

The Rockford Hockey Association (RHA) Board met Monday, January 26, 2014, at 8:00 p.m., at Cedar Rock Sports Plex in Rockford, MI.

**Call to order.** The meeting of the RHA Board was called to order at by 8:07 p.m. by Dave Bina.

**Roll Call.** Present: Craig McPhee, Tom Marchlewski, Erin Weber, Dave Bina, Jason Hodel, C. Christian, Casey LaMore, Chris Green; Non-Voting Members Present: Annie Malafa, Ben Herrick, Craig Hoffman; Absent: B. Korytkowski, D. Bach

**Meeting Minutes.** Via email. Need December 2014 minutes from C. LaMore

### **Open Membership Forum.**

PeeWee A Team – A. Mafala, B. Herrick, and C. Hoffman asked the board to open discussion regarding a PeeWee A team for the 2015-2016 season.

### **Committee Reports.**

**Hockey Operations.** C. Green – new AAA board WMEHC West Michigan Elite Hockey League/Club; C. Green on board other associations have presence on board as well, competing against other AAA Elite hockey programs in the state. First meeting – create executive board, making decision on coaches now. Squirt, PeeWee Major/Minor, Bantam Major/Minor, Midgets; locations will depend on majority players for each team; will be firmed up. For 2015-16 season; tryouts in March/April (specific dates TBD).

**WMEHC.** C. Green for February agenda.

**MAHA.** – Dave Bina and Kevin Sehlmeier – winter meeting Friday & Saturday in Southgate. Bina only non-D6 director in attendance. President's meeting on Friday evening.

- **Concussions** – yearly forms and forms held centrally starting in 2013-14. We hold originals; copies in team binders. OKAY to have a scanned. Tom has complete rosters. ERIN WORK WITH TOM.
- **Registration** – post form/authorization. Can be part of electronic registration process, review with attorney
- **THFF** – Dates driven by NHL. MAHA will come run THFF (done 2 years ago and the MAHA's coordination was not successful). Current MAHA rep running THFF is Ron Hayes; can schedule in early fall. Discussed "transition" phase to get THFF participants into actual session. Need to schedule THFF to coordinate with sessions
- **OneGoal Grant** – use it or lose it oney; need attractive and eye-catching fliers/brochures for next year's THFF event. D. Bach needs to submit bills – communicate with C. McPhee – C. LaMore will follow up with D. Bach.
- **Financials** – Continued issue with non-paying families. Need a clearer palyer financial contract at the beginning of the season; consider having attorney review financial contract for next season. USA Hockey considering a financial rule (no pay, no play).
- **Coaches Meeting** (D. Bina) – Body Contact Clinics available at end of March by Bob Mancini; there will be within the state. Education package encouraging the proper/safer body contact procedures/forms to take to the ice for the younger kids. Gordie Bowman requested Coach of the Year nominations due April 15, 2015. Player development camps for 2000 and older are coming up.

- **USA Hockey** – new sponsor for USA hockey is Kraft; Kraft offering grants for rink renovation; A. Malafa to get key talking points to E. Weber. A. Malafa attending CRSP board meeting for rink tomorrow night and is looking for more involvement from the organizations that use CRSP.
- **Model-based Associations** – MAHA looking for more associations to join this effort. If RHA agrees to be a model-based association, we would we strictly embrace ADM for 12 and under (PeeWee).
- **Mites** – Discussions for every district will have an organized Mite/Mite advanced programs (National development program), tiered levels, info kits for assns.
- **Parents** – safe sport training at no cost
- OneGoal Grants – W-9 to MAHA for OneGoal Grant; OneGoal Grants for 2015-16 – open 2/1, due 6/15
- Head coaches solely responsible for ensuring playing a USA Hockey Team

**ADRAY.** – D. Bina – hosting Adray PeeWee tournament in February; email from Kevin Wood by 1/28 schedule due; all teams must have rosters

**Marketing/Growth.** – C. LaMore –

- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> - 2 Griffins coming to skills night
- Approval for raffle tourney \$99 cash prize and options
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – THFF from 6-7p; USA Hockey campaign to give out sticks; possibly RAMS Hockey mini sticks; chad, tom, collar team?, need 6 to 8 volunteers, C. McPhee, Rhoades, players no sticks, CL follow up with BK
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Rams Blackout – support JV team – 11:30am
- Mar 26<sup>th</sup> – end of year banquet at CRSP – (date may change depending on travel tryouts), 6-7:30 soccer field and open skate for kids
- Facebook updates

**Policies/Compliance.** – Need to determine bylaws changes – D. Bina; E. Weber; C. Green; C. McPhee

**Voting procedure** – Allow nominations from the floor before for directors – D. Bina; CL talked to Jeff Delongchamp (?); E. Weber, C. LaMore, T. Marchlewski, C. Christian are up for reelection

## **Director Reports.**

**General Manager/Ice.** B. Korytkowski – 5 hours left at Griff's Ice House

**Coaching Coordinator.** J. Hodel – Securing for coaches for next season; T. Marchlewski to help coordinate spring leagues: possibly 3 squirts in spring, need pricing and schedule, D. Bina to share spring 2014 squirt information; spring tourney squirt at walker; fair amount of interest at PeeWee level for travel tournament

*Travel teams for 2015-2016*

PeeWee A team – possibly 11 players interested; possible coaches: Kurt Romero, Gordie Ancus; challenge will be to fill out remainder of roster; goalie possibly Caleb Dabaja

Chad Christian – travel team coordinator (?)

Bantams National Tournament – schedule Rams Bantam tryouts immediately following tournament; PeeWee – after MAHA state tourney  
All RAMS tryouts need to after WMEHC; need Nationals tryout dates  
Bantam A is a possibly for next season; One Bantam AA team for next season

Need a contingency plan for LTS coach 2015-16

**Treasurer.** C. McPhee – P&L statement; reconciled bank statements; reviewed outstanding balances; no pay by Friday no play this weekend; W-9 for coaches & working with tax accountant to reconcile; needs to run estimated budgets for spring teams; need to start planning for 2015-2016 budget, analyze 2014-2015 budget (WebX)

**Registrar.** T. Marchlewski – 239 player roster.

**Secretary.** E. Weber – no report

**Members at Large.**

C. Christian – Followed up on DeBruler complaint re: JV coaching staff; response to D. Bach and D. Bina from C. Christian. Response to come officially from J. Hodel. No action taken against coach.

**President.** D. Bina – 6U Cross Ice Jamboree at VanAndel – T. Christian to send out email to 6U for 2/14; must buy tickets to Griffin’s game that night; J. Hodel will check with Jordan S.

**Old Business.**

**Rec League** – C. Christian – going well, no ref needed

**Sports Ngin** –C. McPhee made a motion to move RHA website to Sports Ngin for upcoming season and allocate necessary funds for start-up. E. Weber second. Motion passed.

**Tryouts** – Must post tryouts on MAHA website within certain days before tryouts (D. Bina)

**New Business.**

None.

**Communication.**

Conference call February 2, 2015 at 8:00pm – travel hockey  
Conference call February 9, 2015 at 8:00pm – budget  
Board meeting February 23, 2015 at 8:00pm at Cedar Rock Sports Plex

**Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at **10:30pm** by D. Bina.