

LRYHA Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2018 / 6:00pm

Merrill Fay Arena

Attendance: Jen McGreevy, John McKenzie, Rich Ellis, Charlie Gallagher, Jim Girard, Sue Bousquet, Lynne Turmel, Lyndi Girard, Joe Spicuzza

Call to order at 6:04pm

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes and Rich seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Sue has checked in with a friend to determine what documents are required to maintain our non-profit status. NH Charitable may be able to help with the process. By-laws will be completed prior to elections.

Aside: Charlie recognized the work Rich has done to be present on social media and wondered if this should be a new position (Recruiting Director) as we review the by-laws. John stated that everyone has done a lot of work to grow the younger end of the program and added that if it is not a new position, perhaps it should be part of someone's responsibilities. All agreed that marketing to social organization of interest to younger kids is a good way to continue to strengthen the LRYHA program.

NEW BUSINESS

Sponsor tags on jerseys

Team managers will be emailed with a reminder to be sure all players are wearing sponsor tags and if assistance is needed to let us know. Jim has been providing extra sponsor tags to those he sees in need of them.

To Do: Rich will email team managers with expected compliance date of December 1.

Casino Fundraiser

Sue reported that the casino fundraiser is complete and not dates were missed. We are waiting for totals.

Update: Ryan emailed from the casino. Total funds raised were \$9503.55 and profit after rent paid is \$4503.55. Heather will pay the rent and pick up our check.

Dover Cross Ice League

The league is not as competitive as expected and after discussion both Mite teams are being comped for the season to compensate.

Zander Foundation Donation

The Zander Foundation was able to cover the remaining 50% of one of our players who received a 50% scholarship to play. The check has been presented to the family who are very happy. Unfortunately, not a lot of Lakers were able to commit to the recent Monarchs game that was planned to benefit the Zander Foundation, so it was rescheduled. Lynne asked if the Foundation

would like to hang a banner with our other sponsor banners and Jim wondered if their information was scrolling on the website.

Pond Hockey

There was much discussion regarding the options of rebuilding our current bob house, finding someone willing to donate a trailer and purchasing a trailer on our own. Lynne has reached out to businesses to pursue a donation of a trailer and talked with Scott Crowder about using one of their tents. Lynne has also been looking on Craigslist to possibly purchase a used trailer that could be used for multiple events.

Jen would like to see us reach a more permanent solution rather than having to build or borrow one yearly. Matt built a terrific bob house and Rich offered to look at changing the roof line for easier transport for the current year.

Along with trying to find a bob house solution, Lynne also asked Scott Crowder if our raffle could be announced before players have an opportunity to rent one. Scott stated that he wasn't sure who was renting them.

All members agree that a permanent solution would be welcome.

Inclement Weather Review

Although we don't have a written policy regarding inclement weather, the Board agreed that travel is always at the discretion of the family. Safety first.

2019-20 Board Vacancies

As Board members decided if they will be leaving the board at end of the season, they are asked to communicate that as soon as possible. The Board encourages members to get involved and will be getting the word out so thought can be given to joining the board prior to elections.

NEAT Photos

The folks at NEAT photos will be retiring and we will need to think ahead to next year. Tim Mueller's name was mentioned by several.

Aside: Mike Zigarelli arrived at this time and conversation returned to the Dover cross ice discussion. Mike reiterated that the Mite 2's are placed where they need to be competitively, but the Mite 1 team is having trouble finding teams to compete with them. A Mite 2 player who has subbed on the Mite 1's frequently because the Mite 1's are consistently short of players. The Board will review and make any permanent changes that may be necessary.

Conversation continued regarding full ice play for Mites. Jim relayed that Berlin Mites are playing full ice and John added that there has not been any discussion of full ice at the last two NHAHA meetings. Lyndi reached out to the Heyliger Tournament who confirmed that they will no longer offer full ice for Mites. Jen asked if we should follow up with NHAHA and John agreed to ask about consequences for teams that are out of compliance.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

UPDATES

Treasurer

Heather was not able to make the meeting but is still trying to connect with PJ. She has been keeping meticulous notes and expects a smooth transition to QuickBooks. She reported that we are down to a few people who owe tuition and 2 sponsors who owe checks.

There was discussion about the success and growth of the Learn to Skate program. Some remembered that years ago those skaters were given a small gift at the end of the sessions to encourage a return to hockey.

To Do: Lynne will reach out to Bauer about possible little sticks for Learn to Skate participants.

ACE Coordinator / Assistant ACE Coordinator

Charlie reported that he will be at Learn to Skate and Mini Mites and is considering moving some players. He also stated that the coaching staff in general is doing well and working together cooperatively. He added that people outside of our organization have complimented our ADM model practices.

VP

Joe reported that scheduling for GSL is complete. Seacoast games are a bit delinquent due to the slow response from other schedulers. There is a possibility of selling some extra ice back to the Wolves to accommodate the 14U practices for the second half of their season. Joe is also working with Mike Zigarelli to use extra ice for Mites.

Joe confirmed to Will that we will let him know in advance if we are not using the ice.

It was asked if Laker teams competing in the Big Moose Tournament can wear Laker jerseys and Jen responded yes.

League Rep

- John shared the following:
- GSL games must be scheduled by November 24.
- Members voted down an increase in fines if an organization sends an incorrect roster.
- First and Second place PeeWees in Tier 2 will compete at Regionals.
- Squirt 2's have lost some games but are competitive and don't need to change tiers.
- Our grant was received, and John will follow up on status. John reminded Board that receipts are required to receive money. We already have our first receipt from goalie training.

Sponsorship Coordinator

Lynne reiterated that she submitted the grant to NHAHA and has been working on pond hockey plans. She will also follow through on the remaining sponsor checks.

Event Coordinator

Lyndi suggested Shooters and El Jimador as possible new sponsors.

Aside: our banners are hung so low that the years are not visible. Perhaps in the office season they can be hung from the rafters which was the original plan. Lynne added that Gator Signs has changed owners and there has been a price increase.

Lyndi reported that the Heyliger hotel information has been shared with the Mite 2's and Mini Mites. Rosters have already been sent for the Marlborough Tournament. Jen would like to find a tournament for the Mite 1's.

Lyndi is also working on ideas for additional fundraisers and will start a shared document to be used for brainstorming. She started the suggestions with selling restaurant cards. Lynne added an idea for an adult and kids shooting skills competition at the end of pond hockey.

To Do: Joe and Mike will work on options for Mite 1 tournament.

Equipment Manager

Jim already addressed the issue of sponsor tags and continues to provide extras. He has been present to help with handing out equipment for Learn to Skate.

Webmaster

Nothing to report currently.

Secretary

Sue will collect raffle calendars during each practice on November 27.

To Do: Rich will send out a reminder to members.

Registrar

There are 47 skaters for the first session of Learn to Skate, 31 for the second and 1 who couldn't do the first session. The goodie bags were a big hit, Jim has given away a lot of equipment, and there's been positive feedback regarding help from the Wolves players. Maybe we can do the Bauer program in the spring with fittings in September.

Aside: John asked if there has been any conversation regarding Bantams. Jen replied that she has spoken with Andrew Trimble and John Guerin. She also stated that we are expecting 14 eligible Bantams plus there are 6 we lost that could return. There will need to be thought given to the rules of for Lakers playing as Wolves. It will be important to have a plan in place by January so that we can meet with families in February.

Aside: The Executive Board has been asked to attend a non-public meeting on November 27 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next meeting scheduled for December 18th @ 6pm, MFA