



## DCYHA Board Minutes January 21st, 2016

Present: Ty Poulsen, John Jensen, Becky Jacobsen, Scott Hinerman, Rich Lucy, Dave Soutter, Anna Erickson, Doug Morrill, Mike Wagstaff (via phone), Paul Amidon (via phone)

Absent: Karyn Baxter

Guest: Ron Ramirez

December Minutes ratified.

Robert's Rules: At the Bylaws meeting, it has been discussed at how these board meetings are supposed to run. A motion is supposed to come before the discussion, and then, after the motion and discussion, we vote. Rich has printed out a cheat sheet on Robert's Rules with guidelines on how to run our meetings more efficiently. Board members will review these guidelines the next 30 days before the next board meeting.

House Games vs Eagles Practice Policy Update: Dave Soutter reached out to Matt Green, one of the head coaches of the Eagles, and explained the situation of how there was a coach that admonished his players to put Eagles practice ahead of DCYHA Games or they would be benched. Matt confirmed that this was against the Eagle's Policy. and the only time Eagles take Matt will send an email out that will remind the coaches/players of the policy about a DCYHA game taking precedence over a Eagles practice. He asks that if any other issues arise, to keep him informed. Most conflict avoidance depends on ice time and when it is available. There are also other kids in the Eagles organization that are not from DCYHA, and the policy of house games over an Eagles practice is the same for every other house organization.

Iron Cup Update: The last meeting was conducted via email. All the younger teams are filling up fast. Mites are full, as well as Squirts. Still looking for one Peewee team and two Bantam teams. Nevada Storm, squirt level, is reaching out to join the tournament. Motion made by Ty to invite the Nevada Storm Squirts to play in our Peewee age group since the Squirt level is full. John seconds the motion, all in favor. Anna has ordered banners that say "Welcome to the Iron Cup" "Check In/Information" and a board that says "Keep It Fun For Kids...etc". There is a goal to hit 40-50 baskets, already have 25. Hoping to make about \$50 off of each basket. The goal is to raise around \$2,000. **As soon as the schedule is created, Rich will have the Volunteer Sign Up page available on the website for Scoresheet Keeper, Time Clock, camera, etc. Anna will look into possibly hiring out for the scoresheet keeping and such.** The person that does the announcing for the U of U and the Moose, John Bask, is hiring himself out to do more youth tournaments. We used him last year, planning on using him again. We do require the concussion form to be signed for each player according to the rules of the State of Utah. There is a Consent to Treat as well, and an attached Code of Conduct.

End of Year Party (date?): End of Year party is usually held in March towards the end of the season. It has been a Wednesday night during the Peewee practice. It is typically held before the Iron Cup. Wednesday, March 16th will be looked at for the possibility of the party date. **Becky will head up the organization of the party.** Dave's friend owns 5 Buck Pizza and he is willing to offer a deal. Last year, 45 pizzas were ordered. Half from 5 Buck and the other half from Little Caesars.



Game Gear Jerseys/parents' survey: Should we send out a Survey Monkey to parents to ask about their satisfaction with the jerseys, ordering process, etc. This way we have the feedback, but John also has information to take back to Game Gear. We can send a link with the survey in our email that we will send out about the end of year party. Will the new parents really know a difference with the jerseys? The board is more than happy to provide the feedback. A complaint that has been widely spoken about across the organization, is the font. Especially with the numbers. The font creates a problem of telling a number one, from a seven and such. When we ordered from Brad Hall, we would order a few extra Jerseys with whatever open numbers were available, and then have Brad Hall do some name plates that are ironed on and then sewn around the edges. We will need to have a system in place where perhaps the coaches are responsible for their age groups' extra jerseys so they are available in case a player forgets their jersey. Ty has looked into a few other local vendors to see if they can match the Brad Hall jerseys. The main complaints that have been talked about with the Game Gear jerseys are the font with the numbers, the font with the names, the heaviness of the material, and the actual cut of the jersey. The jerseys are too wide at the top, and then taper on the way down. The color is even different.

Gear Update: Steve, our equipment manager, has a question of, "Do we order the One Goal hockey sticks?" 25 sticks have been approved for purchase. There are 7 One Goal sticks in the cage, not sure how many are out on loan. The sticks need to be ordered in February. Side note: we have all those boxes of DCYHA puck up in the office, should we sell them at the Iron Cup? \$5 a piece? There are about 400 left. We could also pull out the Wind stickers and sell them as well.

Sponsorship Director: Rich makes a motion to relieve Paul Amidon as Sponsorship Director, and nominate Amanda Cannon as the new Director. This is a position that she has done before. She works for the Boams' company, she has done sponsorships, recruited logos, and such. A second is made by Ty, all in favor.

St. Olaf has requested a donation from DCYHA. We have offered passes to our Learn To Play in the past. We have several kids that play for us now that have come from these auctions. Rich makes a motion to give 2 passes for Learn To Play for St. Olaf's raffle. Dave seconds the motion, all in favor.

Doug requests that his company, for doing DCYHA's taxes, have their company put as a sponsor of the Iron Cup. Ty makes the motion to add Doug Morrill's company on our website and forgo the \$100 fee. Second by Rich, all in favor.

Moving Up Policy: **Tabled for next meeting.**

Bylaws/Policy Committee Update: The committee has met every week since the last board meeting. They are at the point that at our next board meeting, the committee will bring hard copies and proposed changes of the bylaws that are there, and would like to give everybody on the board 30 days to review them. We can have some online discussion of the bylaws, but that in March, we have a board meeting which we will go through the bylaws and address questions. At the end of that board meeting, we would like to be able to wrap up the process and vote on the Bylaws and Policies. The committee is reaching out to the Rocky Mountain Region rep (Kelly) to get better language to make sure the bylaws are in line. There have been a lot of updates that have needed to be added in, and there will be a table of contents that will for sure



be available at the next meeting as all the bylaws require a bit more of an extensive review, requiring, perhaps, more work through the year.

Eagles Update: TY makes a motion that as of the 2016/2017 season, the Golden Eagles are no longer part of DCYHA and will be 100% broken off from DCYHA and will run their own travel program. Seconded by Rich. By doing this, they would not have an affiliate status with UAHA. The Eagles will now have to file for their own sub-affiliate. Becoming your own organization is a difficult task. The Eagles are already an existing tier program, and hopefully that will hold some sway with the State Board in allowing the Golden Eagles to become their own organization. Tier requirements versus House requirements are at a completely different level. It's a competitive league. The play time is based on talent and ability, not equal opportunity. There has been some risk with the Eagles, with how they have been able to drift away from the Board's control. There are several players in the Eagles program, that are not DCYHA kids at all. If we disband the two younger teams, and cap the program, it will cause those players to leave, the coaches to leave, and can damage the program. We need to focus on growing our house program and working with ice issues. Let's focus our efforts on keeping our house kids in the program and continuing to grow. The only way the Eagles could stay under our umbrella is by capping their teams, and controlling their organization, we need to get back in and work with their schedule, and their ice issues, coaching, budgeting, team managers, etc. The reasons we were going to disband the team was we have outgrown the SDRC facility. There is just not ice available to support our teams. There would be so much work to do, so much more administration, so much more work to put on the Board to keep the Eagles. Both organizations have grown exponentially. The motion has been discussed and amended that if the Eagles are not able to gain their own charter by the 2016/2017 season, they can continue to operate under DCYHA charter as our sub-affiliation, with their own board, that reports to the DCYHA Board. In favor, Ty, Rich, Doug, John, Becky, and Mike. Against, Anna, Scott, and Dave.

2016/2017 Team Splits/Travel Players in DCYHA: A thought has been proposed to split our teams this next season, by skill. This way the players can continue to develop their hockey game with team mates and opponents of same skill. If there is anything we can do to have an A, B, C type of hockey, can be beneficial in enhancing the kids skills. This can be explored at a future date. Tabled for further discussion.