

RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

JULY 2016 MINUTES



DATE: Wednesday, July 13, 2016

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

Attendance: Linn, Accola, Olson, Linehan, Bennett, Thomas,

Absent: Christensen, Oakins, Magnuson, Hare, Wilson

Called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Linn

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review Linn

2. Consent Items(All can be approved in one motion, unless an items is removed by a board member for further discussion) Linn
 - A. Agenda Approval
Action Item: Approve Agenda and any supplementary materials
 - B. Approval of Minutes
Action Item: Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion to approve Accola; Thomas to second.

3. Guest Comments Guests

Chris Larsen, a mite parent was present at the meeting. Chris is interested in the vacant board position. He has a journalism degree and right now he is working in the outdoor industry doing online media and social strategy.

Prior to the meeting Linn forwarded to the board five other potential board bios for the board to review prior to the meeting. In addition, prior to the meeting Linn received an e-mail from Magnuson in which he resigned from the board. Thus there are two vacant spots on the board to fill. Linn will review all of the potential candidate's bios and make a recommendation to the board his recommendations for the two vacant spots for an e-mail vote. He would like this done prior to July 18, 2016. Linn also asked the board that when voting to look at the future needs of the Association and who the board believes would be able to fill those needs.

4. Hockey Operations – On Ice Hare

Per Hare's e-mail update to the board, the committee has finalized the goals and objectives by level for the boys' program and expects to have practice plans completed through December for mites, squirts and bantams by the end of the month. The next steps will be to complete the PeeWee plans and have the coach's books ready by the end of August.

5. Building Events

Linn

Will be working with city to obtain all picnic licenses for the Renegade games. We have had a few people inquire about becoming licensed servers. Linn requested that every board member take the course as a board member will need to be at each Renegade game; like the high school games. Website is: www.learn2serve.com.

Linn hasn't heard from anyone who is interested in taking over the event coordinator position. If anyone knows someone that may be interested, please let him know.

Welcome Back Event is being worked on. At this time the committee is looking for a band that is reasonably priced. Once a band is found, the committee will present the budget proposal to the board. Linn indicated that the locker rooms should be done by then.

No Fall, 2016, gun show. A committee was formed (Linn, Thomas and Chris Larson) to put together a Fall Outdoor Expo in the Fall of 2017.

6. Building Operations

Wilson/Linn

Ground breaking ceremony will be on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. for ground breaking ceremony. Building process has gone smooth thus far.

The pieces are in place for ice-in and have scheduled dates for painting of the ice well in advance this year.

A grant has been submitted for a solar project at the Wildcat Centre. We should know by the end of July or first part of August whether the grant has been accepted.

Swallows are back on the front of the building.

7. Financial Operations

Accola

Accola provided to the Board his financial report. Discussion occurred concerning the February dates for the Hunt contract. It was agreed that we would cancel all of the February dates. Accola met with Rollie Hall at the high school and the Association's attorney has reviewed the contracts.

8. Fundraising Operations

Thompson

Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 5, 2016 at the River Falls Golf Course. Mike Kealy is handling the event. Olson has agreed to help Kealy with the event.

9. External Relations/Recruitment/Advertising

Linn

Linn has not heard from anyone to take over as the LTS Coordinator so he will handle. We are looking for a LTS Equipment person. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested in either of these roles to let Linn know.

Jim and Cheryl Hoepfl are taking on the relationship with St. Croix Sports for apparel on the boy's side. Kara Therriault is doing the Blackcat apparel.

There are a few new sponsorship opportunities that we are working on for dasher ads. Emails will be going out to all existing sponsors within next two weeks with follow up phone calls to confirm plans for 2016/2017. Oakins and Linn will be handling this.

Bennett and Linn have met with Chris Larson to discuss Facebook and lobby monitors. He has agreed to take on these roles for the Association.

River Falls Days Coordinator position is still open.

10. Hockey Operations – Off Ice

Christensen

- a. March tournament (pee wee/bantam or mites). Discussion occurred on what should replace the midget tournament. We agreed that it should be a mite bracket tournament. Linn will talk to Hare concerning this event.

11. Other Business

- a. Policy Handbook changes

Bennett

This was tabled to the August meeting inasmuch as we didn't have enough board members at the meeting. It was reiterated that this will need to be reviewed and voted on at the August meeting.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Linehan; second by Olson.

<u>2016 – 2017 Calendar - Key Dates</u>	
May 11, 2016	6 pm - 8 pm - Spring Registration
August 5, 2016	RFYHA Golf Fundraiser
	St. Croix Sports RFYHA Appreciation Event
September 14, 2016	Fall Registration
September 17, 2016	Welcome Back Event
September 24, 2016	Preseason Camp Starts at Hunt
September 24, 2016	Compressors Started (tentative)
October 4, 2016	Ice-in finished
October 8, 2016	Girls Hockey Weekend
October 11, 2016	Preseason Camp Ends
October 19, 2016	LTS Equipment Distribution
October 24, 2016	Try Outs
October 26, 2016	LTS Starts
	Team/Individual Pictures
November 12, 2016	Try Hockey for Free
November 13, 2016	LTS Winter Registration 6 pm - 7 pm
November 16, 2016	LTS ends
December 2-4, 2016	Squirt Tournament
December 10-11, 2016	Mites Holiday Extravaganza
December 16, 2016	Calendar Raffle due
January 6-7, 2017	All Hockey Game Day
January 13-15, 2017	Pony Tail Classic Tournament
January 17, 2017	Pizza order forms/money due
January 20-22, 2017	PeeWee Tournament
January 27-29, 2017	Blackcat Classic Tournament
February 3-5, 2017	Playdowns
February 8, 2017	Pizza's delivered
February 10-12, 2017	Bantam B Tournament
February 25, 2017	Try Hockey for Free
February 17-19, 2017	Bantam A Tournament
	Fat Boy Tournament
	RFYHA Annual Meeting