

The Rockford Hockey Association (RHA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, February 1, 2016 at 8:00PM at Cedar Rock Sports Plex. The meeting was called to order at **8:08 pm** by Craig McPhee.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Craig McPhee, Chuck Veen, Erin Weber, Ryan Seauvageau, Tom Marchlewski, Dave Ezell, Donielle Austin, Casey LaMore, Ken Sergott

ABSENT: Dennis Santos

GUEST: Kevin Rop, Laura Rop, Jenny Tolonen, Kim Shaft, Marty Obetts, Kelly Klein, Richard Klein, Leann Sponseller, Ann Harvey, Tim Kelley

Meeting Minutes: December meeting minutes sent via email by Craig; approved.

Open Membership Forum: Kevin Rop (on behalf of guests listed above) – concerned for Bantam B team 2017/18. Currently projecting 10 players (2004s) for next season. How can group help ensure there is a Bantam B team for next season. C. McPhee explained the projection process – Are 10 players enough for a team? First, there is a Bantam B goalie (Gio Sponseller) so are 9 players enough? It would be a challenge with 9 players considering Bantam is the first year for checking. MAHA states that we (as an association/board) can't recruit before a specific date (tampering) so we must be careful. For 2003s who went elsewhere because we didn't have a Bantam B team for this season, these players may be come back. Also, there are potential players in Rec League. As parents, it is important to start asking around for interest. Bantam is the most challenging age group for retention. Behind the scenes there is continuous talk about teams and budgeting; explained the general budgeting process (team-by-team basis). Our goal is to have a competitively priced team on the ice for 2017/18 season; our draft budget is currently projecting for 13 Bantam B players.

Kevin suggested using our association website and Facebook to promote registration, spring teams, etc. with specifically highlighting Bantam teams.

Committee Reports:

MAHA – Jason Hodel – Winter Meeting key topics:

- Tier 1 (girls) moving to 4 teams (3 east; 1 west); Fox Tier 1 (girls) will not exist next season.
- District tournaments happening this month.
- Mites: how do we do things differently that we do currently; good discussion about ideas to move forward but we don't have anyone to spearhead these ideas on the ground level.
- Tryouts – Tryouts can begin 48 hours after national tournaments,. D6 tryouts will happen after all districts with fall tryouts starting after May 1st; AAA will go first followed by the remaining levels. Spring league will be very abbreviated, as usual.
- District 6 elections/ballots coming out soon.

ADRAY – Dennis Santos [absent] – Jason Hodel talked with Kevin this afternoon regarding the schedule for Adray tournament. Leann Sponseller is the tournament coordinator.

Marketing/Growth – Casey LaMore – Preparing for THFF event. Waiting on plans for Spring league to update the website.

Policies/Compliance – no report.

Director Reports.

General Manager/Ice – Chuck Veen – no report.

Coaching Commissioner – Dave Ezell – Reviewed projected numbers for 2017/18 (with Ken Sergott and Jason Hodel):

- HOUSE: 8U Mites w/o play-ups – 12 players, 2 teams of 6; 10U Squirt – 31 players, 9 of which are potential play-ups; 12U Peewee – 14 players including Ryan Kelley exception; 14U Bantam – 10 players
- TRAVEL: 2007 –3 players; 2006 – 12 players; 2005 – 14 players; 2004 – no team; 2003 – 17 players

Talked with Mark Izzard – Need a note to the LTS parents reminding them to allow plenty of time before start time to get kids ready to be on the ice (suggested 30-45 minutes); Casey will send out. This weekend Mark/Dave will talk with parents (again) about expectations and such. Casey said there is a player that was moved from LTS to LTP but he does not like it so may move him back to LTS group.

Treasurer – Ryan Seauvageau – about \$6,500 outstanding to be collected. Chuck Veen, Ryan Seauvageau, and Craig McPhee met with Ric regarding ice costs for upcoming season. Ric presented a tiered pricing structure, and based on estimated plans, projecting \$10/hour increase in ice costs for upcoming season. After meeting discussed purchasing ice in larger chunks of time rather than by hour so that we host other events/session (e.g., association stick & puck).

Registrar – Tom Marchlewski –

Secretary – Erin Weber – Draft election email sent to directors for review.

President – C. McPhee –

Members at Large –

Donielle Austin – No report.

Casey LaMore – No report.

Ken Sergott – No report.

Old Business.

New Business.

- Spring League – Jason Hodel has reached out to various associations about interest in a spring league. At this point, there is not much interest (especially at the Bantam level) but will continue to pursue. Suggested to Peewee B parents in attendance to find a spring tournament, schedule practices, and compete. Board will help with registration and such.
- Adray Tournament
- Lock in Tryout Slots and Teams for May

Communication.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Conference call – Monday, February 13, 2017 at 8:30pm

Board meeting – Monday, February 27, 2017 at 8:00pm at Cedar Rock Sports Plex

Conference call – Monday, March 6, 2017 at 8:30pm

Annual meeting – Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:00pm at Rockford Sportman's Club

Meeting adjourned at ##.##pm by Craig McPhee.