

**PVAHA Board Meeting
January 22, 2018 / 7:00 PM
Rockville Ice Arena**

Present:

Linda Jondo
Paul Duequette
Bud Buonato
John Coleman
Mike Lyons (conference call)
Mike Mulligan
Bill Schmidt
Brad Surdam
Pam Weiss
Keith Williams
Mike Weiss
Debbie Moon

Absent:

Mike Alfaro
Bob Otte

REPORTS

Financials (Paul):

- Refer to financial reports that were distributed
About \$60K budgeted for District Tournament expenses
Pending – amount/team fee
- Proposed Travel Policies
Additions, comments, etc to Paul by Feb 1st
Paul to send out revised Travel Policy on February 1st for board vote
- PVAHA Pond ice reimbursements
Continue reimbursement policy for outlier rinks (ie: Lynchburg, Easton, Charlottesville)
Brad Surdam – motion
Bud Buonato – second
All in favor

Registrar (John):

- Refer to registration report circulated (USA Hockey report from Winter Meeting)
- We are now 4th in US for player registration. Down due to unclaimed players

Tier 1 / Womens/Girls Districts (Linda):

- March 15-18
- Ashburn, Reston, Haymarket rinks to be utilized
- Pilot program combining Tier 1 with Womens/Girls
 - Save travel costs of volunteers
 - Schedule officials over one weekend
- Hotel information – Marty Buonato
- Schedule finalized and to be sent to coordinators for final review
- Team fees TBD

Tier II (Debbie / Bill):

- States too close to call at this point in order to request venues/ice slots
- Hagerstown Rink will be requesting to become a CBHL member club. CBHL board will review pending application and vote at February CBHL meeting
- Issues with demeanor of officials, fans, coaches and players this year. Repeated emails out to clubs and officials to calm down the game and act appropriately
- Roster issues: Many unrostered coaches and players found on teams. CBHL meeting in November stressed reasons to roster coaches and players. CBHL rules for unrostered players/coaches in effect.
 - Brad suggested reaching out to other affiliates/leagues to see if they see the same and how they handle
- Discipline: 8 match penalties YTD; over 30 majors which is up over last year

House/Rec CCHL (Linda):

- CCHL meeting January 22, 2018 (Same as PVAHA meeting)
- End of season tournament
- All players to receive a CCHL tee shirt

Girls/Womens (Pam):

- USA Hockey Winter Meeting discussed rule change for 14U girls teams to add up to three (3) 12U girls on Tier II 14U team if needed to field a team or if there is not a 12U team for the girls to play
 - “Affiliate may permit...” PVAHA discussion that needs to be wording in PVAHA rules that the PVAHA must permit 12U girls to play up
 - Motion: Mike Mulligan
 - Second: Bill Schmidt
 - All in favor
 - Pam Weiss to send out wording for rule change
- USA Hockey Winter Meeting discussed “No women under age 18 on a women’s team”
 - Starting 2018-2019 season “All women 18 years old by 12/31 may play on a women’s team”
 - Issue that for 4+ months there may be a 17 year old on a women’s team
 - SafeSport – coaches take if minor (under age 18) on the team

High School (John):

- Maryland to be sending a pure HS team to the National Championship
- America Showcase
 - MSHL – no
 - Tony MacAuley – yes

Coaching (Mike M)

- 2160 coaches certified this year. 1083 in the PVAHA – trend is up / retaining coaches
- Level 5 symposium
 - August 23-26 Lake Placid
 - Bob McCade Scholarship fund:
 - Each affiliate \$2000

- Ty sends two coaches to Level 5

Background Screening (John):

- 1750 background screens completed
- Easier this year due to registrars requiring background screen completed prior to rostering

Safe Sport (Keith):

- Over 80% compliant (others not claimed by club or no longer volunteering)
- Center for Safe Sport (Sexual abuse cases)
 - New Safe Sport training
 - 3 levels
 - Presentations
 - Each level is a separate course with a certification at the end
 - Must complete all three certifications to receive a “final” Safe Sport certificate
 - Need to educate/get word out that all three need to be taken

NEW BUSINESS

Player Development:

- Refer to PVAHA website for letter posted on Player Development
- Tryout process
- Open tryouts Friday, April 13th

Associate Risk Managers (2):

- USA Hockey is requesting that each affiliate have two Associate Risk Managers
- Cannot be on PVAHA board
- Looking for volunteers

Juniors:

- USA Hockey approved a new Junior team in Virginia (Hampton Roads)
- Owned by Regan Cavanaugh
- EHL Team

Tier 1 Tryouts:

- 24 hours after Nationals – this year only

NARCE Conference:

- May 22-25, Columbus OH
- Hockey Directors
- PVAHA usually sends two (2)
 - Mike Lyons

Kettler:

- Dan Jablonic stepping down as Hockey Director (relocating)
- Brad Surdham, Jr taking over as Hockey Director

Checking at 14U:

- Discussed at USA Hockey winter meeting
- Discussions on injuries
- Scott Paluch offered to come to PVAHA to put on checking clinics at various rinks. Need to coordinate with Scott as he is scheduling with Linda, John and Debbie (separately)

Four man system in High School Playoffs:

- USA Hockey uses 2 & 3 man systems
- 4 man system with affiliate permission
- Level 4 officials only
- Discussion
 - Feedback from SHOA and Duhurst – officials not trained, no level 4 four man officiating modules taken, no USA Hockey training
 - Denied

OLD BUSINESS

- Try-out document/contract for PVAHA rules
 - Tabled since June
 - Tier II try-outs begin April 28th
 - Document regarding contracts, player release and recruiting
 - Affiliate receives numerous emails regarding this
 - Many CBHL clubs have own “contracts” but are not consistent / binding
 - John to send documents from other affiliates / leagues
 - Linda to look into any wording with Club Excellence

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Motion to adjourn: Mike Mulligan

Second: Paul Duequette

All in favor

End report