not doing a tournament, what can be done.
- Bantam Director (Josh Munger):
  - o Season is going well. All tournaments are going well.
- Peewee Director (Chris Westphall):
  - o Going good, all teams having success. No problems.
- Squirt Director (Alex Retoff):
  - o Doing great. Having good seasons. Having a few issues with kids and things are being taken care of.
- Mite Director (Jake Benson):

- Mite Jamboree 60 teams, 792 kids, 126 coaches, Over 2000 spectators, 204 DIBS hours 3 onsite vendors. NO complaints.
- Mini Mite Director (Zach Paulson):
  - Caden returned to hockey, the young boy who was in the hospital last year.
- Girls Program Director (Tyson Terry):
  - Nothing at this time.
- Girls Program 8U Director (Chris Kubesh):
  - Mite Jamboree went well. No complaints.
- Girls Program 10U Director (Tyson Terry):
  - 10U B1 opted out of districts and 10 U B2 also.
- Hockey Director (Nick Harris):
  - Nothing to report.
- Vice President of Administration (Brian Buffie):
  - Nothing to report.
- Vice President of Operation (Dave O'Brien):
  - Glacier Valley is not really set up for hockey. It will be used for in house for the weekend of Mr. Luther King day.
- President (Chris Rudh):
  - Open positions get communicated out.

#### **New Business:**

- **Chad Rediske motioned to approve a Golf tournament director.**  
**Second by Dave O'Brein**  
**All approved.**
- **Last year we hired Ron for Regions and we paid him to announce and run clock and we will want to do the same this year and maybe up the amount.**
- **Dryland- Has there been any improvement since communication has gone out?**
- **Should get some signs.**

#### **General Membership Concerns / Discussion:**

- Need a right-handed mini mite glove.

#### **Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at: 8:00pm
  - Motion by: Chad Rediske
  - Second by: Nick Harris
  - All Approved