

2022-2023 Cottage Grove Hockey Association

CGHA Board Meeting

February 6, 2023 – VFW Red Barn

Board Members (X = Present):

President: Chris Rudh	X	Bantam Director: Josh Munger	X	Mini Mite Director: Dave O'Brien	X
Vice Pres. Ops: Matt McMorrow	X	Peewee Director: Chris Westphall	X	Girls Program Director: Dave Joslin	X
Vice Pres. Admin: Brian Buffie	X	Squirt Director: Brenton Clyne	X	Girls 8U Director: Tyson Terry	X
Registrar: Tom Wassmund	X	Mite Director: Al Schumacher	X	Hockey Director: Nick Harris	X
Budget Director: Diana Chance	X				

Non-voting (X = Present):

Communications: Kevin Bensen	X	Fundraising: Andrea Erickson	X	Tournaments: Sheila Bellinger	X
Junior Gold Director: Chad Rediske	X	Ice Manager: Matt McMorrow	X	Mite Equipment: Nicole Tvedt	
Apparel Manager: Tim Freeman		HockeyFest: Mary Leppi	X	D8 Liason: Dan Olson	
Webmaster: Steve Frosch					

Meeting Start:

- Meeting called to order at 6:58PM

Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- Motion by: Brian Buffie
- Second by: Dave Joslin
- All Approved

Committee Reports:

- Recruiting (Dave O'Brien/Nicole Gillman):
 - Focus of recruiting would be to try to retain kids that would potentially be lost to ERHA should that association be approved.
- Equipment (Nicole Tvedt):
 - Large shipment received a few weeks ago.
 - Pure Hockey has goalie equipment available in the sizes we need.
- Goalies (Brian Buffie):
 - Goalie Clinics done for the season.
 - Looking to changes to the goalie clinics for next season – possibly extending sessions later in the year for younger goalies.

- HockeyFest / Jamboree(s) (Mary Leppi):
 - 19 days until Hockey Fest
 - 12 baskets left to collect
 - Level directors will be notified of missing baskets
 - Working on finalizing the schedules

- Fundraising (Andrea Erickson):
 - Wrapping up calendars
 - Dealing with the opt-outs and the calendars that were not picked up
 - Working on Hockey Fest
 - Golf tournament is planned for May 19

- Ice Manager (Matt McMorrow):
 - Looking to see if there is a way to host B2 Squirt Districts
 - Hosting 15A Districts
 - Finalizing the end of the mite season to determine how to fit the rest of the teams in for end of season

- Tournaments (Sheila Bellinger):
 - Three sets of districts being hosted
 - Many DIBS shifts have not been picked up during tournaments.
 - Need to make sure families understand that they need to complete their DIBS.
 - Tickets are being given for improper parking at the ice arena

- Volunteer / Dibs (Linnea Gamache):
 - Districts have been posted (55 shifts)
 - Hockey Fest requires roughly 400 hours
 - Most associations require significantly more DIBS than CGHA requires.
 - Email going to level directors to input the 32 hours of DIBS allotted to teams.

- Communications (Kevin Bensen):
 - No Update

- Webmaster (Steve Frosch):
 - No Update

- District 8 Rep (Dan Olson):
 - No Update

Board Member Reports:

- Registrar/Administrator (Tom Wassmund):

- Start figuring out tournament dates for next year so we can begin advertising
- Need to discuss if changes are needed for next year's registration.
- Budget Director (Diana Chance):
 - Playoff checks being ordered for teams in districts.
 - Teams will be notified to meet with Budget Director to pickup checks.
- Junior Gold Director (Chad Rediske):
 - Completed pictures for all Junior Gold participants last week
 - Successful Jr Gold B tournament. CG took second losing 4-3 in the championship
 - Thanks to tournament director and VP of Operations for making the tournament a success
 - Anticipating enough numbers for two team again next year. Current plan is to stay with the same format next season
 - Looking to work with board and hockey committee on ways to address excessive penalties at the Jr Gold level. Would like to discuss options to ensure alignment within the rules.
- Bantam Director (Josh Munger):
 - Bantam season is winding down. Districts start February 19 for B1 and AA teams
 - B2 and below start March 13
- Peewee Director (Chris Westphall):
 - Season going well.
 - Success at all levels
- Squirt Director (Brenton Clyne):
 - Season going well.
 - Districts starting in 5 weeks.
 - Success at all levels.
- Mite Director (Al Schumacher):
 - Jamboree season for the mites
 - Teams starting to use outdoor ice
- Mini Mite Director (Dave O'Brien):
 - Seasons end in three weeks
 - Outdoor ice for some teams
 - Will be contacting parents that need DIBS
- Girls Program Director (Dave Joslin):
 - Teams getting ready for districts

- Teams have been competitive within the district
- Co-op is going well and functioning as intended
 - Parent survey will go out to get feedback on the season and begin preparing for next season.
- Girls Program 8U Director (Tyson Terry):
 - One team left with a jamboree
 - Looking for two U6 teams to play in Hockey Fest
- Hockey Director (Nick Harris):
 - Player evaluations have been completed by roughly 70% of the traveling level teams.
- Vice President of Administration (Brian Buffie):
 - No update
- Vice President of Operation (Matt McMorrow):
 - Getting with Sheila to find dates for tournaments next season and get them on the books.
- President (Chris Rudh):
 - No update

New Business:

- Discussion of the creation of an East Ridge Hockey Association
 - 201 responses received thus far to the survey that went out the first weekend in February (roughly 300 families in the association).
 - District 8 vote on creation of ERHA scheduled for Wednesday, February 8.
 - CGHA's presentation of impacts has been shared with District 8 and associations within District 8.
 - Concerns over the impact to families with kids at multiple levels and the possibility of kids playing for separate associations.
 - Concerns over using school boundaries as the deciding factor in the association kids play within.
 - Concerns over CGHA losing opportunities for kids to play in terms of fewer teams at each level. Lack of AA or possibly A teams due to loss of players in the association.
 - Concerns over whether waivers will be recognized by District 8 as originally offered during the ERHA proposal.
 - Concerns over what would happen if a new high school is built.
 - Concerns over ice resources available.
 - Concerns over the impact to fundraising and the partnerships CGHA has established.
 - Concerns over CGHA's ability to host tournaments, including hosting District 8 playoffs, MN Hockey Regionals and/or State Tournaments.

General Membership Concerns / Discussion:

- Many board and/or committee positions available for next season

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at: 8:15PM
 - Motion by: Brian Buffie
 - Second by: Matt McMorrow
 - All Approve