

EHA September Minutes September 13, 2010

Attendance:

Present - Joanne McGarry, Pat Foley, Jon Foust, Dan McGraw, Carrie Knowles, Peter McComber, Renee Hunzelman, Billy Klein, Judy Goodman, Peder Larson, Jim O'Neill, Bob Levy, Tom Terwilliger, Erik Hendrikson, Dan Rectenwald, Kathleen Vorlicky, Jon Palmer.

Absent: Russ Lemker, Todd Shuman.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Dan Rectenwald.

Approval of Minutes:

The August minutes were approved.

Registration:

Judy Goodman review the player counts and registration numbers to date. Five new Bantam players need waivers. Dan Rectenwald pointed out the verification and due diligence must be taken care of before the players are allowed in the association. Separate rulings may be needed. To date, sixty-eight percent of expected players are registered. Sixty-three percent of those registered are using the partial payment plan. Several parents have requested breakdown of registration fees. Certain levels have lower than expected registration right now. According to Dan, we use the registration numbers for planning. Registration paperwork must be finalized by December 15 for District 6. Accordingly, it is possible that late sign up for a level of play may be accommodated, depending on anticipated and actual player/team count (per the initial registration numbers).

Financial Report:

To date, \$460,000 has been collected in registration fees. Jon Palmer provided an analysis of ice payments by month. Roughly, the EHA spent approximately \$750,000 on ice in the 2009-10 season on behalf of the teams (the teams purchase many hours of ice on their own). Jon also broke down various local rates per hour for ice. The teams each received approximately 45 hours of EHA provided ice last year. This year, less ice is

available and provided by the EHA. It was suggested that the managers point this out at the initial meetings.

Financial aid is still available until registration is closed (which varies per age limit). Billy Klein suggested that the EHA remove the two-year limit for receiving financial aid. Applications would be considered year-by-year and awarded on an annual basis. Dan Rectenwald suggested we review the entire section of the financial aid policy. After broad board discussion, Jon Palmer was asked to come to the next meeting with a proposal for the revisions.

District 6 Update:

Bob Levy gave an overall report on the discussions with D6 regarding the U14 situation. Bob pointed out that the EHA Board agreed to have one U14A team for the 2010-2011 season. Subsequently, a parent with a child in the EHA met with District 6 about this issue. Waivers to play in another association were requested. District 6 discussed the issue with the EHA presidents and the EHA was guided to have two "A" teams based on the assumed number of players at that level (at the time, DG felt that the EHA may have 58-60 players). Should the registration numbers not be close to what the preseason estimate, the EHA will reconsider the two A team options. This issue will be discussed reevaluated once the high school tryouts are complete, prior to the commencement of U14 tryouts.

Toast to Hockey:

To date, Carrie Knowles reported 77 people have signed up to be held on 9/15 at the Edina Country Club. Lead liaisons were advised to call their coaches to remind them about the Toast. Judy Goodman was to send our email reminders.

Tryout Process:

Dan Rectenwald passed out a tryout package to each board member. Dan reminded the lead liaisons to contact and recruit the commissioners at their levels, as well as to work out the details of the tryout with the A team coach.

Joanne McGarry suggested that be players be contacted contact by email. This will be done on the girls' side as a trial. This process could save time

for the liaisons and commissioners. At check-in the email address is requested.

USA Supervision Requirement

Peter McComber said the new USA hockey policy requires adult supervision for each locker room. No cell phones or cameras will be allowed. Details on this issue are noted on the EHA website. Judy Goodman will manage the locker room managers' background check screen.

Coaches Committee:

Dan Rectenwald and Bob Levy gave an update on current coaching openings. November 20 is the coaches' certification at the Edina High School. Pat Foley has been working on an agenda for what the certification program would look like. He will bring a draft of the philosophy for this to the EHA Board.

Tournaments:

Renee Hunzelman reported the Edina Invite is full. Joanne McGarry said Tourneyville is taking care of the programs, pairings and volunteer scheduling.

Reports:

Guidelines - Dan Rectenwald will send out the current proposed final version of the guidelines to the Board. The Board would need to respond on changes by Sept. 17.

Game Draw - Game draw meeting will be tomorrow.

Referees - A referee report was not available from Russ Lemker in his absence.

Sponsors - Dan McGraw and Kathleen Vorlicky gave a report on the sponsors and dasher board advertisers. The EHA needs more sources of income such as tournament sponsors and program advertisers.

Edina Hockey Days - Outdoor festival will be planned and organized by Jon Foust, Billy Klein and Pat Foley for the Squirts. The date will be January 8-9 at one of the Edina local parks. Details will be available by the next board meeting.

Coupon Books - Billy Klein offered more information about the Enjoy the City coupon book. It offers players the chance to make extra money. The whole process is completely optional for players and teams. It was approved by the Board.

Goalie Training - Erik Hendrickson discussed the possibility of expanding the goalie group program for the Mites. Currently 10-12 kids checkout in goalie gear per session. Dan McGraw and Erik will spearhead this program.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.