

October 13, 2021 Board Meeting (Face-to-Face)

Meeting called to order by M. Hutchens at 6:34pm.

### **Attendance**

Adam Respecki, President (present at 6:45pm)  
Michael Hutchens, Vice President  
Emily Barber, Treasurer (present via zoom at 6:45pm)  
Jess Campbell, Secretary/Registrar  
Meghan Powell, U10 & Under  
Derek Quick, U12 & Older  
Nick Powell, Equipment Manger  
Empty, Coaching Director/ADM  
Tara Spillane P.R/Fundraising

### **Absent**

Jennie Carr, Scheduler

### Introduction of Guest-

- A. Katie Kucharek, Kyle Kucharek, Lyle Johnson, Myles Grix (Snow Owner/Goalie), Andrew Dibble (Gaylord Snow marketing)

### Public Comment-

- A. Katie Kucharek-
- a. Questioning \$10 coaching fee included in this upcoming season ice bill.
    - i. Per Adam- the \$10 fee is for coaches reimbursement. \$50/coach is given at the end of the season, up to 3 coaches per team to pay for USA hockey registration
    - ii. Katie suggests also reimbursing Gaylord Snow Volunteers as a way to encourage more volunteers
  - b. Volunteers from Gaylord Snow
    - i. Currently there are 5 players with coaching cards (from Snow)
      - Working on completing background checks, Safesport, and OCHA Registration
      - Katie to contact Registrar with names when completed
      - If a volunteer is needed Katie is to be the only contact person with the team
- B. Myles Grix-
- a. Currently Myles is working with the Sportsplex to put on Christmas clinics, possibly up to 1 week long
  - b. There may be some players interested in reffing games. Myles to discuss with some players

### Approval of Meeting minutes-

- A. September 29<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting- Minutes not distributed prior to meeting for approval. Adam to send out meeting minutes to be approved. Approval pushed to next meeting.
- B. September 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting- Minutes not distributed prior to meeting for approval. Adam to send out meeting minutes to be approved. Approval pushed to next meeting.

### Treasurer's Report-

- A. 1 current scholarship request; 4 active payment plans; \$8000 in fees not yet collected; Raffle tickets should be in this week and distributed the following week

### Registrar Report-

- A. This season all teams must have a manager and head coach rostered at the same time players are being rostered. If there is no manager rostered the teams cannot be verified by USA hockey.
- B. Volunteer list has been sent out to.

## Old Business-

- A. Coaches Meeting/Coaches Meeting Date? 10/21 at 5:00pm
- B. Managers Meeting Date? 10/21 at 5:30pm
- C. Growth Coordinator- Jared declined offer. Adam to give position description to Tara to post on Social media.

## New Business-

- A. Team Counts:
  - a. IP- 13 (edited per registrar 14)
  - b. 6U- 4 (edited per registrar 5)
  - c. 8U- 20 (edited per registrar 21)
  - d. 10U- 9
  - e. 12U, 14U, 18U- 0
  - f. Total of 49 registrations
- B. Mission Statement Sharing by all board members- statements shared by those aware of request to write new mission statement
  - a. Adam R- The mission of the Otsego County Hockey Association is to develop players into athletes that display sportsmanship, integrity, respectfulness, and a team player mindset. Players will have fun and parents, coaches, managers, and board members will nurture their development.
  - b. Michael H- Our Mission is to provide the youth of Otsego County and surrounding area the opportunity to enjoy the sport of hockey while developing skills in teamwork, responsibility, hard work, dedication and respect for others. We will provide age-appropriate training, in accordance with USA Hockey to most effectively develop young hockey players of all skill levels. In doing so, we aim to create a love for the sport of hockey that will last a lifetime.
  - c. Emily B- The Mission of OCHA is to enhance sportsmanship, knowledge, integrity in a team atmosphere with an emphasis of having fun and enjoying the sport of hockey to our local and surrounding communities.
  - d. Derek Q- Provide purpose, motivation and direction in a fun and competitive atmosphere to youth throughout the area while striving to improve the organization as a whole.
  - e. Meghan P- The mission of Otsego County Hockey Association is to develop and maintain the skills necessary to compete at the various age-appropriate levels in a fun, challenging atmosphere that fosters growth, retention, and sportsmanship.
  - f. Nick P- To provide the best possible experience for all participants by encouraging, developing, and advancing skill in the sport of hockey while teaching teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline on and off the ice.
  - g. Tara S- The mission of Otsego County Hockey Association is to provide an avenue for youth to learn the sport of hockey, gain confidence and promote sportsmanship, in a fun and safe environment. We foster personal and team development, creating outstanding opportunities for all athletes through exceptional service and leadership.
  - h. Jennie C- The Mission of the Otsego County Hockey Association is to provide a fun, safe and properly supervised atmosphere for hockey instruction that emphasizes skill development while promoting the importance of hard work, dedication to goals, good sportsmanship, and discipline.
- C. Coaching expense reimbursement language
  - a. Emily to email new verbiage for minutes
  - b. Last season (2020-2021) language of coaching reimbursement. Motioned by Emily B. Second by Nick P. All in favor. No no's. Motion Passed.
  - c. This season (2021-2022) language of coaching reimbursement. Motioned by Emily B. Second by Michael H. All in favor. No no's. Motion Passed.

- d. Going forward continuing coaching reimbursement as written in Policies and Procedures. Motioned by Emily B. Second by Nick P. All in favor. No no's. Motion Passed.
- D. PR/Fundraising progress and needs- Tara to call a committee meeting to discuss further
  - a. Tara has reached out to several companies for ideas
  - b. She would like to expand social media presence (Facebook)
  - c. Promote the late registration (TC has already closed) try to get those that have missed other associations
  - d. Tara would like to start "Players Corner" AKA player of the week to showcase players
  - e. Pizza Kits- Anticipating handing those out November 9, and collecting them on November 29, with an anticipated delivery date of December 13.
  - f. Donation from Nelson's Funeral Home for \$1000 for 8U in exchange for a banner for the bench.
  - g. Tillie's Tafel (Petoskey)- Frozen French toast, cinnamon rolls, gift cards
- E. 8U/6U
  - a. 8U Split- 8U Blue (Derek Quick); 8U Blue Manager (Dan McGinnis); 8U Gold (Nick Powell); 8U Gold (Meghan Powell); Motioned by Meghan P. Second by Jess C. All in favor. No no's. Motion Passed.
  - b. 6U Head Coach- Jess C.; Assistant Coaches- Derek Q, Frank M, Lyle J; Temporary manager- Emily B; Motioned by Derek Q. Second by Nick P. All in favor. No no's. Motion Passed.
  - c. 10U Manager- Stephanie Hutchens volunteered. No objections.
  - d. IP Manager- Stephnie Johnson Volunteered. No objections.
- F. Northern Michigan Co-Op potential 14U/18U- Freshman Sophomores
- G. Alpena Co-op possibility
- H. 10U Player move up
  - a. Ryan Mick requesting move up- still waiting for letter from family expressing interest in moving up

#### Committee Reports-

- A. Executive Meeting- **Adam**, Michael, Emily, Jess- Nothing new to report
- B. Finance Committee- Adam, **Emily**, ~~Andrea~~ Tara, Nick, Jennie- Nothing new to report
- C. Promotion/Fundraising Committee- Michael, ~~Andrea~~ **Tara**, Nick- Nothing new to report
- D. Coaching Affairs- ~~Frank~~, Jennie, Derek, Meghan- Nothing new to report
- E. Player Affairs- ~~Frank~~, **Jess**, Nick, Derek, Meghan- Nothing new to report.
- F. Discipline Committee- **Michael**, ~~Frank~~, ~~Andrea~~ Tara, Meghan, Jennie- Nothing new to report

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm. Motioned by Derek Q. Second by Nick P.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2021 at 6:30pm Face-to-Face Sportsplex