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# DCYHA Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 2020 Meeting

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## Attendees:

Missed this part of the recording as it started recording after this

Jason Simmons, Don McFarland, Brian Nelson, Jens Horrocks, Rich Lucy, Anna Erickson, Amy Bushman, Steve Soto, Kylee Cook

## Agenda/Notes:

### Item: Goalie Refunds at end of season.

**MOTION** made by Don McFarland to reimburse Sean as long as he plays at least 50% of the season. Jens Horrocks seconds the motion.

DISCUSSION: DCYHA does not reimburse goalies at the 10U divisions, the preference is to have many players participate in the goalie position throughout the season. Special circumstances reviewed and allowed. This is a special circumstance. **ACTION:** Motion passes unanimously

**MOTION** made by Don McFarland to reimburse goalie rental gear. Patrick seconds the motion. **ACTION:** Motion to reimburse goalie families for goalie rental gear passes unanimously

**Item: USA Hockey's Try Hockey for Free** -National Try Hockey For Free (THFF) is November 7th. **DISCUSSION:** Amy registered DCYHA/Bountiful Rink with USA Hockey as a host site. Patrick has ice reserved for 4:15pm-5:15pm. Minimum equipment required is helmets and skates. Registration planned to be on the DCYHA website. Depending on registration numbers, skaters might be paired with a mentor. Bountiful THFF Event is not showing on the national locator website. **ACTION:** Amy will inform team managers of this event and she has been in touch with Steve Soto, Coaching Director regarding Coach staff for the THFF event. Discussion regarding enough gear for the event; providing practice jerseys currently on hand, to participants. This event has historically been hosted by SDRC with Ron Ramirez coordinating ice scheduling. Amy will reach out to Ron regarding ice availability, COVID restrictions and coordinating other logistics.

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**Item: Budget and Finance Committee Report** Brian Nelson, DCYHA Treasurer reports that he does not have Eagles data. **ACTION:** Patricia Nelson, Eagles finance rep, is working on the *Eagles financials* and will provide requested financial data to Brian for reporting to the Board..

**Reimbursement Requests:** Brian Nelson reminds the board that coaches should submit *reimbursement requests* for CEP costs, background screening fees, and other allowed reimbursable expenses. **ACTION:** No action noted.

**Revisit COACHES COMPLIMENTARY GEAR POLICY: DISCUSSION:** Should DCYHA keep the current policy to provide coaching staff with one complimentary DCYHA branded Coaches Jacket? Coaches may petition the board for a replacement jacket to be paid by DCYHA. DCYHA will review such requests when presented. Vendor and quality of jacket discussed. Stormtech, Harrow, CCM and off-brands have been past vendors for DCYHA coaching jacket. The coaches who weighed in on this discussion prefer an authentic hockey quality jacket over an off-brand. **ACTION:** Don will research costs and availability of the Stormtech hockey coaching jackets purchased by the DCYHA Travel program for their players and coaches. Jason will review the pricing for comparison with the budget allocated for this item. No changes recommended to the DCYHA policy governing the complimentary coaches jacket.

**Item: Travel Committee** (Anna Erickson, Eagles Travel Rep) - The Eagles Tier and Travel teams are scheduling tournaments for all teams at this time. The Eagles have a spreadsheet for tracking tournament registration, travel permit requests and USAH tournament sanction numbers. **ACTION:** The Eagles are directed to continue to track tournaments and keep the board up to date on all anticipated travel. The Eagles are to provide the link to the tournament tracking spreadsheet to Jason for use/review by the board as needed.

Eagles practice ice will be impacted by the return of the Utah Grizzlies game schedule. Alternate ice times will be sought as needed.

**Item: Tournament Committee** (Rich) - Iron Cup Update: Tournament is almost full with participating teams. One goal is to invite teams that are competitive with other DC Wind teams. 2021 Tournament plans include the BBQ (if COVID regulations allow), banners, swag, etc. This year is the 10-year presentation of the Iron Cup. Volunteers will be appointed to lead the basket raffle, BBQ, signage, programs, score keeping. Patrick has the invite on the calendar. **ACTION:** Rich and Patrick will continue to work on Iron Cup planning and report monthly.

**Item: DCYHA Policy and Procedures:** The P&P's outline is completed and ready for board member review. Not yet completed are position descriptions for all the positions identified

in the P&Ps. **ACTION:** Don McFarland will distribute a link and all board members are to review and provide suggestions, edits, clarifications, etc.

**Item: House Operations Committee** (Don) - Don McFarland envisions a house operations committee for the DCYHA recreation program that would operate similar to the Eagles committee. One goal is to create efficiencies by consolidating “operations” issues to a committee that can effectively manage program operations, maintain consistency, retain institutional knowledge and complete needed tasks in a timely manner and in accordance with DCYHA P&Ps. **ACTION:** No action taken.

**Item: Out of State travel and games for recreation (non-D1 teams)**

**Requested: DCYHA to allow D2 teams to travel out of state for game play**

Discussion: Travel to out of the state venues, for D2 teams, is requested, (Rock Springs, WY and Salmon, ID, Idaho Falls, ID) for example. Rationale: Will provide D2 kids competition and introduction to the travel experience. Games would be with other recreation level teams. UAHA is allowing minimal out of state travel for D2 recreation teams, this season. Each travel tournament, game(s), must be pre-approved by UAHA via submission of a travel permit. No objections voiced by the DCYHA board members, regarding DCYHA D2 teams traveling out of state. **ACTION:** No Motion, No objections to D2 Travel. Jason asks that teams requesting out of state travel submit a UAHA travel permit prior to making travel plans. This is in accordance with UAHA P&Ps.

**Item: Fundraising** (Kylee) - Kylee spoke with Jared Youngman of the Utah Grizzlies regarding DCYHA participating in *Grizz Nights fundraisers*, this season. Challenges this season will include COVID-related restrictions on spectators numbers at the Maverik Center. The *Pizza Card fundraiser* plan is to roll out the Pizza Card sales around the first week of November. *“Stick it to Cancer” swag fundraiser* - Don & Nicola McFarland spearheaded a Breast Cancer Awareness swag sales event highlighting Utah coach Morgan Marietti. Don is holding off on releasing a final profit number but he is anticipating around \$1,000.00 in funds coming back to the Organization from tee and swag sales. Bonanza (third party processor) may be a possibility to use to process future swag orders. **ACTION:** Kylee will continue to work with Jared Youngman on Grizz Night fundraising and she will work with Don on the Pizza Card fundraiser details. Don will report on the “Stick it to Cancer” proceeds next month.

**Item: UAHA Travel Teams Policy revisions**

Jason - UAHA distributed the revised travel team policies. **ACTION:** DCYHA board members are requested to review the policies and Red Line/Edit/Suggest policy language that will align with developing players, structuring teams, sustaining programs and growing the game. **ACTION:** Jason will ask UAHA for clarification on the purpose and intended outcome of the proposed WRHL/URHL structure. Jason participated in a UAHA closed door

session before the monthly UAHA board meeting. Nothing of significance was provided during that meeting.

**Item: USAH Sanctioning for Games and Tournaments**

(Anna) The DCYHA Board is responsible for educating managers, head coaches and teams of the need to participate in USAH sanctioned events and tournaments only or complete necessary steps to assure notification to all participants that an activity is not USAH sanctioned and therefore may not be covered by USAH insurance. It is the responsibility of head coaches and team managers to know that the teams being played are playing with a USAH certified roster and for knowing when and how the team must apply for a USAH event or tournament sanction. It may be necessary to consult with the State Registrar and/or UAHA President to determine appropriate steps needed to assure game play, events and tournaments are in compliance with USAH and UAHA guidelines. Informing and educating head coaches, team managers, parents and new board members of current regulations is a risk management responsibility of the DCYHA board. **ACTION:** No action taken.

**Item: Out of State Players**

(Jason) - The Eagles had four out of state players tryout for the Eagles 16U Tier II team this summer. These players played on a Utah team during the 2019-20 season. The Eagles head coach, manager, players, and their parents were erroneously and intentionally misled to believe that the out of state players could participate on a Utah Golden Eagles team. The misinformation was perpetuated by a Mr. Purcell and Mr. Lehman who incorrectly identified themselves as being part of the Eagles/DCYHA program. They had no role with the Eagles nor DCYHA. The Eagles coach extended an offer to these players to participate on the Eagles team after Mr. Purcell indicated, to the head coach and manager, that he had written documentation that would allow such rostering of out of state players. Repeated requests were made for Mr. Purcell or Mr. Lehman to produce the documentation. One piece of documentation produced fell short of authorizing any such rostering of out of state players. No proper authorization existed. The Eagles leadership immediately corrected the information with the head coach, manager, Mr. Purcell and Mr. Lehman, the parents of the out of state players, the Rocky Mountain District President and the UAHA President. Three of the out of state players were never rostered with the Eagles. One player was rostered but was immediately removed and their deposit returned. Subsequently, the Eagles initiated the proper steps to request the rostering of the four out-of-state players, as allowed and defined in the UAHA Policies and Procedures. One player withdrew their request. The remaining three players provided information requested by UAHA as part of the request to play/roster with the Eagles. UAHA's board of directors reviewed the requests for the three players. The first player (Idaho) was approved previously. The final two players (Montana) were reviewed, discussed and granted permission to play with the Eagles 16U Tier II team for the 2020-21 season only.

The rationale for the exception was the COVID pandemic that disbanded 16U Tier II teams in Montana and Idaho for the 2020-21 season. **ACTION:** The Eagles requested that Mr. Purcell and Mr. Lehman cease their false representation as being part of DCYHA/Eagles. They were warned that further such behavior may result in withdrawing the Eagles contract from their player. The Rocky Mountain District President publicly requested that Mr. Lehman cease all activity where he portrays himself as a representative of DCYHA or the Eagles program.

### **Item: Coaching Director Report**

DCYHA Bantams: Steve Soto, Coaching Director - In favor of DCYHA having a D1 Bantam team to challenge and develop the players.

DISCUSSION: Those familiar with the DCYHA 14U players felt that they can compete at the D1 level. Steve reported that he spent time at most of the DCYHA team practices this season. Evaluations were conducted. Live streaming of games was discussed as a method for further player and team evaluations. **ACTION:** None

DISCUSSION: Plans for a goalie clinic? Steve Soto was in favor of a goalie clinic.

**ACTION:** Steve offered to look at his schedule and bring some Ogden Mustangs juniors goalies out to work with DCYHA goalies this season.

**Request:** Don requested that Steve arrange for Mustangs players to attend the 10U practice Fridays at 4:30pm, SDRC. **ACTION:** None noted.

**Request:** Amy asked Steve for team rosters, for all the teams, to make sure that every team has a manager in place. **ACTION:** Steve thinks he has rosters & will send to Amy.

**Request/ACTION:** Don would like all roster requests to go to Karyn with Steve, Amy and himself copied.

## **Notes**

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

Next Board Meeting: November 17, 2021

Adjourned: 9:00pm??