

IGHHA Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE & TIME	10/25/21 7:00 PM- VMCC	Call to Order 7:00 PM Adjourn: (See Below) PM	Visitors:	
Board Members:	Present		Sarah Tenny	
Joe Tuccitto	x		Cheryl Labore	
Larry Oster			Craig Nelson	
Troy Woltman			Kari Miller	
Dan Webinger	x			
Tammy Norgard	x			
Kelli Milner	x			
Josh Selden	x			
Robin O'Reilly				

*** Note: Minutes subject to board approval ***

Call to Order & Changes to Agenda

- Meeting called to order [Time]

Motion to approve the [Month] Minutes: Motion: [Name] 2nd [Name]

Visitor Communication:

President's Update (J. Tuccitto)

Season Recap:

Ice scheduling:

IGHHA transitioned to utilize AutoIce software and scheduling services during the 2021-22 season. This transition was very successful as IGHHA was able to set the rules for scheduling at each level and work with AutoIce to generate a schedule that worked well for everyone and met the ice objectives for each team. The software has reporting capabilities allowing review of various metrics for the season. AutoIce also performed reconciliation of the ice invoices received from the City. Cost was \$3k and was well worth the expense as it has been challenging to find anyone willing to volunteer for ice scheduling due to challenges from a subset of parents associated with our girl's co-op. Response times and support provided by AutoIce exceeded expectations! Thanks for all of your efforts!

Here are some ice scheduling lessons learned:

- Need to identify all prospective tournaments at the start of the season. Added U12A D8 tourney and had to adjust existing schedules to incorporate.
- Need to block out potential Simley Section Playoff host dates. Had to adjust ice schedule to accommodate Simley Section games.
- Need to ensure team manager expectations are set due to potential ice schedule changes. As IGH posts the season schedule 3+ months in advance managers need to know we schedule slightly above objectives so if an hour or two are lost due to unforeseen adjustments in the ice book there is no need to panic and add ice late in the season when ice has limited availability.

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- Lessons learned, make sense to give managers access to AutoIce.
- Squirts should skate in SSP 2-3 times a month to allow for utilization of the dryland facilities. This would also give the peewee teams opportunities to skate in IGH 2-3 times per month.
- EHA should flow all ice requests for U10 teams through IGH ice scheduler, or President if AutoIce directly reports to President. EHA girls coordinator directly requested U10 items from AutoIce that were not in alignment with direction provided by IGH who is responsible for the ice at this level. This added confusion to AutoIce who mentioned they did not want to be caught in the middle.

City:

Working with the City went well this season. Collaboration and support from AI related to ice activities and overall IGHHA matters has been great! AI clearly communicates perspectives and expectations from the City and works in a collaborative manner to ensure alignment with the IGHHA volunteers. VMCC facilities representatives and employees have been great to work with. IGHHA and City will recap the season discussing lessons learned in preparation for future years to ensure we continue to build a solid relationship with the VMCC and City staff.

Here are some lessons learned working with the City:

- Popcorn machine is located directly below a smoke sensor, this is not preferred placement and new location should be considered unless VMCC is able to transition the smoke sensor to a heat sensor as noted by the Fire Marshal.
 - Alternate equipment
- IGHHA and City will need to evaluate the Bonding Bill that will soon expire.
 - April 13th Park & Rec Board (2nd Wednesday of each month)
- IGHHA and City will need to review Concession Stand contract as many responsibilities have evolved since the contract started and IGHHA has questioned the ROI with VMCC receiving \$10k annually regardless of concession stand performance.
 - IGHHA took it over
- Need to discuss signage for roller guards, stick handling balls, etc.

Safe Sports:

There were minimal Safe Sports activities this season and all items have been addressed appropriately with no carry over to future seasons.

Lessons learned from Safe Sports:

- Lessons learned will be applied to future years as educational actions to ensure our members are educated based on evolving environment post pandemic.
- Two incidents occurred this season where visiting team parents entered the IGH bench during an event. This is not acceptable and has been escalated to D8 for review. IGHHA will continue to set expectations for our parents, coaches, and participants to ensure this type of behavior is not propagated into our parent pool.

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EHA/IGH Girls Co-Op

There were many successes this season including expansion of the girl's co-op to include the U8 and U6 levels. Season preparation was not as smooth as past seasons with increased turnover on the EHA Board. Both sides put in the extra time required to educate and address topics and help build a strong foundation that we can continue to build on in future years. We look forward to working collaboratively with EHA moving forward and hope to have an educational session following the EHA and IGHHA board elections.

Lesson learned for the EHA/IGH girl's co-op:

- IGHHA utilization of AutoIce scheduling was successful and will continue to be more efficient in future years with many lesson learned identified
- U8 and U6 challenges were identified and will be used as basis for a post season lessons learned review in April/May timeframe
- Pre-season U8/U6 meeting with joint EHA/IGH board presence is recommended for future years
- U15 jerseys should be discussed, currently U15s leverage old Eagan high school jerseys
- Last summer EHA proposed jersey buy program be reviewed, this was deferred to summer of 2022 and should include option utilized by Stillwater girls hockey (3rd jersey option)
 - No sponsorships after this season

IGH/SSP Boys Co-Op

Co-op was established this season for the Squirt, Peewee, and Bantam levels. This collaboration will be continue for minimum of 2 additional seasons with anticipation of continued expansion at that time. Pre-season planning and tryout process/execution was great. Both associations were collaborative and supportive of each other during the planning process. Squirt levels performed very well and majority of feedback was positive. Peewee teams struggled to be competitive and many lessons learned were generated as we plan for future years. Bantam level feedback was positive and most bantam participants have been part of an IGH/SSP co-op for the past 2-3 seasons.

Lessons learned for the IGH/SSP co-op:

- Levels of play at the peewee level needs to consider more weight on preliminary declarations of large D8 program for season planning
- Co-op jersey has been identified as priority for future years to establish combined identity and address potential peewee jersey shortage for next season
- Consider Squirts skating 2-3 times per month in SSP to utilize dryland facilities, peewees would then skate 2-3 times per month in IGH to balance the ice book

Communication (T. Woltman)

Not present

Development Report (Oster)

Not present

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Ventures Report (D. Webinger)

- Preparing for transition (Ventures)
- Boys Co-op jersey sponsorship

Finance Report (J. Selden)

- Reviewed P&L

Hockey Operations (K. Milner)

- Working to get outstanding jerseys back and organized
- Preparing for transition (Hockey Ops)

Administration (R. O'Reilly)

- Provided breakdown of tournament expense
- Special thanks to Kari Miller for being the tourney director!
- Volunteer Commitment to be reviewed and strategy for next season
- Start of season, level coordinator, more training
- Game-sheet was successful

Recruitment/Retention (T. Norgard)

- Gather items for 2022 planning: Try Hockey, Parade, floor hockey at schools
 - Try hockey free, have raffle for women!
- MN Hockey leadership conference
- Will tie out with Jon F to prepare for registrar

Board Nominations:

- Joe Tuccitto – Contacted Troy
- Cheryl LaBore – Contacted Dan
- Craig Nelson – Contacted Troy
- Are there any other nominations for the Board?
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- Nominations are closed

Motion to adjourn: Keli Seconded: Robin Approved: UV Meeting adjourned: 8:05
