

RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

May 2018 Minutes



May 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes – 6:02 pm called to order

Present: Paul Bloodhart, Jody Christensen, Chris Larsen, Neil Accola, John Linehan, Frank Linn, Shelly Thompson

2. Consent Items

- John Motion to pass, Jody 2nd
- All in favor

3. Guest Comments

- None

4. Hockey Operations

Tryouts: Committee Volunteers - Chris, Jody, Neil + Kevin / Jim

- Pull wording out of Squirt informational handout that tryouts are open – if decision is made to open tryouts, wording can be added back as an update for Fall Registration along with Policy Handbook changes
- Discussion was that taking the paper off the doors may not be as intimidating to people – especially the 1st year squirts. Later discussion included allowing people in the Mezzanine to watch. Committee will discuss and bring recommendation to Board. Paper presents the concern of not knowing what is going on in there....uneasy for new parents
- Is there an opportunity to share what's going on those first couple nights with the new parents
 - o General theme of survey results centered on better / more intentional communications to provide more information, what's the real issue.
- "Tryouts" vs. "Evaluations" – are these really "Tryouts" (nobody gets cut, doesn't make a team) and should they be called that or are these player evaluations intended to place kids on the team that provides the best opportunity for their development during the season.....again along the communication / perception theme and how we want to present to the Association.

Bantam Discussion

- Talked about parent meeting, feedback and further plans.....communication will go out to Bantam group prior to Registration outlining where things are at.

5. Building Events

- Possibly taking over the Boxing event with Boyd from WestWind in past years
 - o Saturday night?
 - o Had been occurring on Sunday afternoon in prior years
 - o RFYHA gets: Rent + % Beer sales + all concessions
 - o Boyd all gate + other % of Beer sales
- Shooting at the rink – Erik Bergmanis asked in passing conversation with Neil
 - o Will direct to Building Ops if follows up regarding

6. Building Operations

- Compressor System Update
 - o No new updates
 - Still waiting on information / quotes from potential vendors, one of the contacted vendors indicated they weren't interested in the project, waiting for others
- Zam Overhaul
 - o Needs to be scheduled this summer
- Outdoor rink
 - o Discussion around moving forward with the plans or talking to donors if decision would be made to try and allocate those funds to the indoor rink / compressor system. Need to have the compressor system numbers prior to committing to move forward.
- Potential Outdoor Show in August timeframe?
 - o Chris Larsen will lead looking into this
 - o Broader than a 'gun' show – believes A1 Archery would be willing to take a lead position
- Community Garage Sale type event
 - o Rent spaces out, sell concessions, etc. – checking on volunteer to lead

8. Fundraising

- Raffle license application sent in – 4-6 weeks to return the approval
- Pizzas – same plan for them this year
- Gala – planning to hold in the Spring again this next season, discussing what the best timing is for future
- Golf Tournament - Group is meeting (Kurt leading) regarding, date not yet finalized – will be at Kilkarney, looking to hold early fall.

9. External Relations / Recruitment / Ads

- Ads / Sponsorships continue to be worked on and money coming in
- Registration / LTS Flyers have been sent out
- Chris Larsen: Discussed idea around how we might be able to 'feature' different skaters in the Association during the year. With about 200 kids and 200 days in the season we could feature a kid each day throughout the season and show them each off
 - o Operationally, would create a process that puts the responsibility on the parents to provide information and opt into doing
 - o Probably fits under a Social Media bucket on our org chart
 - o Chris willing to lead the area
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10. Hockey Ops – Off Ice

- LTS at 41 now (28 boys and 13 girls)

- Socks for next year – gold / navy will be ordered this year (have low quantity of the white / navy from last year and those remaining will be sold for practice socks)
- Talked about the gift baskets for tournaments next year and how those would work. Will probably try to have a theme for the different tournament gifts, collect donations from those families in the tournament and then allocate \$25 of each registered team at the tournament towards budget for putting them together

11. Other Business

- Add Agenda Item to June meeting to Review / Discuss Survey Results
- Neil will send out the recommendations from the committee along with Survey results

Adjourn: 8:28pm John motion, Shelly second, all in favor.