



Meeting Minutes October 9th, 2024

I. Call to Order at 6:06 pm by Jeremy Wheeler

Attendance- Board Members: Jeremy Wheeler, Katrina Laiva, Jason Legler, Bill Thexton, Matt Fisher, Excused Absences: Matt Creighton (Working) and Elliot Taub (Traveling to U19 Lady Thunder Tournament)

Guests: Matt Pelz, Sara Bascetta, Dave Bascetta, James Allen, Bri Allen, Katie Miller, Daniel Ploof, Whitney Carpenter, Annie Van Valin, Kyle Wagner, Kacy Frank and Diana McSwain

- II. **Past Minutes approval.** Katrina brought up that the motion that was made at the end of the September 19th, 2024, meeting violates our own Bylaws/Policy and Procedures #6 regarding tryouts for competitive teams and that we should reword the motion to have a tangible word in the motion instead of 'viable'. Bill motioned to approve the minutes with the Board acknowledging that we would be rewording and approving a new motion regarding 12U. Jason seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Agenda

1) Reports

i) Treasurer-Jason reported

- (1) Less transactions this month because most registrations are paid and most activity is reimbursing/paying for tournaments.
- (2) 17 unpaid invoices still from last season. Discussion on what we should do to get those paid and current. 3 invoices that are past due are currently registered. One parent had not been receiving the notifications and is going to have them paid by Friday. Jason will be mailing invoices out to families so that we can get these paid and move forward with the season.
- (3) Jason is working on setting up to pay the Officials bills either online ACH if no fee or mailing a check to avoid paying a debit/credit card fee.
- (4) There is currently 50,385.65 in savings and \$143,601.94 in checking.

ii) Registrar-Katrina Laiva reported

- (1) There are currently 323 Registered players as of today.
 - (a) Lady Thunder- 43 players (U12-13 players, U14-15 players and U19-15 players)
 - (b) Learn to Play- players
 - (c) 6U/8U- 49 players
 - (d) 10U- 52 players
 - (e) 12U- 36 players
 - (f) 14U-50 players (18 Rep)
 - (g) 18U-54 players (20 Rep)
- (2) The IAHA Registrar meeting was on September 25th, 2024. A few new rules regarding rosters. Rosters need to be submitted this weekend to follow our bylaws regarding rate skates. All Division Coaches are aware of the deadline.
- (3) Student Coaches go on the official roster after IAHA receives the paperwork. Paperwork cannot be submitted until after teams are made and the student coach has completed the

training. Katrina held a training on 10/2/2024 and Jeremy will be holding another student coaches training on Monday the 14th before 14U practice. Katrina will work with any student coaches that cannot make it on the 14th to get them the training. Student coaches must be 13 years of age.

- (4) Katrina will be emailing all Board Members the IAHA Guidebook, USA Guidebook and CDAHA Bylaws and Policies and Procedure to review as a recommendation from USA Hockey.
- iii) **Scheduler**-Jeremy and Katrina reported
 - (1) Working on getting blackout dates from coaches for tournaments to hopefully start scheduling games soon.
 - (2) 18U House almost done
 - (3) Jeremy and Katrina are meeting with Vince on 10/10/2024 in hopes to get our ice.
- iv) **CIC/GIC**-Not present but Katrina reported
 - (1) Nic has provided Katrina with the Division practice intentions, October objectives and October practice plans. Katrina has put all of them on the website. Nic will be emailing all coaches to explain how to access them and how to utilize them. Nic will be out of town until the week before Thanksgiving. There will be a coaches Sports Engine group so that if any age group is short coaches and coaches are qualified/proper credentials to assist, they can step in. Nic is working on the next couple of months' worth of information, and it will stay on the website.
- v) **Safe Sport**-Matt Pelz reported
 - (1) Reminder all we locker room need monitors before and after practices. Already have an incident that is being investigated. Safe Sport states 2 locker room monitors are required. If you do not have two you can stand with the door open to be able to hear if there are problems. If a parent needs to enter a locker room and they do not have safe sport and a background check two monitors need to be in the locker room watching them.
 - (2) There was a suggestion of a sign-up genius for locker room monitors. Katrina will share this suggestion at the manager meeting.
 - (3) Reminder to all NO cell phones in locker rooms.
 - (4) Jeremy will remind all coaches to cover locker rooms until we can get locker room monitors on the rosters.
 - (5) Matt shared that at the meeting there are a lot tighter directions on reports and investigations to prevent anyone being sued.
- 2) **New Business**
 - i) Confirmation on # of teams for each age level-Jeremy presented the numbers and the board agreed on the numbers. Discussion noted on different age divisions.
 - (1) 8U- 49 (4 teams, 6U, Novice, 2- 8U Intermediate)
 - (a) 12/12/12/13 players per team
 - (2) 10U -52 (3 teams plus a select)
 - (a) 17/17/18 players per teams. Parents voiced this on the surveys at the end of last season and in person at the parent meeting on Monday and the parents in attendance also shared that they thought bigger teams would be better for having enough that show up.
 - (3) 12U 36 (2 house teams plus standalone travel)
 - (a) Motion from last meeting needs to be adjusted to be within CDAHA Policies and Procedures and be tangible. Motion from September 19th, 2024, meeting read again.
 - (b) Discussion started with Board Members trying to figure out what was meant by the motion. Some saw it as a standalone team and others thought we voted on a select

team where players would play on a house team and then also play in a few select tournaments.

- (c) Katrina stated the fact that Nick B. has had parents sign commitment letters and financial agreements and per USA Hockey CDAHA Board Members and Coaching Staff should not be soliciting those players to return to CDAHA as the season has started.
- (d) CDAHA is not in control of "if" or "when" another association or team gets a roster, and we cannot keep waiting to find out if we will be getting more player at the 12U Division and need to move forward with our plan. We have been told different things about what they are doing but at this time none of those players are registered with CDAHA.
- (e) 12U parents are still feeling confused because they feel that the evaluation that was back in August was their tryout. As discussed during the last Board meeting, that was an evaluation to see if there was enough talent to move forward with a Rep team.
- (f) Parents in the room stated they did not feel that a player playing up would be fair because it would take a roster spot from an actual 12U player that has been working hard to make the Travel team.
- (g) Parents in the room also stated that they did not want their player to play on a house team and a select team.
- (h) Katrina read the CDAHA Bylaws and Policy and Procedures #6 regarding a Rep/Competitive team.
- (i) Katrina reminded everyone that teams must have a minimum of 11 players to be rostered and 20 max which must be 18 skaters and 2 goalies per IAHA and USA Hockey.
- (j) Kacy stated that there are currently only 2 full time 12U goalies with a couple possible part time goalies.
- (k) Kacy states there are 3-4 players that might still register with CDAHA, but we don't know when and we need to move forward with teams.
- (l) Parents were concerned if 11 players returned or joined from another association that would bump their player.
- (m) Board members stated they are not going to close registration for 12U and that it will remain open until 12/31/2024 or until the rosters are full.
- (n) A parent voiced concern that the current evaluations taking place were not fair because they were being done by coaches that would be placing their player on the travel/select team.
- (o) Conversation about tryouts/evaluations and how to handle the selection.
- (p) The invoicing for games fees will only be for the games above the regular season games that registration covers. Concerns about ice availability for friendly games were discussed so if the team only plays away games without reciprocating, we will pay that association half.
- (q) **Matt Fisher made a motion to replace the motion from September 19th, 2024 meeting. Matt motioned that at 12U we will have 3 teams with a minimum roster of 13 players on the house teams. The standalone travel team will only be attending tournaments this season or games scheduled by the Head Coach or Team Manager with the fees (ice and officials) being invoices to the players. Goalies are required on all three teams. The coaching committee will take current ratings and create teams. Jason seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board will assign the 12U Travel Coach.**

- (4) 14U 50 (2 house teams and 1 rep)
 - (a) 18 rep 32 on 2 house 16 a team
- (5) 18U 54 (2 house teams and 1 rep)
 - (a) 20 rep 34 house 17 a team
- ii) LTP Gear Handout Dates
 - (1) November 4th 5:30-7 pm (Jeremy, Katrina and Matt F.)
 - (2) November 6th 5:30 pm-7 (Katrina, Allison Knoll and Annie Van Valin)
 - (3) November 7th 5 pm-6 pm (Bill, Katrina and Jason)
- iii) Pictures-Team and Individual Pictures have been scheduled with the same photographer as the last couple of seasons. The plan is for the week of November 11th-14th. Katrina will assist Ben again to keep it flowing and keep us on schedule. Emails and chats will go out as soon Ben makes all the access codes.
- iv) 12U Travel Team Coach-Some discussion was had that the board needed to announce someone tonight so they can be involved in the selection of the 12U travel team. Different names were given as options. Katrina made a motion for Matt Fisher to the 12U Travel Standalone Coach. Jason seconded the motion. Matt Fisher and Jeremy will be staying to evaluate the team 12U players.
- v) Kyle Wagner with the Inland Northwest Heroes Foundation has 3 different scholarship programs jiu-jitsu, golf and hockey. Kyle is looking to work with CDAHA to get players on the ice at Learn to Play. Kyle stated he is working with Hockey Armor for gear and working with SROs at schools and Counselors to offer kids something to commit to something outside of what they have going on in their personal and school life. Kyle shared information regarding what his foundation does and how they are focusing on mental health and youth outreach. Kyle was provided details on the Learn to Play Hockey program, cost is \$99 plus USA Hockey number which will vary depending on the player's age, starts November 7th and is every Thursday from 6:10 pm-7:10 pm and ends March 7th, 2024. Discussion was had about numbers that Kyle is expecting and he is not sure at this time. The Board agreed to discuss further with Kyle but would need to know numbers before we could make any commitments. Some discussion about having a few join together so they would not be the oldest ones on the ice at Learn to Play and then locker rooms and other things that will need to be taken into consideration. Kyle will work on details and schedule another meeting with the Board.

Next Board of Directors meeting October 28th at 6 pm

Katrina motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, Bill seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.