



Ozaukee Ice Center
5505 West Pioneer Road
Mequon, WI 53097

Ozaukee Youth Hockey Association

Youth Hockey Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

8:00 PM

Present: Stacy, Kathy, Robyn, Mike Wi., Rob, Shannon. Robin, Caitie, Mike Wa.

Absent: Mike R., Kate, Paul

- Previous minutes approved
- Finance Report – Kathy
 - Coaches refunds for expenses related to achieving USA Hockey coaching status (certification, age module, background checks) are acceptable and have been issued for coaches who have requested reimbursement
 - OYHA family still owes \$325 after outside scholarship. Anonymous donor to cover.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Mike Wa. to set up meeting for Kathy to meet with Shelby**
- Registrar Update – Stacy/Paul
 - All rosters are submitted to USA Hockey – many coaches were not able to be added to rosters as they had not completed requirements
 - 346 total players (1 less than last year), 70 Mini Mites
 - 9 Ice Chips registered for the regular season
 - One coach cannot be on ice due to lack of SafeSport
- Girls Hockey Update – Robin
 - Winter Club would like to renew a relationship with us for girl's hockey
 - **ACTION ITEM: Robin to discuss options for renewed girl's hockey relationship with MWC**
 - Does U14 have enough practice ice?
 - **ACTION ITEM: Mike Wa. to discuss ice utilization with Dono**



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- Off Ice Update – Robyn/Mary?
 - Jersey order #2 is in. Should arrive by end of month
 - VIP will be doing team pictures at the end of November
 - Mary Bolander has interest in off-ice job – may be better to split responsibilities between recruiting and administrative and make this a two-person job

- HDC Update –Shannon/Caitie/Rob
 - HDC working to complete coaching certification
 - MITE: There is considerable disagreement on both the Committee and the HDC as to the correct direction of the Mite program. This year has been a step in the right direction. Two areas are creating the most conflict: division of teams and game opportunities.
 - Division of teams: Two schools of thought – 1. Follow USA Hockey model (1/3,1/3,1/3)
2. We know our organization better than USA Hockey and prefer to set up our players based on our evaluation of player ability
 - Game opportunities: Previous discussions regarding this year's structure of the Mite program led the committee to believe that the first half of the year would be completely in-house. After teams were divided, it was decided by Mite volunteers and the HDC to allow Red and White teams to play outside the organization while keeping the Blue teams in-house as 1. There was only one Red team (no one to play in-house) and 2. there were limited opportunities for Blue teams to pick up games. The committee is split on whether players should be afforded different game opportunities based solely on ability.



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- **ACTION ITEM: Start planning for MITE structure earlier (March or April Committee meeting)**
 - BANTAM: A player is coming back from high school. He will be placed on B team and Bantam coaches will determine which player should move to A
 - MINI MITE: Need ice separator as pads are used for Mites, who practice/play at same times as Minis. **ACTION ITEM: Mike Wa. to check with Dono on rope/tube costs.**
- Referee Update – Mike Wi.
 - There have been discrepancies between Assignr and the rink schedule due to changes made to rink schedule that have not been updated on Assignr
 - **ACTION ITEM: Mike Wi. to contact Dono to discuss ways to keep Assignr schedule updated**
 - There is a form now on the website for coaches and referees to file game reports if necessary
- Technology Update – Rob
 - Please encourage OYHA families to use the website as it has much more information than the app.
 - Facebook and Twitter accounts are in the process of being verified to prevent association with rogue accounts and inappropriate postings
- Other Items
 - Paid Coaching: We have a “best practices’ policy which address appropriate additional costs.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Rob to review best practices policy**
 - Relationship with Dick's
 - Dick's making \$500 donation in return for our shop event
 - Dick's has a registration solution (Blue Sombrero) and a potential jersey solution
 - **ACTION ITEM: Mike Wa. to set up meeting with Kathy and Stacy/Paul to see if Blue Sombrero might work better for registration**



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- Next meetings: 8pm on December 12, January 9