



River Falls Youth Hockey Association

Monday Sept. 27th, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday Sept. 27th, 2010

Place: Riverview Hotel / Junior's Restaurant

Board Members Present: Mike Kealy, Tom Magill, Dan Briese, Marc Harer, Troy Kusilek, Dave Buck, Jesse Getzie, Jody Christensen, Paul Wilson, Brian Sylla, and Kent Manglitz

Board Members Not Present: Lisa Woiwode

Guests: Jon Benusa, Joe Cranston, Brooks Lockwood, Keith VanDell, Brian & Shelly Thompson, Bill Coggio, and Mike & Katie Miller.

Notes taken by: Marc Harer

Meeting called to order @ 6:30pm by Tom Magill

Approval of meeting minutes from August 23rd, 2010 Board meeting

Jody motioned to approve meeting minutes from the August 23rd Board Meeting, Tom 2nd, Board voted in favor - approved.

FINANCE OPERATIONS

Action Items

- *Joe to provide benchmarks for Goal 2 of Strategic Implementation Plan to allow completion of the Plan.*
- *Jesse to make adjustments to High School Locker Room Agreement*
- *Marc to start working with Dan to allow for additional coverage with respect to the finances.*

Financial Report (Treasurer)

- Current financials are -\$92,274.82

Budget Review

- Dan provided balanced budget based on work from past few months with the assistance of Amy Sanchez for the Board to review and approve.

Jody motioned to approve the proposed budget for FY2011 (April 2010-March 2011), Jesse 2nd, Board voted in favor - approved.

Strategic Implementation Plan

- Board reviewed the Strategic Implementation Plan put together over the past few months with the assistance of Amy Sanchez.

Marc motioned to approve the Strategic Implementation Plan pending completion of Goal 2 Benchmarks, Jody 2nd, Board voted in favor - approved.

High School Locker Room Agreement

- Jesse provided draft of High School Locker Room agreement for the Board to review and approve
 - A few minor adjustments are required which relate to the indoor ice sheet and the payment terms.

Marc motioned to approve the High School Locker Room Agreement based on the removal of the Indoor Ice Sheet item as this is already covered under the existing High School Ice Rental Agreement and the adjustment to the Base Rent item to allow for a 50/50 split payment, Jody 2nd, Board voted in favor - approved.

Junior's/Riverview Hotel contracts

- Tom provided the Board with updated relationship/marketing contracts for Junior's Restaurant and the Riverview Hotel.
 - Riverview Hotel contracts are complete
 - Junior's Restaurant need further review

Jody motioned to approve the Youth Hockey and Riverview Hotel Rental Proposal and Contract, Jesse 2nd, Board voted in favor - approved.

Misc.

- MN Wild program sales has been approved again for this season

HOCKEY OPERATIONS

Action Items

- *Jesse will look at ice availability for the Association to donate for the every 3rd Sunday goalie and coaches practice*
- *Marc and Bill to review current inventory of goalie gear the Association has on hand*
- *Marc to check the new regulations to see how our goalie gear conforms to these new rules*
- *Kent to follow-up with potential of Mite to Squirt moves.*

MAHA District 2

- Keith VanDell provided an update that the River Falls Youth Hockey has been accepted to participate in MAHA District 2.
 - MAHA District 2 rules need to be reviewed and followed accordingly
 - RFYH will not participate in any MAHA post season play
 - Levels of play will be as follows
 - Pee wee and Bantam – B2
 - Squirt – B and C
 - U10, U12, U14 - B
 - Temporary rosters will be needed ASAP
 - Scheduling is completed automatically for the boys teams and manually for the girls teams

Registration Numbers

- Jon Benusa provided the current registration numbers which are as follows. Additional registration is expected at most of the levels.
 - Atoms – 26
 - Mites – 28 (includes U8 girls)
 - Squirts – 17
 - U10 – 6
 - Pee wee – 14
 - U12 –
 - Bantam – 15
 - U14 – 5
- Rosters need to be finalized and provided to WAHA by Nov. 15th.

Player Movement for 2010/2011 Season

- **Jordan Halverson**
 - Has been previously motioned to allow for play at the Pee wee level. This will be kept as is.
- **Mites to Squirt**
 - Based on the current number of registered Squirts and the expected number of additional Squirt registration we will be reviewing the potential of moving approximately 5 Mites to the Squirt level in order to adequately staff 2 teams. No final decisions have been made at this point.

Try-Out Evaluations

- Tryouts will only be required at the Squirt level based on the registration numbers.
- Joe Cranston (ACE Director) will be leading the following staff to support the evaluations
 - Matt Cranston and Brooks Lockwood – On Ice Instructors
 - Lindsey Carlson, Karl Erickson, Mike Kealy, and Ryan Purferest – Evaluators

Jody motioned to approve the 2010/2011 season Try-Out Evaluators, Troy 2nd, Board voted in favor - approved.

Goalie Practices

- Bill Coggio would like to organize a recurring all association (goalies and coaches) practice on every 3rd Sunday throughout the season. Focus would be coaches and player's good habits and drills to focus on during regular team practices.
- Bill mentioned that Steve Carroll is willing to work with the association and players in some respect.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

Action Items

- *Brian to contact Dan Ross on the Skybox details and next steps.*
- *Jon Benusa will provide a Rink Manager job description that had been utilized previously*
- *Dave to take care of the Zamboni gas line*

Skybox Update

- Brian provided an update on the Skybox. We are currently working with Dan Ross on the details and the approval of the plans by the state of WI.

Ice Installation

- Set for start on October 1st
- Dehumidification coil replacement will be held due to some additional hardware needed in order to complete.

Zamboni

- Propane gas line leak was discovered when moving the Zamboni
 - Dave is taking care of getting this fixed ASAP.

Rink Manager Internship

- Mike discussed the consideration of an internship to support some of the Wildcat Centre rink management.
- We will continue to look into this by starting with the identification of a job description.

Misc.

- Ross and Associates have been assisting on miscellaneous maintenance items around the rink as we prepare for the season.

COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS

Action Items

- *Jesse to contact Jeff Speckman in relation to the Zamboni Scheduling position*
- *Jody to contact Shane in relation to Ice Maintenance*
- *Jody to send email to association with Zamboni Driver request.*

Committee Positions

- Jody provided information on a few CRITICAL positions which are still not filled. These are as follows:
 - Zamboni Scheduling
 - Zamboni Drivers
 - Zamboni Maintenance
 - Ice Maintenance
 - Arena Facilities Coordinator
 - Open and Close
 - High School Volunteer Coordinator

Misc.

- Shane Dock has shared some interest in continuing to help with the ice maintenance
- Jeff Speckman has mentioned interest in Zamboni scheduling

OTHER ITEMS

Action Items

- *Marc to follow-up with the Thompsons in relation to item of concern.*

Guests (Brian & Shelly Thompson)

- Brain and Shelly shared some feedback with the Board on observations with hockey and fundraising.
 - Positive feedback
 - Overall experience has been very positive for their family
 - Would like to get more involved with fundraising
 - Concerns
 - Access to concessions for scheduled volunteers
 - Event communication – Golf tournament was referenced
 - Raffle ticket sales
 - Ice time vs. costs

Looking Forward –

- **Items which need to be addressed in the next 30 days...**
 - Tryouts
 - ACE Committee and/or Team Managers to provide Registrar with players lists so Registrar can generate rosters.
 - Director, Manager and Coaches meeting (all levels independently or all together)
 - Details of expectations
 - Double roster finalization
 - State tournament pre-payment
 - Schedule team and individual pictures
- **Future items which need to be addressed....**
 - Finalize rosters
 - Signed Rosters are due on November 15th.
 - Raffle reminder

- Drop box in concession or give board member
- High school coordinator
 - Volunteer lists

Next board meeting will be Sun. October 24th at Junior's Restaurant.

Jesse motioned to end meeting at 9:45pm, Marc 2nd motion – approved.