

2013-2014 Cottage Grove Hockey Association
 General Membership Meeting
 October 7, 2013, 7 – 9 PM, VFW Red Barn

Board Members Present

President: Eric Folsom	X	A/B Director: Jeff Fye	X
Vice President: Chad Brown	X	C Director: Jim Anderson	X
Budget Director: Nicki Donlon	X	Girls Director: Dan Severson	X
Registrar/Secretary: Kathy McLaughlin	X	Mite Director: Chris Rudh	X

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:02 PM by Eric Folsom

Motion to Approve September 2013 Minutes: Dan motioned for approval; Kathy second – motion approved.

Call for new business: NONE

Call for old business: NONE

Committee Reports:

- Fundraising Manager – E.Beth Fritz
 - \$1k donation towards association from MN Wild for recent sales event at preseason game
 - Fundraising committee kick off meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, October 8th
 - CGAA is looking to impose timing of when each respective sporting assoc can fundraise; looking to alleviate the saturation of fundraising at one time by multiple organizations
- Tournament Director – E.Beth Fritz
 - Turkey Tournament
 - 3 spots remaining for C level & 1 for B
 - C level highlight – a Thunder Bay team joining & another from Northern Lakes
 - Sourcing different vendor options to increase fundraising opportunities; working with city on table space at arena
- Equipment Manager - Eric Folsom
 - Goalie equipment opportunity – member Justin Parranto can provide info to his vendors to source new pads, that have been used for samples, at a discount rate
- District 8 Rep – Nicole Rowell (*unable to attend*)
- Ice Manager – Chad Brown
 - Ice schedule submitted to rink today; schedules to all teams in next couple days
 - 2,000 hour commitment with arena; book what we can & sell the rest
- Green Line Editor (open position)
- Hockey Director (open position)
- Academic Award Coordinator – Vicki Nitti (*Unable to attend*)
 - Vicki Nitti is reprising the Academic Award for CGHA; drafting new/current documents with plans to roll out before league games begin

Board Member Reports:

- Registrar/Secretary – Kathy McLaughlin
 - First time player registrations continue to roll in almost daily, primarily mite/8u level but some at traveling level

- Reminder, the mouth guard clinic begins tomorrow with girls ages 7 through 14U level; don't forget to print the waiver, fill out & sign before going to the Hipple office
 - Member inquired that last year Hipple provided for ALL mites/8U ages; this is correct, however, due to some bad experiences with the younger age kids with the process, they are now setting the age limit
- Vice-President – Chad Brown
 - None; see Ice Manager update
- Budget Director – Nicki Donlon
 - Finalized budget; projected \$8,500 profit line
- A/B Director – Jeff Fye
 - Jr Gold team will be formed soon
 - Bantam A & B schedule meeting, Wednesday, October 9th
 - Coaches, reminder to please register!
 - Banners from State for PW A & Girls – looking at where to display them in arena
 - Member question, “Based on the large pool for Squirts, what is the plan for team formation?”
 - Squirt pool formed, with the potential for 2 teams; after assessing player skills, deemed there would be only 1 B team
- C Director – Jim Anderson
 - Pee Wee C teams were formed last night; met with coaches last night & again tomorrow night
 - Players will be spread evenly; teams will be formed after Wednesday's draft practice, with 8-Yr old move ups participating as well
- Girls Director – Dan Severson
 - Tryouts in progress: Tues/Wed – 12U teams will be finalized; this weekend, 10s will be finalized
- Mite Director – Chris Rudh
 - Oct 26th start for Mites/8Us approaching
 - Equipment drive, to help outfit players for the first 4 years
 - Initiated a new fundraising card with discounts, available for purchase, \$20
 - Ice times will be finalized and sent out once final teams are formed
- President – Eric Folsom
 - ADM registration- Eric brought in MN Hockey's ADM coordinator, Wes Bolin, to this year's mite parent meeting. ADM will be the norm within CGHA as has been the last few years. This presentation was very well received. Points covered are in the slide presentation on the website.
 - Coaches: Level 2 & 3 Coaching clinics will be hosted locally (Park High) in October, need to register through USA Hockey

General Membership Concerns / Discussion:

- A concern was raised by a member about the tryout placement of their player with a coach/coaching staff that they have concerns about. Jeff stated there is a process for players to state placement preference before tryouts begin. Eric stated he would like to continue the conversation offline.

Other: *As required by law, we must mention the Association is involved in charitable gambling (i.e. Pull Tabs) and a large percentage of the proceeds go toward youth sports.*

Motion to adjourn:

Dan Severson motioned for adjournment; Nicki Donlon seconded – meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

(23 Members were in attendance for the October meeting.)