

SRIYHA Meeting Minutes

5/18/15 7:13 PM

Attendees: Toby Gibbons, Jack McGreen, Sharon McGreen, Greg Gonsalves, Keith Labrecque, Joe Gately; Mike Natalizia, Courtney Wright, Sean Lyons, Mike Mulvey, Todd Dougherty

Not in attendance: Bill Brew and Greg Cox

Quorum: YES

Acceptance of the 4/27/15 minutes

Discussion of whether to accept the meeting minutes from the meeting held on 4/27/15 for posting on the website.

VOTE: SRI will post the 4/27/15 meeting minutes on the SRIYHA website.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 **Status: PASSED**

Discussion/Vote on Midget Proposal

Discussion and vote to move ahead with Midget Proposal for upcoming 2015 Fall season. Proposal to be formally rolled out to Midget and Bantam membership. Ideas for name of league include "Prep Pre-Season Skate", etc. Cost will include 18 skates (skills and scrimmage sessions), team jersey with name on back, and trophies at end of season. Cost to be determined based on number of sheets of ice, ref fees, jersey cost and fee for individual who will run and conduct sessions. This person is to be someone with hockey experience/background and will be paid for their time. SRI to open up registration for this league in June. Goal of this league is to get players ready for high school season and to offer skill based sessions based on puck touches, fitness and small area games designed for the high school level. Starting in October SRI will offer 2-3 skates a week. By early November, the players will be grouped and form different teams to play full ice games. Toby Gibbons will be the point person from the Board to lead this effort.

VOTE: SRI will move ahead with new Midget proposal and structure.

AYES: 13 NAYS: 0 **Status: PASSED**

Update on State League Meeting

Keith reported on the discussion at the monthly State League Meeting. The RIAHA by-laws have been rewritten. There are 13 members on the board for three year terms with Bob Larence remaining as President. The RI member associations vote for who will be on this board. Mass Youth hockey is looking to join the New England Regional District hockey which is currently the governing body for Connecticut, RI, VT, Maine and NH. Currently Mass is on their own and in their own district due to the size of their district. The future of the Friendship Cup tournament for all levels was voted down. It will only be held for Squirts and PeeWees going forward.

Purchase Order Vote

The league is in need of the following items:

SRI Pins to be handed out at Tournaments, etc.

Black/Blue Pucks

2015-16 Tee Shirts (Greg Gonsalves has designed, will be on grey background)

VOTE: SRI will purchase the above items for league.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 **Status: PASSED**

Pond Hockey Event, other Fundraising, Advertising on Web Site

Board is still interested in holding a “pond hockey” event in the Fall. More details to follow. Other fundraising ideas include having another dinner/raffle event similar to the 10th Anniversary dinner. Todd Dougherty indicated that his wife may be interested in chairing this event. He will check with her and get back to the board.

We discussed revisiting the current sponsors on the website to see if they are still interested in advertising their company name. If they are SRI will look to collect fees for their continued sponsorship. Additionally, SRI will look for new sponsorships.

Several other ideas for fundraising were brought up. It was suggested that a committee be formed to explore these ideas.

Girls Hockey

SRI will look to partner up with Newport for to have a skills/clinic night for all interested girls (U14). SRI will field a girls U16/19 team as the RI Panthers for the ½ season before high school hockey. All girls to play on this team will register with and pay SRI. The team will play in the NEGHL and be coached by Ross Koretsky and Greg Gonsalves. The board discussed also entering a U14 girls team under the Panthers name in the 2016-17 season. Sharon McGreen will discuss with Fred Miller of the Panthers about this idea and the use of the Panthers name. The idea is to create a level for the girls who do not

want to play for or do not make the Tier I level Sting team. More discussion on this at the next board meeting.

Discussion on Mite Tryouts

Warm up and tryout will be in early September. There will be three tryout dates.

Next Meeting

7/14/15 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted 5/22/15

Sharon McGreen, Secretary