

**Sauk Rapids Youth Hockey Association**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, August, 10, 2020**  
**7:00 pm**  
**El Loro Mexican Restaurant, Sauk Rapids**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:**

Cris Thell, Julie Mrozek, Mike Swanson, John Prelvitz, Amanda Carlson, Mindy Thomes, Jeremy Thomes, Kelly Kadlec, Kayleigh McGinnis, Matt Steinberg, Nicole Steinberg, Jared Powell, Brady DeGagne

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Cris Thell

**Approve Agenda/Additions to Agenda:** A motion was made by Amanda Carlson to approve the agenda. Second by Kelly Kadlec: approved

**Approve July Minutes:** A motion was made by Mindy Thomes to approve the minute. Second by Kelly Kadlec: Approved

**Treasurer's Report:**

The report was online for all to review,

Motion by Mike Swanson to Approve the treasurer's report. Second by John Prelvitz.

**Sports Arena East Report:**

**John Prelvitz**

The recommendation for building COVID guidelines is to hold off on putting anything out until closer to Mid-September but will lean to more like the other arena guidelines. The SAE meeting is next week.

Association would like John to share with SAE at the next meeting that they would like to see parents in during games so we can open concessions -

Ice time rental got pushed back a week. Sept 21st - Jack season got delayed so they pushed things back along with High School possibly not using ice time this Fall

Captain practices are not allowed as of last week per Brady DeGagne for this fall.

**New Business:**

- COVID-19 The Association is in need of a COVID Coordinator per USA Hockey

Cris has been talking with someone interested and will get more information on the website within the next week.

There is a link to COVID-19 Information Resources on the website. Everyone is encouraged to read these through.

- **Registration:** Teams are down this year

Registration numbers 187; 220 last year, usually we get 30-50 new recruits

2 bantam teams

2 peewee teams  
2-3 squirt teams  
2 U10 teams  
1 U12  
1 U15

- **Recruitment:** Need Coordinator, please let people who are interested to reach out to Cris via email. Need to find out when schools will hold open houses to see if we can attend, flyers to be mailed, intro meeting

#### **Dynamics/Training Plan:**

- HS is doing Dynamics this year
- The goalie is staying the same split with Sartell every other Monday
- The goalie Coordinator is John Brown

Away Tournament scheduling

Need a recruitment positions Nick Reba might be interested. If we know anyone

#### **Hockey Advisory Board recommendations**

- U6 U8 - will redefined focus points with the skates - Oct 3rd
- U6 skate on cross-ice always - two nets 8x5ft
- U8 skate on half-ice always
- In house games  $\frac{1}{4}$  ice to cross-ice; cross-ice to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ice
- Will be managed by the On-ice coordinator

No full ice games - common things happening within the district

Skill passed pods - Focus will be on Coaching on the skills we are trying to develop

Focus will be FUN, Skill

Redefining age groups: Looking to help kids move with their skills not just age

Goalie development - Goalie station - promote the position to get kids interested

Player's first squirt program. Sept 21st Dynamic skate. Early group testing -

Use all 31 kids for practices - skills-based -  $\frac{1}{2}$  ice games will work up to full ice games

More ice time more touches, more passing more shooting, Still teach rules and positions

Jan 1st full ice games

St. M is doing it this year. Sartell is thinking, St Cloud is or has done it. Dist 5 would like how dist to go this way in the next 5 years

Dec 15 comes with have 2-3 tryouts to make up travel teams. They will play in Dist games - no playoffs in Squirts

Will have a outside Tryout Coordinator as a nonparent of the assoc.

Why don't we model the beginner, moderate, advanced skills level? Asked by Mindy Thomes

Mike answered: we have had a gap in years past, but what is being proposed this will break it down to smaller groups where they can focus on coach skills.

We need to see a change in coaching, would like to see us have coaching clinics. How can we build our coaching - Thomes commented.

John - We don't do it is because of numbers - Sartell. St Cl do it because they have the numbers.

2nd - Agree we need to coach our coaches, but the biggest thing to do is be a better coach yourself, and help others as we are all volunteers, mom, and dads. Dealing 5,6,7-year-olds.

Volunteers try to push kids when they can

The Association will try to have coaches meeting maybe once a weekly- the biggest thing is teaching the mindset for these coaches. When they see kids excelling they need to push them as well as keep other kids from crying. Min of 7 coaches on ice, the on-ice coordinator won't have a station. You are not coaching your kid, you are coaching your level. You coach the individual, not the team.

Kids need more games after Jan 1

The kids came week after week and started getting bored- Mindy and Jeremy Thomas

These would be some issues to talk with the ACE coordinator meeting.

Sweaty heads, smiling faces. skills, relationships

U8 will not have games outside of of Dist?

Will they not be playing in the River Lakes Jamborees? They will talk about and get back to the group after they meet.

If a new kid comes in do they come into

Do we have enough time to get these coaches ready before the season?

John yes would do- ADM plan

### **Handbook- changes need to be voted**

- Registration wording would like to be changed to
- Code of conduct- Dave Lalibirdy??? John started so we can have a parent code of conduct- need second half which are the Ramavication. John is putting it in place, would like the parent to have to sign. Will work with Dave and ask for an amendment later to add to the handbook.
- We need an understanding of mental illness in our association. Cris is working with USA hockey safe sport on how to handle.
- Also, add a section on How to teach the other kids to handle kids with mental issues
- Mike Motioned the handbook, Mike retracted
- Mindy wants to change the wording on the registration
- The reason for the strictness is so they can get numbers to Dist 5
- Motions to 2nd Kayleigh

### **Budget Review**

- Mike motioned, John 2nd

### **Old business**

#### **Away tourney**

Andy

Josh

### **Open floor**

- On ice Sept 13 6 and U girls cookout 2:30-4
- At Bernick's
- Ice will go in Sept 21
- Cris motion to Adjourn; Kayleigh 2nd
- Covid 19 info with links
- Positions needed

- Mask fundraiser