

Petoskey Area Hockey Association Board Meeting

Petoskey Ice Arena

October 15, 2024 @ 6:00pm

In Attendance: Brittney Case, Chris Firman, Brent Bolin, Henry Pfiefer, Jona Thom, Doug Nowels

Absent: Sarah Saddison, Fedor Fedorov

Public in Attendance: None

1. Brent called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.
2. Approval of tonight's agenda.
3. Approval of the 9/9/24 meeting minutes. We will re-visit these at our next board meeting.
4. Public Comments: None
5. **President's Report:**
 - a. Rink contract needs to get signed. Brent wants to meet with Fedor to discuss certain aspects of the contract, before it gets signed. Brent will contact Fed.
 - b. We currently have 6 hours of ice reserved for Saturday, but CHA cancelled the 10U games. PAHA is responsible for the ice bill due to short notice. Brent will reach out to CHA to find a solution.
 - c. Brent will email the board a copy of the rink contract for all to view and vote on.
 - d. Rob Higgins emailed his resignation to the board. Brent would like to find someone to take over his duties, either a current board member, or possibly hold a special election. Try Hockey for Free event in November will need to be organized by a board member, since Rob has stepped down.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Brent is still fulfilling duties of both President and Treasurer, but he cannot continue to perform both roles. Brittney has expressed interest in doing some of the treasurer duties, but still needs access to her email and sportsengine. Our invoices have been paid with a debit card. Brent has just received the check book and has been getting bills caught up.

- b. Brent would like to inquire with Maggie, our bookkeeper on helping with some of the treasurer duties such as invoicing and billing, to help make the treasurer position more manageable. Henry made a motion for Brent to reach out to Maggie and get an estimate for the extra services. Chris seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

New Business

7. Move-Up Requests (Edison Deery):

- a. A move up request for Edison Deery was emailed to the board.
- b. Edison is currently in 6U (2018 birth year) but has already previously skated with the 8U group.
- c. This is his first year in organized hockey.
- d. Coach Ben feels Edison is ready for the 8U level. Motion approved 6-0.

8. 10U & 12U Registration Status:

- a. 10U is closed, but players can still contact the board for a potential spot. We have 1 player from out of the area that would like to register, but there are concerns with his approval to play. The board would like to do more research on this and Brent will reach out to the 10U coaches. The coaches will make the final decision on if he will be allowed to register or not.
- b. 12U is closed. We currently have 20 rostered, with 1 waitlisted and rostered as a practice player.

9. Board Membership:

- a. We need to update our policies regarding what “Petoskey Area” entails.
- b. We need to determine how the trust will be used for “out of the area” players in our program.

10. Budget Update:

- a. Sarah emailed the board regarding an increase in referee pay (10U game = \$50, 12U game = \$55).
- b. Brent made a motion to accept the increase in referee rates that Sarah suggested via email. Henry seconded. Motion approved 6-0.
- c. The board still needs to determine what our rate will be for kid refs at the 6U & 8U levels.
- d. Board suggested Dylan Pelon as the goalie coach. He plans to attend 1 practice/week for each team. Brent will follow up with Dylan to discuss an agreeable pay rate. He will report to the board to review and vote.
- e. Quick discussion regarding livestream options through Live Barn and Sports Engine. Brent will look into a camera from a Michigan based company and report back to the board.

- f. Maggie is cleaning up accounts and sub accounts to reflect more accurate numbers. We have an increased registration income in 2024 compared to 2023. It appears we are \$6000 in the black, with hosting the banquet. Maggie is going to help lock in our budget numbers, with a goal of approving it in November.

Old Business

11. Fundraising:

- a. We need to raise \$10-20,000 for tournament coverage. There was brief discussion regarding team sponsors, but this was tabled for the next meeting.

12. 2024-25 Registration Update:

- a. 10U & 12U are currently closed.
- b. Registration remains open for 6U and 8U players.
- c. Learn to Skate and Little Wings players will be encouraged to register with PAHA after their sessions.

13. Try Hockey for Free – Nov. 2:

- a. Rob will no longer be heading this event due to his resignation.
- b. Brent will reach out to the rest of the board to find someone to take his place.

14. Board Member Updates:

- a. With Rob resigning, we need to cover the IP Director role.
- b. We need a clear path from Learn to Skate and Little Wings, to PAHA.
- c. We need to make sure we get Little Wings players signed up with PAHA.
- d. Try Hockey for Free – USA Hockey event – Nov. 2 – we need someone to cover this.

15. Next meeting: November 19 @ 6pm - Petoskey Ice Arena.

Brent adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.