

Escanaba Area Junior Hockey Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2020 6:00pm
Wells Township Hall

Call To Order: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Andy Johnson.

Board Members Present: Andy Johnson, Sara Flath, Michelle Freel, Kari Noel, Matt LaBonte, Mike Sands, Chris Korpi, Bob Martinson, Natalie Boyce

Absent: Trevor Sholten, Miranda Menard

General Membership: Cassie Lanaville

Secretary's Report: Mike motions, Matt seconds, All approve

Treasurer's Report: Mike motions, Bob seconds, All approve

Division Director's Report:

IP (Blickham) - Nothing

Mites (Lasecki) - Nothing

Squirts (Lanaville) - Nothing

PeeWees (Lameroux) - Nothing

Bantams (Lasecki) - Nothing

Concerns of the General Membership: None

Old Business:

1. Vote on color change to orange and black - All board members present approved. Andy spoke with Meijer Signs and KCL Embroidery on pricing quotes for new jerseys. Sublimated has been recommended for them to last longer.
2. Discuss logo change - Discussion on changing logo to an Eskymo or to just update the Hawk logo. Will vote on this next month.
3. Award recipients/End of Year Banquet - Will discuss details at August meeting given current covid situation.
4. Survey Results - Trevor presented results from the survey. 49 families responded out of the approximate 79 families within the association, covering all age divisions.

97.5% of families plan to participate in hockey while aware of the potential risks/limitations caused by covid-19. The main safety measures identified as "necessary" to return to hockey included: individual water bottles and sanitizing/disinfecting equipment, locker rooms, and facility. 2.5% of families responded that covid-19 has negatively effected their finances therefore their ability to play hockey.

77.5% agreed to both new colors and a new mascot, 5% preferred new colors but to keep the Hawk mascot, and 17.5% didn't want a change. Primary comment related to not switching the mascot was that it was non-school specific, since we have players from Gladstone, Bark River, etc.

5. Rink startup ideas - Andy will talk with Scott D to see what the plan is for hand sanitizer stations at the rink. Jeanne does a good job keeping the locker rooms clean. We could open up a second locker room for larger teams. Put "x" on locker room benches indicating 6' distance. MAHA will also provide us with guidelines to follow.
6. Outlook for the next year/impact IF there is no concession or Open Skate - Need to have figures to evaluate our financial position if we are unable to have concession. Eskymo games and Open Skates are our largest

sale times and have different regulations to follow. In regards to concession, we may need to mark "in/out" doors, look at seating in warm-up room, install plexi glass at concession windows, and limit the menu to prepackaged foods only. Consider using window outside warm-up room. Ideas for other fundraisers if concession isn't an option: apparel sale, vending machines for snacks/drinks, increase number of raffle tickets per family.

7. Registration - Will open registration September 1st. Cost will remain the same. There may need to be changes to the registration page in regards to volunteer hours and raffle tickets.
8. Fall Hockey Camp - Natalie spoke with organizers with XCEL hockey camp out of Eagle River. This could possibly be a weekend or full day camp. Could bring in kids from other associations. Potential to bring in some extra money for our association. Mike was also going to see if Fedorov would be interested in doing another day clinic for us this fall.

New Business:

1. Logo change - Will not be changing to the Eskymo, but will update the Hawk logo. Andy Wilson created several different options for a new Hawk logo for ideas.
2. Jersey costs - Will need approximately 140 jerseys. Received an estimate from KCL for jerseys. There are a couple questions on the Meier Signs estimate. Andy will follow up. Cassie L was willing to write a letter to a couple of local businesses regarding monetary donations for new jerseys.
3. Coaches for the upcoming season - Have coaches identified for each age division. Reviewed number of players for each division. May need to move players to different division to balance teams.
4. Rink Start Up - Planning on the first week of October. Could possibly be up to two weeks earlier. Andy will talk with the rink to get further information.
5. Add vending machine to next month's agenda

Correspondence - StateFarm CD statement, Thrivent Financial - Thrivent Action Team application, Dept of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Nonprofit Annual Report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Complex (S. Denome) - Nothing
Sponsors (A. Johnson) - Nothing
Coaches (M. Sands) - New coaches need to contact Mike
EAJHA Growth Coordinator (M. Menard) - Nothing
Scheduling (C. Korpi) - Nothing
Concession (K. Noel) - Kari will contact the Health Department for an update on guidelines for concession
Equipment (B. Martinson) -Nothing
Fundraising (A. Johnson) - Nothing
Referees (M. Larurilla) - Nothing
Sportsmanship & Behavior (M. LaBonte) - Nothing
Safe Sport (M. Sands) - Safe Sport will be changing to an annual completion. Background checks will be done through USA Hockey. Discussion about paying for cost of background check for board members.
Registration (N. Boyce) -Will open September 1

CUPHL Report: Nothing

Adjourn: 6:57pm

Next Meeting September 9th at 6:00pm at the Wells Township Hall