

## TCAHA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Kennewick Red Lion

### I. Call to Order (6:30 pm)

Board Members in Attendance: Matt McDaniel, Ryan Kelly, Shannon Lukins, Dan Anderson, Nic Croft, Desiree Hadley, Rob Oliver

Absent from the board: Derek Ellingsen

Members in Attendance: Rob Giekke, Billy Moffett, Janine Jackson, Russel DelGesso, Ashley Willoywy, Kayce Coon, Desiree Short, Tracy Bullington, Janet Baumann, Jaime Horn

#### \*Reading of August Meeting Minutes

Ryan Kelly motions to accept August minutes/Dan Anderson seconds, and the board approves.

#### \*Treasurer Report

Current balance \$568,594.96

Rep funds have been moved to accounts, and debit cards are out, checks for the account are on their way.

Ryan Kelly motions to accept the treasurer report / Rob Oliver seconds, and the board approves

### II. Report of Officers and Directors

#### \*President – Matt McDaniel –

Insurance update, policy canceled due to no payment, Matt working to reinstall  
Possibility of removing the netting

#### \*Vice President – Ryan Kelly – Nothing additional

#### \*Secretary – Shannon Lukins –

Email distribution update – we are discontinuing the previous years' email distribution lists, if you haven't registered for the 2022-2023 season, please do so if you still want to receive communications.

#### \*Treasurer – Dan Anderson – Nothing additional

#### \*Hockey Director – Jordan Nelson

Reorganization of Beginners program; following the ADM model

#### \*Directors:

Nic Croft –

Mite AGC – still looking for folks, if interested please reach out

Desiree Hadley –

Player to the week update – putting together a submission portal

Merchandise – looking for a company that supports a year-long portal

Rob Oliver– Nothing additional

#### \*Past President –Derek Ellingsen– Absent, no report

### III. Committee Reports (Chairperson/Board Liaison)

#### \*Tournament Committee – Tony Dang

Teams are starting to sign up; PNAHA listing of tournaments on the site – so far ours are not included – tournaments are not yet sanctioned so they have not been updated on the site

#### \*Goalie Committee – Mike Landry - Dinner for the last year's volunteer, Oct first weekend

Using some funds to purchase some training equipment

Starting Sept 26 @ – requesting FB posting and notification on goalie lab

Requesting coaches to come shoot. Janine says she can set up a link to allow them to sign up for goalie lab, Janine to follow up with setting this up

Goalie lab is free and if they attend and they receive a discount for their registration for the season – the coach to follow up with a sign-in roster and a way to track attendance.

\*Hockey Director – Jordan Nelson

House Coaches –Coaching committee is to meet this week to review house coach submissions.

\*Coaching Committee - Nic Croft – nothing additional

\*Discipline Committee – Ryan Kelly – Still working

\*Equipment/Facilities Committee – Jason Celski

Janine – request to purchase helmets to replace expired helmets – 3 smalls and 3 mediums –

Dan suggested the possible use of Booster Club Donations.

Nic Croft motions to use Booster Club funds to replace equipment / Desiree Hadley seconds, and the board approves.

\*Finance Committee –Dan Anderson – nothing additional

\*Nominations Committee – Shannon Lukins – nothing to report

\*Public Relations/Sponsorship Committee – Desiree Hadley

Kraken outreach:

Signed jersey coming to be used as a fundraiser

Discounted ticket codes coming

Youth intermission skate – working with teams on how to register for intermission skate.

Working on posting to thank volunteers

\*Registration Committee – Janine Jackson

Registration still coming in

PNAHA – now has all the association documents

Update to website

\*Scheduling Committee – Brandy Kovis

Still waiting to get a final date that we'll be able to get on the ice. Hoping to get approval to begin house evals on 9/26 with regular practices beginning on 10/3. Once I get approval I can get a schedule built and we can let the membership know ASAP.

We can run some sticks & pucks on the ice next week if we have it ready to go. 10U & 18U have had drop-ins (at the request of coaches within those age groups and with those coaches running it) for \$10-15/skater and we could do the same thing for all age groups once the ice is in.

Planning to start the BP session on 9/25 at 4:00; girls club on 9/25 at 5:15.

We have a big weekend (18 games) from 9/23-9/25 with 18U Rep games & a 12U tiering weekend for PNAHA - all scheduled at HAPO except for 1 of those games.

Concerned about the 10U plan. I understand we have declared 3 teams at 10U with the third team being a "house select" team for the bronze division. With the super weekends planned (5 confirmed and each team must attend 4 to qualify for state) that adds a minimum of 4 additional blackout weekends for all of the house teams to get their games in. There are 46 total 10U-age players registered as of this morning.

\*Scholarship/Awards Committee - Rob Oliver – the board awarded three recipients the Chuck Mantello Scholarship for this year's registration fees.

\*All Team Manager Committee - Regina Ahl

Made Goal status – \$250 to use at pure hockey – details coming

Try Hockey for Free events: Oct 8 – Girls only 9-11 / Nov 5 – All 9-11 / Feb 23 – All 9-11

Reach out for Radio clips.

Registration can be limited, but need to look at the equipment that can be loaned during the event

Skates – still need smaller sizes – Can we borrow from Rink B? Can we call out to the membership to donate any small skates hanging around?

\*Board Liaison – Isaac Merkl – Absent, no report

\*Girls' Club Report - Jared Lembcke – Janine girls club meeting , good turn out

\*Covid Committee - Nic Croft – Transmission low – doesn't seem to currently have a need, Nic motioned to remove the Covid Committee / Ryan seconded / board approved

\*Spring Hockey/MS & HS Hockey: Jody Carpenter

#### IV. New Business

18U rep team requests to wear 3<sup>rd</sup> jersey:

Janine looking into if they can be used at State

Ryan Kelly motions to allow 3<sup>rd</sup> Jersey / Rob Oliver seconds, and the board approves

Equipment Director Board Member Nomination – Shannon Lukins

Jason Celski was nominated for the vacant position. Nick Croft motions to accept Jason Celski nomination to the board/ Rob Oliver seconds, and the board approves

Janine to follow up with paperwork and possible equipment rental details

Keys to HAPO Track – Jordan Nelson

Plans to rekey building working on the number of keys, if Keys are lost it would be the responsibility to charge

Update to access process, access to the rink should be via the RV-facing entrance and the rink side door. Double doors will be locked to enforce Safe Sport policies to only coaches and players in the locker rooms.

Chuck Mantello Scholarship Applications – Rob Oliver – discussed above

Changes to language for Beginners Program Language on the website – Nick / Jordan

discussion on drafted language to update on the BP (see attached). Learn to skate doesn't require equipment rental which can be helpful for starters, TCYHA can also include rental, need to communicate to parents what it takes to volunteer as part of BP

PNAHA meeting update – Ryan Kelly

Nationally bound teams – there will be a dropbox to place scoresheets.

Do not schedule games with a team that is not a USA Hockey member - know the Washington team is the Wolverines

Declarations:

- Rep B Teams

- If we think we can put together B teams at the 14u, 16, 18u, part-time they will consider getting us games.

- They put us down for a maybe at 14u and 18u.

- We must let them know PRIOR to October 1.

- They combined 16u and 18u to make a midget league for B level teams.

- 10u/12u competition weekends.

- Will determine what level each team is in right after the weekend by the competition committee. The affiliates will determine what level their teams are: gold, silver, bronze.
- Super weekend October 15 and 16 in Spokane for 10u
- Super weekend Wenatchee November 5-6
- Super weekend January 20-22 10u in Tri-Cities.
- Super weekend possibly at Seattle Jr in December (will advise later).
- 16 one-hour ice slots per weekend. 16 teams would participate...maybe, the scheduler was not sure during the meeting.
- 10u half ice
  - We were the first in the country to go to half ice for 10u.
  - Still a flexible situation. There are some tournaments out there that are full ice. The goal was to have the majority of practice and play to be in a reduced space.
  - All league games must be half-ice. If you are playing in a tournament with at least one team outside PNAHA it can be full ice.
- Coaching clinics.— Register as soon as possible if a coach needs one.
- Game times have changed:
  - If it is a nonleague game, we can do whatever, but league games must follow this.
  - 16u/18u Tier 2: 1.5-hour games, 4min warmup, 1min between periods, 3 17min stop clock periods
  - 16u/18u can scrape between periods 2 and 3; it is up to us but the game must be 1 ¼ hours.
  - 14u Tier 2— 1.5 hours, 4min warmup, 1min between periods, (3) 16min stop-clock periods.
  - Optional ice scrape between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period, but must be 1 ¼ hour game.
  - 12u, 14uB, 16uB, 18uB: 1.5 hours, 4 min warm-up, 1min between periods, (3) 15 min stop clock periods, no ice scrapes.
  - 10u: 1 ¼ hour half ice: 4 min warm-up, 1min between periods, (3) 18min run clock periods, no ice scrapes.
- Gamesheet Inc. Moving to electronic score sheets will now be done electronically via the app, Gamesheet Inc is the program.
  - Can put it into the system and have a digital copy of it.
  - Jenny Rainey-Gibson is working on this project.
    - There are training sessions to learn how to do it. Janine will take the training and will teach each team and they can teach each other.
  - We need to upload our rosters into Gamesheet Inc. Once that is in, it is easy to upload it. This program will break down game data for the teams. Good coaching tool.
  - **Each association will have a person designated to get an invitation code.**
  - All we have to do is pay for the tablet for the first year. PNAHA is paying for it at a flat rate for the first year. If it is good, there will be an incremental increase next year. Should be less than \$1,000 per year. It is based on how many teams are playing. Minnesota added \$5 to each member to pay for it.
  - We need an iPad or two would be better and need to use it this year. It can be wifi only iPad. It will take the information and then send it when it connects to wifi.

- Ryan motioned to approve \$1500 to cover iPad purchase / Desiree Hadley seconds, the board approved
- Russel DelGesso offered that he might have some used iPads in the shop that we could purchase.

○ State Tournaments

- Tier 1 – Wenatchee January 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 14, 16, 18.
- Tier 2 14, 16, 18 – March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Tacoma is the only one who put in for that.
- 10u – March 17-19 - Kraken
- 12u B – March 17-19 - Spokane.
- 12u A – March 10-12 - Snoking and Seattle Jr. both wanted it. Snoking said all games would be under one roof in Snoqualmie. They also have 2 other facilities if they need to use it. Seattle Jr has a refurbished rink in Lynnwood. It has been completely remodeled. New sheet of ice, dashers, etc. They have three teams per division. Decision was Snoking by a vote of 7-6.

○ Tier 1

- Kraken has approached PNAHA and wants to be a Tier 1 team next year. 14, 16, and 18 for the first couple of years. Trying to move toward fewer tier 1 teams and stronger tier 2 teams.
  - We would need to convince USA Hockey to allow it one year early.
  - Rob Acevedo wants it to be one team on the west and one team on the east.
  - Come up with 5 things that are concerns by the end of September.
  - Everyone “voted” yes to support it, but it does not take a vote.
  - Send the 5 things to [vpwestside@pnaha.com](mailto:vpwestside@pnaha.com). That would go to Clayton Rodgers, the west side VP.

○ Winter meeting: January 7<sup>th</sup> back in Wenatchee at 9 am

Livebarn – Ryan Kelly –

Can they come to the rink, Discussion – the board needs to see the contract to what it allows/doesn't allow) or what they need from us to install (ie..what is needed for live streaming)

10U Rep Status and Discussion – Tyler Banning

Discussion request to fund a Spokane tournament that was moved up to Oct 29-31. The tournament registration opens tomorrow. Requesting coverage of a tournament 1200, the general fund to front load for the account to cover and reimburse general

Ryan motioned to fund the account and general fund to be reimbursed after team fundraising/  
Rob Oliver seconds/board approves

Booster Club Donations – Daniel Anderson- see above discussion on equipment purchase

## V. Unfinished Business

Board Replacement and Ice update and status – Matt McDaniel

Toyota center rep – sand is close to being finished, likely late tonight, plan to start making ice after. Possibly to use next weekend, need a plan to put up glass

Ice Contracts – Matt McDaniel – all executed

Facilities Director - application status –

None received still looking for someone to fill the role.

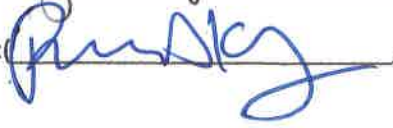
Computer for hockey director –

Russel to make one available in trade for advertisement, Dan Anderson motions to approve the trade/ Rob Oliver seconds/board approves

**VI. Adjourn Meeting VII. BOD available for questions/discussions**

Ryan Kelly motioned to adjourn the meeting / Desiree Hadley seconds; board approves meeting ended at 8:21.

Prepared by:  ( Shannon Lukins, Secretary, Board of Directors)

Approved by:  Vice President, Board of Directors)

## Tri-Cities Amateur Hockey Association

### 8U/6U Season Long Plan

- No teams will be made for the upcoming season
  - No fundraising is required by families and no primary sponsor is necessary for parents to help secure.
  - No additional teams or brands for parents to purchase gear.
  - No need of multiple team treasurers or managers
  - We will be tiering players with 6 different colors to coordinate ADM (American Development Model) like practices per USA Hockey
  - Players will not be categorized as “advanced” or “intermediate” at the mite level, instead they will get a color placed on their helmet, once they meet the learning objectives and are proficient in these areas they move on to the next color (much like in karate with different belts)
  - This allows coaches to know exactly what skills each player is working on, as well as making sure our weekend home games and tournament teams are divided equally.
  - IF parents WANT their child to participate in the “advanced”/“intermediate” tournament options these tiers will allow coaches to know where to each player would best fit based on the skills they have mastered at set point in the season
- Kids will be split evenly at practice with like skilled kids to participate in small area games and scrimmages.
- Each weekend, kids will participate in games on the weekend and will be evenly separated to make the most competitive hockey possible.
  - Allowing kids opportunities to play with new kids each week expands children’s playing experience and doesn’t let them get used to playing with the same kids all the time.
- All players will still get their minimum practices and games. TCAHA will not manage which kids miss or don’t come to practices or games, the organization will simply give everyone the opportunity to participate at their convenience.
- Practices will be twice weekly
  - Mite Practice will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm
  - Mighty Mite Practices will be Fridays from 5:30-6:30 pm and Sundays from 4:00-5:00 pm
  - Parents will be told and part of a “mighty mite” or “mite” group through the sports engine app and practices will show up on the app accordingly.
- Jerseys
  - All jersey numbers must be verified by AGC. Goal is to not have two liked numbered jerseys in the Mite program.
  - First objective is to see what numbers current mite players have, once we have this information we can create an option to show open numbers from everyone 8U and down to ensure no two players have the same number at this age group.
- Tournaments
  - Tournaments will be 100% optional
  - (possible option for this season) TCAHA will pay upfront costs for tournament entry based on coach participation.

- TCAHA coaches will work with the hockey director and age specific manager (mighty mite manager and mite manager) as well as mite agc to select which tournaments to participate in as the year goes on.
- Designated coaches and age group managers for each tournament team will be responsible for helping the team setup room blocks.
- TCAHA coaches and hockey directors will be responsible for placing balanced teams in tournaments unless the tournaments are broken out by certain skill levels. Currently there is only one tournament that is broken out this way and that is the Shamrock Showdown in March in Spokane. ( There is the possibility of more of these tournaments in other states) All other tournaments, TCAHA will work collectively to send balanced teams.



## 2022-2023 Season



- ⇒ Fundraiser Ticketing & Member Ticketing
- ⇒ Flag Carrier & 7th Man Game Day Opportunity
- ⇒ Intermission Activities— 3:3 cross Ice and more...
- ⇒ Jr. Americans Logo use for Spirit Wear
- ⇒ Professional Development/Support in Goalie Lab

## New in 2022-2023

- ⇒ In Arena Signage @no cost
- ⇒ In Arena Contest—Hockey Awareness
- ⇒ Hockey School Jersey Donation
- ⇒ Communication from Americans

## Coming soon.....

- ⇒ Player Skates/Practice (tentative)
- ⇒ Coaching Clinics (tentative)

