

IFYHA Board Meeting
December 5, 2017
Off Ice Facility 6:30 PM

Present: Holly Molino, Brandi Nelson, Linda Blank, Lynette Hansen, Brent Horvath, Catie Canavan, Lisa Scott, Travis Arnold, Jessica Baird, Bill Combo, Marvin Jackman, Mike McAnulty, Herb Pollard, John Rifelj, Mike Lehto

Motion - November Minutes

Motion: Mike Lehto

Seconded: Marvin Jackman

Approved: All

Agenda:

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Hut - Lisa/Linda

Linda - hut coverage is going well, still working on opening and closing hut. Partnering with Misty and Jeff for IFYHA hockey decals. Unless customers are looking for personalized decals, the decals should be purchased in the hut. Jeff and Misty have agreed to not change the logos. Lisa will notify board when purchase price is finalized. The new register is still not working - error code comes on the receipt printer. Sweatshirts and other merchandise should be displayed in the hut.

Jessica Baird - if public skate times get changed due to tournaments, please notify Jessica so DIBS can be changed.

2. Combined Practices - Mike McAnulty

Mike - Girls program is losing its identity. Girls are spread out over several divisions and the coaches can't cover all the practices. Several girls are just not coming to practices, at least the combined practices. The girls like practicing together and they are not enjoying the combined practices.

Mike Lehto - girls are not comfortable playing with the boys during combined practices. The girls program is concerned that if they lose players, their division will dissolve. How do we

solve this problem? Directors have been receptive about reorganizing girls to skate up or down a division.

Lynette - Girls are registered to play girls because that is what they want to play.

Bill - Divide girls by skill level during practices.

Mike Lehto - specific concerns are with younger first and/or second year skaters.

Mike - Alyson is reluctant to go to combined practices. Expressed concerns that his daughter was paired with a kid twice her size and weight in a checking drill. The girls he has spoken with is less than enthusiastic about going to combined practices.

Mike Lehto - has asked for help

Lynette - only 18 girls registered as girls PRIMARY / 29 registered total

Mike Lehto - girls house practices have reduced to 18-20 girls

Holly - practice times could be a problem - it is hard for kids to going from late to early morning practices and back to a late practice the next day.

Herb - suggested a meeting with girl parents

Mike Lehto - girls are missing the social aspect of girls practices when the attend combined practices.

Travis - addresses differences between boys and girls focus (homework vs hockey)

Mike - girls hockey is just different

John - looking at options - combined travel practice schedule will remain the same for December. Part of the problem is scheduling coaches and arranging practice plans.

Mike Lehto - some age groups may be too large.

Jessica - PeeWees don't see more than a few additional girls at practices. Suggests adding Sunday ice time for just girls.

Catie - suggested social activities in addition to ice time.

Mike - girls feel like they are secondary to boys and are losing ice time.

Catie - not seeing the problems and asks that parents/girls bring concerns to division parent reps

Jessica/John - girls coaches aren't involved in combined practices - there is a lack of communication

Brent - are girls not seeing the benefit - or just not giving it a chance

Mike Lehto - combined practices should not include checking - they should be skills practices.

John - combined practices should be flexible and girls should be moved appropriately due to skill level.

John/Jessica - again suggested Sunday 4:15 girl's ice time so they have girls only house practices at least once a week. Better communication between girls coaches and division coaches.

Mike Lehto and John will brainstorm to workout a solution.

3. Try Hockey for Free - March 3 - John Rifelj

10:30 to noon. However, this is the same week as State hockey and the majority of directors and parents rep will be gone. Could be big because it is on the tail end of the Olympics.

Jessica suggests staggering times for kids to participate.

4. Friday Flash/Senior Spotlights - John Rifelj

Senior spotlights were a hit last year - John has contacted some kids and we should be receiving information soon.

Friday Flash - please send out information about game times to Lettie.

5. Rosters - John Rifelj

Reminded coaches to get their rosters into John to avoid issues.

Jessica - there is a bucket at the rink collecting coats, boots, gloves and hats which will be donated to District 91 for kids that show up to school without.

Box of food collected in the hut should be donated to the Food Pantry.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

John - meeting adjourned.