

RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



October 2018 Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, October 10th, 2018

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

ATTENDANCE: Frank Linn, Jody Christensen, Chris Larsen, Paul Bloodhart, Kevin Hare, John Linehan, Paul Wilson, Neil Accola, Jana Walker, Shelly Thompson and Nicole Ralston

ABSENT: Steve Oakins

Meeting called to order at 5:58 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review **Linn**

2. Consent Items (All can be approved in one motion, unless an item is removed by a board member for further discussion) **Linn**

A. Agenda Approval

Action Item:

Approve Agenda and any supplementary

B. Approval of Materials

Action Item: Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion made to approve all Consent items by John, seconded by Shelly. All in favor.

3. Guest Comments **Guests**

- Carrie Torgersen presented golfing event analysis, she's looking for feedback on how to make this event more impactful to the Association.
 - Compared similar golfing events that the wrestling and basketball hosted at Kilkarney, Our proceeds are 1/3 of Basketball with 1/3 of the people leading the event and much less direct Board involvement; while our overall amount is less, on a comparative basis we are getting the same resource return for the investments we are making.
 - We have less participation
 - community is saturated with requests for donations.
 - Potential solutions include; try a different day of week, looking at a different type of event, change the date, keep golf related but try night golf. Keep teams to 2 players per team (night golf) and 6 teams per hole.
 - Potential problems for night golf would include, Kilkarney's first time doing a golf tournament in the dark. We would need initial cost of glow in the dark golf balls and cart lights and possible wear on the course.
 - Committee would like to market the tournament early in the Spring, need larger group of people involved in meetings and committed to donations.

- Carrie will continue to research options and provide update/recommendations to the board as more information is gathered.
- Jeff Prochnow attended the meeting to discuss building operations, see updates under Building Operations.

4. Hockey Operations – On Ice

Hare

- Tryouts are lined up and ready, coaches will be decided after tryouts.
- Practices have been started.
- The program will be advanced to Phase 3.
- A non-parent coach for Bantams A, level four and has coached in New Richmond. Bantams have a total of six possible coaches. All other levels have substantial coaches.
- During tryouts skaters will be allowed to take the jerseys home during tryouts.
- Coaches will be allowed to pick their team managers.

5. Building Events

Linn

- Welcome Back event went well.
- Frank will be providing information binder to Erica for future events

6. Building Operations

Wilson/Linn

- Jeff is putting together operations book that will touch on “How To’s”, such as; rink inspections, zam maintenance, leaky toilet info, etc.
- We have secured the SCC CIP Crew to clean under the bleachers once a month, all alcohol has to be under lock and key. Neil will provide a key to Jeff to the upstairs secured room.
- Spring cleaning opportunity will be communicated to the Association, 40-50 volunteers are needed to get the inside/outside cleaned up. Jeff will communicate the date.
- “No Dumping” or “Area is video monitored” sign will be installed by the can donation area. As of lately, people have been dumping trash, tvs, etc...this is a cost to the Association. The area has been cleaned up.
- Mite parent, Derek Shewczyk is a licensed electrician, he will be working on special electrical projects for hours.
- Communication will be sent to members that this is OUR Association, please help to clean up and help out.
- Projects that are on the “wish list”
 - Water Bottle dispenser - \$815 plus installation
 - Covering exposed insulation walls and in walls stairway
- Reviewed Bids from vendors along with responses to follow-up questions that have been provided to date. Jeff/Paul will follow up with the vendors that haven’t provided responses to our follow-up questions. The Board talked in depth of the pros and cons of each companies.
 - Jeff will forward any new/additional information to board as it is received.
- Jeff will look into forming a committee for fundraising for the new system.
- Ice is in! We are currently running two compressors.
- The Association painted our own logos on the ice this year.

7. Financial Operations

Accola

- Neil provided the Org chart and asked for any updates. The update will be sent to Beth Dodge to upload to the website on Friday.
- The cost of Freon was higher than expected at start up, we lost roughly half of the supply.
- Hours at Hunt, will be reduced and released. The efficiencies in scheduling will be reviewed.
- 2017-2018 season 990s have been received from the Accountant and shared with the Bank – Frank will sign and will be mailed to the State. Federal was e-filed.
- Slight increase in registration and fundraiser income

8. Fundraising Operations

Thompson

- Shelly has asked Neil to touch base with Doug Black to get updated information on the Wild Program Sales.

- Chipotle Day is scheduled on January 20th from 5-9 at the Hudson location only. The association will receive 33% of the proceeds. Shelly will have it uploaded to the website
- Chevy has offered up the test driver fundraiser again this year.
- Shelly has shared that she has received some negative feedback regarding fundraising. The new fundraising was established to help offset the cost of operations. When compared to other Associations or cost is very low in comparison. Board discussed how to get members involved and understand the process of being 100% volunteer association. Chris will put together a video of members and help people understand the processes and what is all involved to running this Association.

9. External Relations/Recruitment/Advertising

Linn

- Frank is searching for a new bucket head.
- Jody has asked for the sponsorships on the website be updated, Frank will reach out to Kurt
- Shelly will write up an overview of the spring survey to be sent out to the Association.
- Frank has asked the Board to send updated head shot pictures, he will have the website updated.

10. Hockey Operations – Off Ice

Christensen

- Jody notified us that there are still jerseys they are trying to collect from a few Squirt B and PeeWee A skaters
- Ice Scheduling is still in process. Dan is working with Hunt to see if we can return some ice, we booked more ice this year than last. Last year the squirt group was short ice time, the additional ice will help.
- Current plan is to have Bantam/U14 practice 4 days. PeeWee/U12 Practice 3 days one week and 4 days the next week. Squirts practice 2 days one week and 3 days the next; on rotation.
- Jody has looked into different Referee scheduling systems. After talking with several people and the additional cost, we will be staying with our current statement.
- Registrar; Lisa Woiwode is working on training in Bobbi Stanley for next season, input is being added to the system
- Rachel link is the coordinator for Team Managers; she has secured a tournament for the Squirt C team and is working on getting games scheduled for them.
- Marissa is working on getting the tournaments updated. We have had a lot of interest in our tournaments.
- Tournament Committee met last week and are making a few changes
 - Frist, second, third and consolation trophies for everyone except for the Mite extravaganza
 - No participation medals for Squirt/U10
 - Adding the bracket to the program
 - Stesha will be making ALL of the baskets
 - 10 baskets per tournament, she will reach out for specific donations
 - The sucker pull stand will be changed. Dollar winners will either receive a concession voucher or raffle tickets for the basket raffle
 - Gift bags for skaters will be \$2 concession voucher; this replaces the tape and water
- River City Stick apparel link has been added to the RF Website home page
- High School Parents would like to have a poster for each senior player, Board approved.
- We have 181 skaters registered.
- We have one family that decided not to sign the picture release. Board discussed how to handle pictures moving forward.

11. Other Business

Linn

- The following Board members are liaison for the levels;
 - Bantams – Jody and John
 - Peewees – Chris & Paul
 - Squirts – Shelly & Nicole
 - Mites - Kevin and Paul
 - U14 – Neil
 - U12 – Jana

- U10 – Steve
- The party that was secured to take to outdoor boards fell thru, the boards will be used for this winter and we will review in the spring.

Motion to adjourn by Chris; Kevin seconded. All in favor.

<u>2018-2019 Calendar - Key Dates</u>	
October 10 th , 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
November 14 th , 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
Nov 30 th -December 2 nd , 2018	Squirt A/B/C
December 8-9 th	Mite Jamboree
December 12 th , 2018	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
December 28 th -29 th 2018	High School Tournament
January 9 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
January 11 th -13 th 2019	U10/U12
January 18 th -20 th	PeeWee A/B & B/C
January 25 th -27 th 2019	U14
February 8 th -10 th 2019	Bantam B/C
February 13 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
March 13 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
February 15 th -17 th 2019	Bantam A/B
March 15 th -17 th 2019	Mite ½ Ice
March 16 th , 2019	Gala
March 22 nd -24 th 2019	Fat Boys
April 10 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
May 8 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
June 12 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
July 10 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm
August 14 th , 2019	RFHYA Board Meeting 6pm