

Board Meeting Minutes

January 23rd, 2013

Wildcat Centre

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.



Board Members: Steve Magnuson, **President**; Jody Christensen, **Vice President**; Neil Accola, **Treasurer**; Marc Harer, **Secretary**; Shelly Thompson, Paul Wilson, Brian Sylla, Kent Manglitz, Amy Edelman, Janell Rasmussen, Jessica Bark

Not Present: Amy, Kent

Guests: Joe Cranston, Robert Hughes

Minutes

6:00-6:05 **Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

6:05-6:10 **Consent Items:** (all of these can be approved in one motion, unless an item is removed by a Board member for further discussion) Steve

1) Agenda Approval

Action Item: Approve January 23rd, 2013 Agenda; Supplementary Materials: *January 23rd, 2013 Agenda

2) Approval of Minutes

Action Item: Approve November 2012, Board Meeting Minutes; Supplementary Materials: *Minutes of November 2012 Board Meeting

Marc motioned to approve the consent items, Janell 2nd motion. Board voted in favor, approved.

6:10-6:20 **Guest Comments:**

- Robert Hughes, GM of the River Falls EconoLodge joined us to introduce himself and inform the Board that the EconoLodge has been under new management and has just completed a full renovation of the facilities. Robert (EconoLodge) inquired about Association sponsorship/advertising and would like to re-establish a relationship with the Youth Hockey Association. Janell will be following up with Robert to tour the EconoLodge facilities and provide details on the sponsorship options available.

6:20-6:30 **Financial Operations:** Neil

- Neil is beginning to look at the coming year's financial plan. Please (as a Board) provide any budget requests or details of potential expenses and revenues which you feel Neil should be aware of.
- General expenses for 2012 were up about \$20,000 due to the replacement of the rink lighting and the additional, compressor related, Rink Tec expenses.
- The Coke advertising contract will be coming up December 2013 and will need to be reviewed.

6:30-6:40 **Fundraising Operations:** Shelly

- The Gala has been set for April 6th and will be held at Kilkarney Hills again this year.
- The Legion Chicken Fry will be Saturday March 9th from 4pm to 8pm. Each family will get a few tickets to sell in support of this fundraiser.
- The Chernohous Chevrolet fundraiser continues through February 28th. Game day for the winner is March 30th.
- The 2013 Golf tournament date has not yet been set.

- 6:40-6:50 **Building Events Operations:** *Jessica*
- The Association will be hosting and coordinating the 2013 Park-n-Rec Hockey Skills classes. We are finalizing the details (dates/times) but expect a similar schedule to prior years of an early March start date and end of March completion with 2 sessions per week.
 - Jessica is still working with River Falls Parks-n-Rec on programs for the summer of 2013.
 - Other options for spring use, which have been discussed, are Baseball, Soccer, Tennis, Dryland, etc. Please contact Jessica at 715-292-3410 for more information.
 - The 2013 Carnival date looks to be Thursday July 11th which is the start of River Falls Days.
- 6:50-7:00 **Communications Operations:** *Marc*
- The 2013 Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday March 13th at the Wildcat Centre from 6-7pm.
 - Next Board Meeting is set for Wednesday February 20th from 6-8pm at the Wildcat Centre.
- 7:00-7:10 **Building Operations:** *Brian*
- Compressor #4 has experienced an internal electrical short and is currently out of commission. Paul is working with Rink Tec to determine the warranty coverage and options for replacement.
 - The claim for Compressor #3 has been accepted and Paul is awaiting the next step from Rink Tec for delivery and installation of the replacement compressor.
 - The locker room furnace intermittent issue was looked at by Steiner and has been fixed.
 - Outdoor rink maintenance/upkeep has been going well.
- 7:10-7:20 **Hockey Operations (On Ice):** *Jody*
- Joe (ACE) discussed the details of a coaching certification policy change which the Association will be implementing next year for the Mite level coaches. The current USA Hockey Coaching Certification policy works against the Mite level coaches in that the next level of certification must be obtained year over year. For example, if an individual is planning to coach for 3-4 years at the Mite level that individual per the USA Hockey policy would have to increase their level of certification each consecutive year. The level of certification this individual would have obtained in this 3-4 year span would likely be adequate to coach at the Bantam level of hockey. Joe feels this does not align well with our association and could discourage individuals from coaching. The following is an outline of what will be required for the Mite level coaches starting with the 2013/2014 season. 1) The coach will have to obtain, or have obtained, a USA Hockey certification. 2) The coach will be required to complete the age specific module. 3) The coach will be required to register with USA Hockey each year. 4) The coach will be required to complete the required background checks per the Association guidelines.
- 7:20-7:40 **Hockey Operations (Off Ice):** *Jody, Steve, Marc*
- Playdown preparation needs to be completed by all team managers.
 - 2013/2014 player projections are in and appear to be as follows. Mites – 45, Squirts – 24, Peewee – 27, Bantam-18. These numbers are only estimations based on current year numbers and future projections. Girl's U10, U12, U14 numbers have not yet been determined as we co-op with Baldwin.
 - We will be reviewing the referee fee's paid for games for the upcoming season(s) and likely providing a slight increase to match surrounding associations and MAHA District 2, which we are a member of.

- Coaching volunteer hours will be changing to provide a split of the 30 hours with 20 regular hours and 10 tournament hours.

7:40-7:50

Other Items:

- Review of Board and Organizational positions opening up for the 2013/2014 season.
- Karen DesLauriers will be stepping down from Tournament Director. Thanks to Karen the past 3 years of tournaments have been very successful. We want to wish Karen the best and wish her well. She will be missed.
- Volunteer hour sign-up and management will likely be moving to the web for the next season. More to come on this.

8:00

Adjourn:

Jody motioned to adjourn, Shelly 2nd motion. Board voted in favor, approved.