

Petoskey Hockey



PAHA Board Meeting, September 21, 2016

PAHA Board Members:

President: Diana Guiney

Vice President: Brian Stinger

Treasurer: Trista Teuscher

Secretary: Sarah Montgomery

Registrar: Michelle Babcock

Coaching Director: Brent Ward

IP Director: Jeff Anderson

Equipment Manager: R.D.

Attendance: Sarah Montgomery, Diana Guiney, Trista Teuscher, R.D., Jeff Anderson, Brian Stinger, Brent Ward, Michelle Babcock. Guest: Jerry Timm

Diana called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

- I. **Old Business:** Coaching assignments- Sam Ayers will be assistant coach for the mini mites this year. However, help might be needed in other areas, at other levels of hockey and therefore Sam might be asked to float to other teams as a way of providing added assistance. Thank you Sam. ☺
- II. **New Business:**  Treasurer's report- The general fund currently stands at \$11,000.00 However, we are awaiting registrations from several hockey families within the association. As of today we currently have between 36-46 registered hockey players. Rink costs this year will be the same as last year, Unlimited Ice Time again this year @ a flat rate of \$60,000 (Which means if you wish to schedule something extra and the rink schedule is open, you can use the rink without being charged any additional cost.)
- III. **Try Hockey forFree/IP Program:** November 12th is the, **National Try Hockey for FREE** day. We will be advertising this event through flyers sent home at the surrounding area schools. PAHA is contacting several school systems in our local

communities, Harbor Light, Alanson Public, Boyne City Public, Petoskey Public, Harbor Springs Public, Charter Schools and Private Schools. (Our target age group is Mini's and Mites 5 years to 8 years old, however no child is turned away at a Try Hockey for FREE event or IP program. All are welcome! We are also considering taking out a half page ad in the Petoskey News Review to stir up possible hockey players. One suggestion was running an advertisement at the Petoskey Cinemas before the start of a movie as a way of drumming up business. (Other local businesses currently use this tactic) Those looking for **information** about the **National Try Hockey for FREE** date are encouraged to visit the web page: **www.Tryhockeyforfree.com**- you will be asked to enter your **zip code** as it applies to you and from there you will be linked to the **closest Try Hockey for FREE rink in your area**. You are able to fill out the registration information right there on line so you are all set when the day arrives. ☺



IV. **PAHA Try Hockey For FREE:** Petoskey Hockey opens their season on **October 17th, 2016**. PAHA will be hosting its own **Try Hockey for FREE clinic on December 17th, 2016**

V. **IP/Learn to Skate:** IP and Learn to Skate will run for 4 weeks and will be held on Sundays. This clinic will be incorporated on the ice with the mini's and mite's during their practice as a way of rotating kids through the hockey stations currently in place by the coaches, who currently coach mini's and mites. This is a great way for new skaters to see how hockey practice works as well.

VI. **SCHEDULED PRACTICE TIMES: Peewees** (11-12U) will practice **Monday's and Thursday's 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** **Squirts** (9-10U) will practice on **Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Fridays 6:30-7:30 p.m.** **Mites & Mini Mites** (5-6U & 7-8U) practice together, **Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Sundays 1:30-3:00 p.m.** **Piranha Girls** will practice **Wednesdays 5:30-7:00**



VII. **Concessions-** After a lengthy board discussion we have decided to run the concession stand again this year. This entails PAHA paying \$1000 to rent the concession stand and no profit will be made until we make back our \$1000 dollar rental cost. Our main reason for deciding to run the concession stand again this year is to accommodate visiting teams. We simply wouldn't be running a legitimate program here at the Petoskey Ice Arena, and PAHA, if we didn't have those amenities available to visiting teams and their fan base when they come to play against us here at home. Fans, parent's even players have the right to have available drinks and food during their visit to our rink. ☺ **Please plan to volunteer your time this year in the concession stand, or a charitable donation to PAHA towards our rental bill in order to make this year's concession stand a success! Thank you!**

VIII. **News from District 7:** District 7 has created new policies in relation to Travel Hockey Teams in District 7. The PAHA Board has to decide if we too would like to implement them into our PAHA Bi-Laws as a new policy here in Petoskey. The new

rules being considered look like this: To have a Travel Hockey Team you must first have a House Hockey Team. A Travel Hockey Team must consist of 75% of players from your own association. There's good and bad to any policy and the board members have expressed their views. While a decision was not made at this board meeting, we will discuss it again next month in hopes of coming to an agreement on the subject. If you would like further information or you would like to discuss the policy, please feel free to contact a PAHA Board member. ☺



- IX. Safe Sport:** USA Hockey is mandating that every parent who wishes to enter a locker room at any time over the course of the hockey season get online and completes the **Safe Sport Module**. This is a **FREE** course and takes about an hour to an hour and a half to complete. You do not have to do it all in one sitting. You will have something documenting that you have taken this course and Safe Sport Module that you will need to print out or snap a photo of to prove you have in-fact done this required course in order to enter a locker room. While this may seem like a hassle, it is a safety precaution for your child and those on your child's team. This is to be taken **SERIOUSLY!** There will be locker room monitors, coaches can also check your credentials at any time, Board Members can check your credentials at any time. (I personally recommend you not only print off the document proving such module has been completed, but I also suggest you take a photo and keep it on your smart-phone all season as a quick reference to your clearance to show to such, monitor, coach or Board Member **PRIOR** to entering the locker room....Then put your phone away!) NO PHONES are allowed in the locker room. If your phone is spotted, if your phone is taken out or used, you will be asked to put your phone away. This is also a **SERIOUS** concern at USA Hockey and not to be taken lightly. (Phones cannot be used to play music from an mp3 player or any form of playing music in the locker rooms. Sorry.) Find a boom-box everyone! **BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Another thing not to be taken lightly. Your background check is good for 2 consecutive years of hockey. If you are due for a updated background check please go to the PAHA Website.



- X. Board Member Education:** USA Hockey has put together a special incentive for Board Members-**Club Excellence** an online board member club to help board members reach their highest level of expertise. This can be found under USA Hockey.com Club Excellence for Board Members. ☺
- XI. New Business:** Do we need a spokesperson for PAHA? Possibly. Someone to visit schools and put on informational meetings to educate people on PAHA and encourage the Try Hockey for FREE clinics we and USA Hockey offer as a way to bring more children to hockey. This is under discussion. Sarah Montgomery has offered to be this person but needs extended information and handouts. ☺

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Sarah Montgomery