



River Falls Youth Hockey Association Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday April 7th, 2011

Place: Kilkarney Golf Course

Board Members Present: Mike Kealy, Tom Magill, Dan Briese, Marc Harer, Dave Buck, Paul Wilson, Troy Kusilek, Lisa Woiwode, Shelly Thompson, Jody Christensen, and Brian Sylla

Board Members Not Present: Kent Manglitz

Guests: Many

Notes taken by: Marc Harer

Current Member Terms:

- Terms Ending 2011: Tom Magill, Dan Briese, Dave Buck, Lisa Woiwode
- Terms Ending 2012: Mike Kealy, Marc Harer, Shelly Thompson, Kent Manglitz
- Terms Ending 2013: Paul Wilson, Troy Kusilek, Jody Christensen, Brian Sylla

Meeting called to order @ 7pm by Mike Kealy

Approval of meeting minutes from 2010 Annual Board meeting

Shelly motioned to approve minutes from 2010 Annual Board Meeting, Lisa 2nd motion. Board voted in favor – approved.

Introductions Mike Kealy (President)

- **Remembering our past**
 - Founded in 1967 to promote and develop youth leadership through the sport of hockey
 - Membership organization
 - Active engagement by hundreds of parents and youth
- **Making our future**
 - Recognition of Amy Sanchez for her efforts and hard work with the Board in establishing focus and direction for our future. With Amy's direction the Board was able to develop a solid mission statement, create a balanced budget, and apply for community and business grants.

Finance Operations Dan Briese (Treasure) – provided details of the season financials.

- Again we have seen year over year progress.
- Monthly fixed operating expenses – approximately \$10,093 (down from previous year of \$16,700) per month out of season and \$38,729 (down from previous year of \$40,500) per month in season

- April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 total revenues \$266,930.77 and total expenses of \$267,534.68 for a net loss of \$603.91
- Highlights
 - Retired debt service on \$95,000 dehumidification system
 - Decreased utility expenses by \$9,000
 - Increased revenue through new fundraising initiatives by \$29,000
 - Decreased refrigeration maintenance expenses by \$24,000
 - USDA walkthrough was very positive
- Remaining Challenges
 - Debt and interest remain on \$50,000 line of credit
 - Outstanding curb assessment payment to City of \$21,000
 - Prior fiscal years 2007 & 2008 form 990 tax returns uncompleted

Hockey Operations Joe Cranston

- Continued successes at all levels again this season
- Coaching focus
 - Pre-season meeting included 30+ coaches
 - Classroom training
 - On ice training and evaluations
- Looking forward
 - Coaches selection and meetings
 - Continued training (classroom and on ice)
 - Communication between parents, coaches, and the ACE Director
 - Alignment with USA Hockey American Development Model (ADM) with focus on cross ice play at the Mite/U8 level

Communications Operations Lisa Woiwode

- Registration
 - Early registration is May 4th, 2011 @ 6-8pm at arena
 - Fall registration is Sept 21, 2011 @ 6-8pm at arena
- Volunteer Hours
 - U10 changing from 25 to 50 hours (consistent w/ Squirts)
- Website (<http://riverfalls.pucksystems.com>)
 - Team Managers
 - Meeting Minutes
- Monthly high level overview of board meetings from President – New this year
- Dedication to Karyn Bye Dietz for Hockey Day across America great success

Building Operations Dave Buck

- Summary of 2010/2011
 - Ice maintenance
 - Summer projects
 - Compressor work
 - Facility maintenance
- Looking forward 2011/2012
 - Outdoor rink
 - Sky-box
 - Over-budget at this time based on code requirements. Need additional \$3,000
 - Cosmetic improvements
 - Heaters

- Booths for lobby and mezzanine
- Ideas? Please share

Fundraising Committee Shelly Thompson

- Review of events and success's
- Open for feedback and ideas
- Upcoming events
 - 1st annual Ice Out Gala (4/16)
 - Twin States Pool Tournament (4/28-5/1)
 - Circus (6/18)
 - Golf Tournament (8/27)

Constitutional Vote

- D. ARTICLE IV: Governing Body
 1. The primary governing body shall be the board of directors which shall:
 - a. Consist of 12 persons elected from and by the membership for three year terms each. These teams are to be staggered, four positions open per year.
- We would like to change this to read:
 - a. Consist of at least 8 persons up to 12 persons elected from and by the membership for three year terms each. These terms are to be staggered, up to four positions open per year.

Members voted in favor – approved.

Nomination Committee

- Tom Magill – New Board candidates introduced, bios and ballots handed out. No vote was needed as there were only 3 nominees for 4 vacancies
- Thank you and farewell to outgoing Board members: Tom Magill, Dan Briese, Lisa Woiwode, and Dave Buck.
- Introduction of New Board members: Neil Accola, Karen DesLauriers, Stephen Magnuson

Dave motioned to end meeting at 8pm, Paul 2nd motion. Board voted in favor – approved.