

**February 20, 2012**

Dover Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors

MINUTES

Mid-Month Working Meeting:

1. Call to Order at 6:40 p.m.
  - a. Members present:
    - i. Dave Middleton
    - ii. Dennis Pease
    - iii. Stacie Constas
    - iv. Melanie Walsh
    - v. Dave Gnall
    - vi. Dan Coffey
    - vii. Ellen Barton
    - viii. Eric Post
    - ix. Tim Broadrick
    - x. Michelle Launsby
    - xi. Cheryl Sullivan
    - xii. John Kelly
2. Scholarship committee initial report
  - a. Chris Crawford and Becky Ball presented a report on their work during the past few months developing a proposal to create a scholarship program (attachment)
    - i. Two open skate “DYHA experience days” in the fall for kids who have never played hockey before, focusing on 10-and-under players, with frank discussion about
      1. “no skills, no funds, no problem”
    - ii. Awarding grants for player tuition:
      1. Identifying scholarship candidates: State-run “SNAP” program provides free lunch availability in public schools
        - a. Program is not necessarily accurate in terms of what we would consider “need”
        - b. One school principal suggested working directly with guidance counselor who would be better-able to identify candidates who have athletic ability/interest and have financial need
          - i. Insulates DYHA from handling too much confidential personal information
        - c. Also post a need-based application for grant aid on our web site
      2. Scholarship committee (not board of directors) receive applications and recommendations and screens them to make grant decisions
        - a. Grants cover large percentage of house league tuition (players must pay something)
    - iii. Providing scholarships for graduating students who are moving on to play high school hockey, as well as college scholarship for graduating senior(s)
      - a. Using “pay it forward” program
        - i. Essay contest
        - ii. Community service component
      - b. Applications to scholarship committee for screening
        - i. Finalists to executive board for award decisions
    - iv. Fundraising possibilities:
      1. Purpose-specific fundraising activities
        - a. Golf tournament – Bob Doran (Squirt house player parent) might be able to help
        - b. Other specific fund-raising activities
  - b. Board feedback and requests:
    - i. Regarding open “skate for free” days
      1. Finding equipment is a challenge – Rochester has a deal for \$150 per player, but they do not have to buy the equipment until they have started playing and decided to continue or commit
        - a. USAHockey provided helmets for the Rochester program...
          - i. Look into USAHockey grants
          - ii. Talk to Jamie Eno about partnership with Bauer
          - iii. Talk to Philbrick’s and Pure Hockey
          - iv. Contact online vendors like HockeyMonkey, Total Hockey, etc. to explore closeouts or other opportunities
    - ii. Regarding grants for house league
      1. Check with Dover Moose, group homes, shelters... they know a lot of people in need

2. Call OR and see if they have paperwork for their rec department program that provides assistance to players
- iii. 2012-2013 Program proposal – Eric Post (Program Committee chair)
  1. handout with all program details (attached)
  2. main points;
    - a. continue in Major/Minor/Select format
    - b. manage game counts
    - c. increase practice-to-game ratio
    - d. more professional on-ice skills – first practice of every week
    - e. add professional off-ice skills -- 30-45 min. every other week
      - i. included in tuition for major/minor teams
      - ii. optional pay-as-you-go for all other DYHA players
    - f. professional goalie skills every other week for all ages
      - i. still open to all players
      - ii. practice jerseys for all teams
    - g. reversible game jerseys for all split season teams
  3. Tuition
    - a. Mite Select - \$950
    - b. Mite Major - \$1700
    - c. Squirt, Pee Wee & Bantam Select - \$1700
    - d. Squirt, Pee Wee & Bantam Major / Minor - \$1950
    - e. Girls U12 & U14 - \$1850
    - f. Midget & U19 split season - \$850

*Motion to approve program proposal was made by Ellen and seconded by Cheryl, passed unanimously*