Park Rapids Amateur Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/24/16

1. Call to Order: By: Brent S/Matt/Passed Time: 6:22 p.m.
2. Agenda Approval: Brent H/Nancy/Passed
3. Minutes Approval: Shaun/Blake/Passed
4. Old Business
   1. Carpet on the stairs
      1. Brent H got a verbal estimate that was between $1400-1500
         1. We will go with the first estimate from Pine Country Carpet and Cabinets, which was $777.39.
         2. Motion: Laura/Blake/Passed
5. New Business
   1. Tournament Fees (covered by the association)
      1. Pete wanted HDC to come up with a new fee that is consistent with the current range for tournaments.
      2. Brent H/Matt/Passed – move tournament fees to be $750
   2. Tournament Agenda
      1. Bryan H –
         1. Squirts tournament – have verbal commitments, only one team has paid
         2. Pee Wees tournament - Park Rapids, Bemidji, Brainerd (maybe), Bismarck (possibly 2 teams)
         3. Bantams – Park River, ND (awaiting sending the check), River Lakes Stars (interested, but no commitment), White Bear Lake (interested, but no commitment), Rochester (interest in bringing 2 teams, but no commitment)
         4. Bryan is working on getting Bemidji for Squirts and Bantams, and would like to see if Bagley can come
         5. Paperwork must be in 21 days before the date of the first tournament
   3. High school pairing contract (boys and girls)
      1. Annual contract approved: Brent S/Blake/Passed
         1. Pete needs to sign it
   4. Language change and approval of youth pairing between Pee Wee and Bantam
      1. Pee Wees have 1, possibly 2 players (one possible goalie) from Walker
      2. Bantams have 4 players from Walker
      3. Practices and games are to be held in Walker based on the percentage of players from each location.
      4. Contract with Walker will be signed annually.
      5. The board has decided that we will merge with Walker at the Bantam level based on percentages, but not at the Pee Wee level.
         1. The agreement will be re-drafted and re-submitted to Walker.
         2. Pee Wee players can come play in Park Rapids, but we will not be practicing/playing games in Walker.
   5. Apparel
      1. Brent S has been working with two different companies.
         1. If teams want to do something in particular for their team they need to put something together and Brent will help put that together and see where we can get the best deal.
         2. Brent is also looking at getting a few items to sell in the concession stand.
   6. Raffle progress (prizes and tickets)
      1. Ice castle, four-wheeler, and Go-Pros (he will look into getting a gun) for a total of $12,000
         1. Blake will contact gaming regarding payment for the prizes.
         2. Raffle tickets will get printed as soon as prizes are finalized.
         3. Blake will give us a date at the next meeting for when raffle tickets will be ready so we can let the managers know.
         4. Families will be required to sell two books of tickets. As an incentive the top sales people will receive a bonus of $300, $200 and $100.
            1. Motion to approve to give top three raffle sales an incentive pay: Matt/Brent H/Passed
   7. Ed
      1. Scheduling for Pee Wees – currently have 33 games on the schedule. 35 is the max at this level. Would like to schedule a tournament in Walker, but this would put them at 36-40 games depending on how many games they play at the tournaments.
         1. We will eliminate the Clouquet game – the coaches will decide if we participate in the Thief River tournament or the Walker tournament
      2. 12U – There are only 3 teams in our district
         1. There are other games that they can play, they just won’t be district games. Ed will look into this to get them some experience. He is also looking for a 12U tournament.
      3. Figure skaters
         1. February 24-26 show (this conflicts with Try Hockey for Free event – which is set by USA Hockey)
         2. Last skate is March 8
   8. Website – Domain expired on October 18. We got a 7-day extension. The new transfer has been made to Heidi Kruchowski. We still need to pay the fee – either via credit card or checking account. We have until Friday. Nancy is working on finding out to see how much the fee is.
   9. Movement of players out of age brackets
      1. We have one player that is in the age level of a Bantam, but he registered as a Varsity player.
         1. Policy is that he stays in the level according to his age level. The deadline for applying to move up was September 2. This deadline was not met either.
         2. The board’s stand is that the player should stay at the Bantam level. In order for the player to move up, it would have to be by special request by the Varsity coach.
   10. Motion for Ashley Eischens to be an assistant mini mite coach: Matt/Brent H/Passed
   11. Jessica Iwen would like to arrange an Art Bar with proceeds going to the hockey association
6. Next meeting date is: 11/14/16
7. Adjournment: By: Nancy/ Brent H/passed Time: 7:45 p.m.