

Penquis Youth Hockey Board Meeting Agenda 10/20/2021

At the Piscataquis County Ice Arena – 5:30PM

Attendance

Anthony
Cindy
JD
Ethan
Matt
Chad
Allison
Jim

- ***Treasures report***
Paypal \$2656.80
Fundraising \$ 1666.36
Checking \$25 561.74
Equipment \$6126
Skowhegan Donation \$1000 – Silver Donor
Dr. Swett Donation \$1000 – Silver Donor
Thank you notes requested for donors, explaining where their money is intended to be utilized, or explaining our we've utilized the money exactly as to how they've requested it be utilized.
- ***1st practices/parent's meetings***
LTP/8U had significant compliments from parents regarding structure of practice.
Parents meeting was brief with general info for parents regarding fundraising, parent participation and games/tournaments.
10/12U significantly lacking in numbers. Parents meeting was minimal as not many stayed. Request to contact MEAHA regarding combining 10U/12U in some way in order to participate in games, such as unsanctioned scrimmages. Allison to contact Mike.
Coaching Clinic has been requested for current coaching staff to be performed by the Coaching Coordinator. Numerous coaches merely following their instructions, not being assertive with the players and not being creative between drills with players.
- ***Jerseys – a few were on back order. Should receive them in a few weeks. Plan is to have players try them on before a practice, write name on tape, put tape on jersey to appropriate sponsor plate can be sewed on, then jerseys will be given to team parent for the season.***

Team parents/locker room parents discussed. With co-ed teams either gender is allowed. The team parent/locker room parent will be responsible of Team jerseys and monitoring locker rooms to ensure only families of players are present and appropriate coaching staff. Team parents are also to be present with any one-on-one meetings between a coach and player to ensure a 2-1 ratio.

- **Scheduling – Most schedulers for Tier 4 are waiting a little longer to schedule as some haven't started their season yet and some are waiting for final team numbers. Looking at end of November, beginning of December before games are played.**
- **Fundraising- SnapRaise is an online platform utilized for youth sports fundraising. Teams have a website, and each family has their own subsite. Families can upload their players pictures, info, etc and forward this to family and friends via a link, requesting monetary donations. Some organizations have raised over \$10 000. This is available for only 30 days. Requested we plan it to utilize Giving Tuesday.**

Discussed how to acknowledge players/families that raise a certain amount as well as those that participated the most in fundraising throughout the year. Any family/player who raises \$500 or more will have the selection of certain items on our Squad Locker store that the associations will purchase for them. Items will be delivered directly to the families/players. Families/Players that participate the most in fundraising throughout the year will receive recognition at the end of the year banquet with an item or clothing, or another sufficient item that is to be determined closer to the banquet. It was mentioned to provide direct discounts to players/families who raise more money than others, though majority agreed this was unfair and would cause significant conflict between families as well as bookkeeping. Fundraising will go directly towards reducing costs for all players across the organization.

- **Bill Orton Fund- Player Recommended – Mason's donation and Dr. Swett's donations to be transferred to the Bill Orton Fund to provide 50% registration fee for 2 players this year that the board has approve. Those players are Sam Richards and Brantley Little. A separate Checking Account is to be creating to organize these funds. Letters will be created by Ethan for alumni/sponsors explaining the Fund. It will not be publicly advertised as it is not an application process, rather Coaches are to bring forth their recommendations for this Fund each season. Allison will create a letter for the players families outlining the Fund, the expectations of the family/player after they have received the discount, and that they are only eligible for the Fund every other season.**

- **LTS Recommendations- LTP will be offer a 50% discount for all LTS sessions throughout the season. Teams will be offered to pay 50%, with PYHA paying 25% and LTS waving remaining 25%. Open to ALL players currently registered to utilize this.**
- **Officer Changes/Annual Meeting business- Anthony requesting to step down as Coaching Director. Matt Spooner stepping up to assume the role and nominating JD as Vice President. JD accepting this nomination and all present members voted in favor of these changes. Scott Taylor has requested to step away from the board but continue to be involved where he can.**

2021/2022 Officers:

President- Allison Phillips

Vice President- JD Walker

Treasurer- Cindy Obrey

Secretary- Jim Austin

Registrar- Chad Phillips

Coaching Coordinator- Matthew Spooner

Grow the Game Ambassador- Ethan Annis

Non-title members- Anthony Phillips, Tanya Quigley.

Request to move Annual Meeting to April. This will follow the end of the season Banquet and be a good opportunity to involve parents and provide expectations of the summer and upcoming season. All present members voted in favor of this change.

- **Other business? None**