

RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



March 2018 Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 14th, 2018

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

ATTENDANCE: Neil, Frank, Nicole, Johnny, Steve, Ted, Kevin, Jana, Paul and Andrew

ABSENT: Jody, Susan

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review **Linn**

2. Consent Items (All can be approved in one motion, unless an item is removed by a board member for further discussion) **Linn**

A. Agenda Approval

Action Item:

Approve Agenda and any supplementary

B. Approval of Materials

Action Item: Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion made to approve all Consent items by Johnny, seconded by Steve. All in favor.

3. Guest Comments **Guests**

- Annual meeting, we had estimated 25-30 members
- Members that are running for one of the four Board stand up and interested their self
 - Kevin Hare
 - Jessica McQuade
 - Shelly Thompson
 - Jess Brunkhorst
 - Chris Larsen
 - Greg Campus
 - Joel Stanley
 - Paul Bloodhart

4. Hockey Operations – On Ice **Hare**

- Hare reviewed On Ice, see annual meeting slide for additional details
- Goal is to have the coaching pull established by early summer. Staff is decided by sending out a notification and seeing were the kids fall on each team.
- Full staff completes following try-outs

- Youth Coordinators, Goalie Coordinator & Level Coordinator – we conducted 9-10 goalie clinics this year. This is something that we would like to continue.
- All coaches on the boy side are interviewed and USA Hockey certified.
- Be consistent thru each level, specific practiced plans which drives with fundamentals and concepts.
- Need to maximize ice time
- Evaluations used to level set skill development
- Will be leveraged to focus practice plan adjustments for 218-2019 season
- Summer Program will be an honor system, kids need to stick handle at home.

5. Building Events

Linn

- Linn reviewed On Ice, see annual meeting slide for additional details
- Free Community
- Twin States Pool Tournament
- Floor Hockey tournament
- Circus
- RF Days Softball Tournament
- River-Dazzle Open Skating
- Fat Boys
- Frank asked the Association to send money generating ideas to the Board

6. Building Operations

Wilson/Linn

- Linn reviewed building operations, see annual meeting slide for additional details
- Registered skaters for 2017 was 205, 3 up from 2016, growth is up but do have challenges with ice time
- Ice allocation and scheduling – supplemented ice from Hunt Arena, 2:1 practice/game ratio.
- Ice Maintenance
 - Ice in 7-14 days, overnights and takes 8-10 days
 - Weekly Maintenance (1pm-1am) 3-4 people
 - Outdoor Ice (2-week process) 3-4 People
 - Zamboni – Maintenance/Drivers (2 per level-**Need more drivers!** especially at the Mite level)
 - Ice Out (3-4 people)
 - Freon Leak repaired
 - Blown Compressor – new compressor estimated cost is \$10K, we have four compressors.
- Interior
 - Urinals in men’s bathroom removed and cleaned
 - Women’s toilets repaired
 - Sound system installation
 - Movement of JV/Varsity locker room
 - Reconfigure old varsity locker room
 - Mezzanine light fixtures repaired
 - Front doors repaired
 - Mezzanine door repaired
 - New Richmond cleaning crew
- Exterior
 - General building upkeep
 - Repair of parking lot light fixtures
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7. Financial Operations

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- Neil reviewed the finances of RFHY, see annual meeting slide for more details
- Positive cash flow of \$5000
- Need net Revenue of \$260K required to break even

- Many challenges this season; replenishing cash flow and compressors,

8. Fundraising Operations

Thompson

- Thompson reviewed fundraising, see annual meeting slide for more details
- Mandatory Fundraisers totaled \$54095
- Optional Fundraisers totaled \$25125
- Purpose is to raise enough money to help sustain the program and keep our skater fees low.
- Gala is scheduled for Saturday, April 7th at Kilkarney...get your tickets!

9. External Relations/Recruitment/Advertising

Linn

- Linn reviewed External Relations/Recruitment/Advertising, see annual meeting slide for more details
- Transition to new team (Kurt)
- Maintain existing and expanding on new sponsors
- Focus for 2018-2019
 - All existing sponsors be renewed by 6/1/2018
- Recruitment
 - Learn to Skate
 - Free Program
 - 60 Skater capacities 30/30 girls/boys
 - Waiting list of 40+ skaters every year
 - Exploring a reduction of upper age
 - Town & Country Days
 - Continuously setting new milestones
- External Relations

10. Hockey Operations – Off Ice

Christensen

- Linn reviewed Off Ice, see annual meeting slide for more details
- Org Chart was discussed and explained on how bucket heads
- Referee scheduler – Steve Oakins – 2-man system went well;
- Total Skaters – 205
- Register – Lisa Woiwode will be training in Bobbi Stanley next year
- Tournaments – Marissa Feely – very successful season, all tournaments were full
- Ice schedulers – Debbie Thomas & Dan Gulick – Ice went great this year

11. Other Business

Q&A

- McQuade asked if we replaced the compressor would it be compatible with our current system. Paul answered that we have a few options for replacement from a refurbished system to a new system. Paul is in the process of getting multiple bids. McQuade asked if these companies would finance systems; Neil answered that most don't but that will be a part of the bidding process.
- Bloodhart asked if we would still use Freon; Paul answered that we take bids for both type of systems.
- Brunkhorst asked why we don't receive money from the school; Neil responded that we do from rentals and concessions.
- J. Brunkhorst asked why the new referendum doesn't support us.
- Bloodhart asked where we are at with Solar project; Frank answered that we are waiting on engineering. The engineering firm is working with the manufacture; we are in a holding position.

New board members elected;

- Kevin Hare
- Shelly Thompson
- Chris Larsen
- Paul Bloodhart

Nominations by Board for the following positions;

Frank was nominated for President

Jodi was nominated for Vice President

Neil was nominated for Treasure

Nicole was nominated for Secretary

Motion to adjourn by Paul at 8:15; Johnny seconded. All in favor.

2018-2019 Calendar - Key Dates

March 14th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm-Annual Meeting
March 16-18th, 2018	Mite Tournament; ½ Ice
March 23-25th, 2018	Fat Boy's Tournament
April 7th, 2018	Gala
April 11th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
April 26th-28th	Pool Tournament
May 9th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
May 16th, 2019	Registration for 2018/2019 Season
June 13th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
July 11th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
August 8th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
September 12th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
September 12th, 2018	Registration for 2018/2019 Season
October 10th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
November 14th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
Nov 30th-December 2nd, 2018	Squirt A/B/C
December 8-9th	Mite Jamboree
December 12th, 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
December 28th-29th 2018	High School Tournament
January 9th, 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
January 11th-13th 2019	U10/U12
January 18th-20th	PeeWee A/B & B/C
January 25th-27th 2019	U14
February 8th-10th 2019	Bantam B/C
February 13th, 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
March 13th, 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
February 15th-17th 2019	Bantam A/B
March 15th-17th 2019	Mite ½ Ice
March 22nd-24th 2019	Fat Boys
April 10th, 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm