

Minutes April 17, 2014

Members Present:

John Laliberte, Fraser MacDonald, Gerry Cincotta, Jenn McFaul, Laura Zambarano, Robert Young, Bruce Garrapy and Carney Daniels

Visitors:

Jennifer Villamil
Melissa Blondin
Dave Kedzierski

Call to Order: 7:04

March minutes approved, Carney made motion, Gerry seconded.

VISITOR DISCUSSIONS

- none

TREASURERS REPORT

- Slightly below (\$4000) but still have not received monies from EHS or Back Stage. Carney feels we should have seen some money from HS and will follow up.
- Fraser shared details about income and expenses.
- Biggest over budget expense is Jay Peak. A further discussion to be had about this.

ICE

- Rob reported that our ice budget will need to go up 2014-2015, roughly \$20-\$25,000. Budget should reflect \$150-\$160,000 for ice. This will keep the current team profile.
- All midjets will be playing under EYHA. Our ice expense for this program will increase about \$6-\$8,000 as we used to split this BAHA.
- 2 more teams will be added this year to ice time because of numbers.
- We are the first Cairns ice if Milton opens.
- Ice acquisition should be fine.
- There will be 3 teams on ice at times.

FUNDRAISING

- Gerry has spoken with Noel about boards. He has received some paperwork regarding agreements with sponsors. This should be good to go soon. Still need to talk about what fees to charge (\$750 to EHS for boards, \$500 to EHS for Banner). Current sponsors pay EHS \$1500 for a board this does not include reproduction costs which are about \$200-\$300 for a board. Gerry will send out a sell sheet by end of April.
- Snack Cart. Gerry has gotten the ok from Noel to bring in a food truck as long as it does not obstruct exits. Does Noel want and \$ from EYHA for having a truck on site?
- Upstairs cafeteria at rink is totally done.
- The boosters club is still a possibility. Carney is talking with Green.

VSAHA

- None. Matt not present

REFEREES

- None

REGISTRAR

- None. Dan not present

TRAVEL

- None

HOUSE

- Jen wanted to talk about Jay Peak and the Fit 2 Excel program
- EYHA ate \$8,400 this year to Jay Peak weekend. 6 families pulled out at last minute and EYHA reimbursed them. This was at our expense.
- Current cost for Jay Peak per player is \$225 with EYHA covering \$75. Previously we subsidized to maintain our nonprofit status.
- Discussion about how to save money for association between Jay Peak weekend and Fit 2 Excel. Jen would like to know what others are thinking.
- Lot of discussion was had. Some ideas were to cut Fit 2 Excel and add money to Jay Peak, Some like Fit 2 Excel as it added another practice. Questions asked: Should Fit 2 Excel only be for Bantams and U14? They could pay a bit more to participate. Should we poll the coaches and get their feedback? One member felt it was developmentally more appropriate for older groups and allows for higher expectations.
- The reality is that EYHA needs to cut back because of budget (Back Stage). We would need to cut back on Fit 2 Excel in order to keep Jay Peak weekend. The costs for Jay Peak are still an unknown. John is communicating with Jay Peak.
- A new volunteer needs to work with Burke to run Jay Peak program.

WOMEN

Julie not present, but she sent along an email. Laura read email to group.

Girls Hockey Report

1. Taste of Hockey - currently have 6 girls registered, most on the young side. EJRP has a “check out our summer programs” day coming up in early May where I hope (Carney, Laura) we can promote TOH to our target market which is girls between 2nd-5th grade. I will ask EJRP to include TOH in their late spring flyers they usually distribute to junction schools. I have extra EJRP camp brochures if there is anyone who wants them for promoting this event in their own school/workplace, etc.

2. Hornet/Intro to Hockey for Middle Grades - currently have 1 girl registered. The Town brochure just came out about a two weeks ago, so I’m actually surprised to have even one. Laura has been working on a poster to share in the Chittenden East schools to promote both of these events within the MMU feeder community.

Both camps are described on the girls’ hockey page on the EYHA website, including a link from the home page to within the girls’ hockey page.

3. Memorial Day Parade -- EYHA Girls will tag along with EHS Champions in parade. I have not yet communicated this to EYHA Girls’ families. Will do after break.

4. For better or worse, I wrote a “**My Turn**” piece for BFP in response to the high school hockey article which essentially pointed the finger to youth hockey for “dropping the ball”. I put a positive spin on local youth hockey including a shameless promotion of our two summer intro programs for girls. I was contacted today by BFP, so it will probably come out while I’m away (which is perfect).

5. BAHA Board has met and supports their U14 girls playing with EYHA. I plan to get all together on a sheet of ice. Am genuinely hoping we can convince our aging-up PW girls to play for our U14 program. Then we will have a great team.

HEAD COACH

None. Pat not present

PRESIDENT REPORT

- Warning Tracks in rinks. Article in NY Times.
- Only 2 rinks in the country currently have them (MA).
- USA Hockey is voting in June.
- John spoke with Noel about it and he is philosophically on board.
- John posed the question about whether or not EYHA would like to be the first rink in VT to have this? Discussion had and to be continued.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Elections took place and all balloted members were voted in unanimously.

- New Elected Board Members:

President	John Laliberte
House VP	Jenn McFaul
Travel VP	Gerry Cincotta
Treasurer	Fraser Macdonald
Secretary	Laura Zambarano
Ice Coordinator	Dave Kedzierski
Registrar	Dan Forcier
Tourn Director	Mike Smith

- The 8 appointed positions will be discussed and the appointed in May.
- Still need to have the amendment vote as there were not enough non members present.

NEXT MEETING, May 15, 2014, 7pm @ EHS

MEETING ADJOURNED

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