

2013-2014 Cottage Grove Hockey Association
 General Membership Meeting
 March 3, 7 – 9 PM, VFW Red Barn

Board Members Present

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

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting called to order @ 7:03 PM *(In Eric's absence, Chad Brown facilitating)*

Motion to Approve February 2014 Minutes: Minutes passed & posted to CGHA website

Call for new business:

- CGHA Board Nominations
 - A/B Director
 - Jim Anderson nominated Any Roeser; Andy Roeser accepted
 - Chris Rudh nominated Adam Palodichuk; Adam Palodichuk accepted
 - Jeff Schwartz nominated Greg Bakken; Greg Bakken accepted
 - Duane Lindahl nominated Jeff Bloedel; Jeff Bloedel accepted
 - Kelly Hein nominated Todd Porter; Todd Porter accepted
 - Girls Director
 - Dan Severson nominated Mike Post; Mike Post accepted
 - Jeff Bloedel nominated Duane Lindahl; Duane Lindahl accepted
 - CoMite Director
 - Chris Rudh nominated Matt McMorrow; Matt McMorrow accepted
 - Joe Mondry nominated Bob Ramey, Bob Ramey accepted

Call for old business:

- None indicated

Committee Reports:

- Fundraising Manager – E.Beth Fritz
 - Looking at options for long term fundraising opportunities; come up with a multiyear plan
- Tournament Director – E.Beth Fritz
 - Bantam B1 & Bantam A/AA East Regional tournaments hosted, well attended
 - Not huge money makers, just a little over \$1k from each, but also provides revenue for local businesses
 - PeeWee C Districts up next
 - Chad indicated that he proposed a motion with the board to avoid charging members for not completing their Dibs hours, not all board members have responded at this point as it was just motioned today. With regards to traveling level members – these members are aware/responsible for the required hours and will look into how to address the unclaimed hours; for returning members, potentially look at carrying over hours in to next season.
- Equipment Manager (open position) – No update
- District 8 Rep – Nicole Rowell
 - No update, next meeting April 29

- Ice Manager – Chad Brown
- Green Line Editor (open position) – No update
- Hockey Director (open position) – No update

Board Member Reports:

- Registrar/Secretary – Kathy McLaughlin
 - Jersey survey issued, approx. 30% of households have responded; open through 5 PM tomorrow, Tuesday March 4th
 - Have a “new” player/member survey that will be published this week to a little over 100 new mite/8U members
 - Will start looking at next season’s registration process shortly after season ends
- Vice-President – Chad Brown
 - Except for Ice, no additional updates, see above.
- Budget Director – Nicki Donlon
 - Current cash balance is approximately \$120k, but Jan thru March ice bills still need to be paid
 - Continuous follow up with members that are in arrears with Player Fees.
 - Collaborating with CGAA & other affiliates to collectively work together so that members cannot walk away from one program with unpaid fees and register/play with another program until outstanding balance is paid.
 - CGAA & its affiliates will be retaining a legal resource to help facilitate collections.
- A/B Director – Jeff Fye (Chad provided update in Jeff’s absence)

Playoffs

- Junior Gold lost in Overtime to Lakeville South and was eliminated from the District 8 Playoffs
- Bantam A was eliminated in the Regional Tournament Saturday
- Bantam B1 was eliminated in the District 8 tournament. (both losses were in OT)
- Bantam B2 will probably be a top 4 seed in their upcoming District 8 tournament
- PW A was eliminated in the district 8 playoff and subsequently missed the bid for the W A Regional.
- PW B1 missed the playoffs
- PW B2s begin district play on March 12
- Squirt A won the District 8 league; Squirt B has a game left but could finish as high as second in District 8 league play
- Both Squirt A and B teams opted out of the District Playoffs.
 - Member inquired about expectations communicated at beginning of season about teams participating in districts, “no opting out”; Jim Anderson responded it was due to spring break vacations

Evaluations

- Mid season evals distributed to coaches

Comments

- District 8 was an extremely competitive District again in Minnesota hockey. I felt our teams performed well and held their own. With the continued hockey Academy programs, I think we can definitely improve our position in this District.

- C Director – Jim Anderson
 - C teams, 7 most are still playing; 6 of 7 will start districts on Sunday
- Girls Director – Dan Severson (Chad provided update in Dan’s absence)
 - 10s will be done shortly
 - 12U A made it to Regions

- Mite Director – Chris Rudh (Eric provided Chris' update in his absence)
 - Mite season, 3 seasons going tonight; most teams finished yesterday, march
 - Mini mites finished day after Hockey Fest; having it on a Saturday worked out well; \$22k profit, up from \$18k estimate; open Dibs for Mite parents only
 - New mite/8U parents survey to understand what is the main reason we lose players from Mite to Squirt level
 - Suggested by Ramey to host HF on day with a home Park game; Steve Morris was in the audience and indicated this could be done, as the schedule for the HS season is finalized early
 - Wrap up meeting with Mite/8U on how the 2-week break worked
- President – Eric Folsom (unable to attend; Chad provided update)
 - Summer Hockey Academy is full; if you do still want to get in, send Eric an email to get on waitlist. Based on response, an additional session could potentially be added
 - Aug/Sept Hockey Academy, City has sold some of the hours and Eric is working with them on it; contract violation
 - Looking at adding 2 Girls' invitational tournaments for next year
 - City looking at raising ice fees, \$5 per Hr
 - As mentioned by Nicki, collaborating with CGAA & its affiliates to address past due accounts holistically

General Membership Concerns / Discussion:

- Kelly Hein inquired about status of PDC, have not met or heard anything since last summer. Nicole Rowell indicated that she also has asked Eric about what is going on with PDC. Both Chad and Kathy indicated that Eric would be able to speak to this, and would have him provide follow up to members on status of PDC.
- Steve Morse, D8 Associate Coach-in-Chief
 - Wanted to remind CGHA board/CGHA members that the association has been without a Hockey Director/"Head Coach" of Coaches now for 2 seasons. This is a big education gap for CGHA. USA Hockey coaching techniques continue to change and CGHA is behind in getting that information disseminated to its coaches, and ultimately to the players.
 - Following Steve's comments, Kathy M. indicated there were a number of new faces in the audience, and asked Steve to provide a brief description of what the core purpose of this role does for the association so that anyone in the audience that might be interested, or knows someone that would be an ideal candidate for the role, please contact someone on the board.
 - Steve provided a brief overview of the main purpose for this role, and also clarified that the candidate does not need to have played hockey.
 - Kelly Hein indicated the Hockey Director role was discussed as part of the PDC discussions, but has not heard anything since then.
 - In response to concerns about districts being scheduled during our area's spring break, Steve indicated that these concerns should be brought to District 8 by the association's D8 rep. However, CGHA is lacking representation at the D8 meetings. Currently CGHA has had from minimal, to no vote or voice, in D8 decisions & discussions that take place at those meetings.

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: Motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM CST, motion seconded by Jim Anderson