



CCHA Board of Directors Meeting Notes

June 15, 2020

Virtual/Zoom – 7:00 pm

Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Joe Seibert	Jon Johnson	Beth Johnson	Chris Parrington
Dana Savoie	Dan Diminnie	Becky Hermann	Julie Eklund
Jessica Kutz	Michelle TeBrake	Kevin Kurtt	Josh Schmieg
Zac Zalewski	Jessica Reinhardt	Holly Tchida	Mark Heinert
Tim Conyard	Pete Vidmar	Brian Lawler	Jeff Campbell
Beth Johnson	Greg Rotunda	Cordell Mack	Jeff Heil

b. Approval of May Minutes-Approved and to be posted to the web site

Consent Agenda

Standard Agenda

Key Volunteer Reports

- Transition of Roles – All emails updated?
 - Becky requested email response to update the Contact List to include: name, role, cell number, and email address
- GHDC
 - CCHA Perspective on Girls Co-Op
 - Dana met with Eden Prairie to discuss best practices associated with 15U Girls' teams
 - May engage in conversations with Waconia in an effort to increase 12U Girls' teams to allow for a A, B1, and B2
 - Further discussion needed regarding eligibility for A-level team within the first year and Discretionary Waivers to D6
 - Action Item: Joe and Jon to reach out to D6 to obtain their position regarding the Waiver
 - Purpose of discussions/Waiver to balance development with identity for teams and players with consideration for Girls' 10U and up
- Open Roles
 - Recruitment: Looking to identify a volunteer, possibly with an associated stipend for the role. Holly noted approximately half of the Recruitment efforts have been completed already
 - Storage and transport of gear has been a challenge. Cannot store gear at either rink.
 - May look into an inexpensive storage unit to be used for 'Try Hockey for Free' gear (roughly 30 hockey bags of gear and roughly 30 hockey sticks) as well as Apparel try-on racks
 - May create volunteer hours for transport of bags/sticks to rinks, when needed
 - Sponsorship Project Manager
 - Sponsorship Chair: possibly Brad Smeed
 - StormHawk Awards



- Treasury Update
 - Finalization of Budget:
 - Josh advised budget to be finalized prior to July meeting
 - Overall, likely no significant change since last year's budget is anticipated
 - Not anticipating an increase to player fees
 - Please discuss with Josh any additional anticipated paid coaches. Josh noted he is comfortable with the current scale, but is in need of which applicable teams. Jon will provide information for Boys' teams. Brian Lawler will provide Girls' information.
 - Stipends are still outstanding with possibly a couple more to be finalized prior to July meeting.
 - Some tournament fees are increasing
 - Taxes will be paid in July
- COVID Impacts to 2020/2021 Season – Update from MN Hockey
 - Sponsorship Impact
 - Will reach out organizations and small businesses who have sponsored the association and have supported us in years past to gauge their interest and/or ability to continue to do so.
 - We've learned Dave at MN Hockey is a resource to help navigate the discussions surrounding financial burden due to COVID-related situations
 - D6 may need to create a policy for tournaments to allow player substitutions from other equal-level or lower level teams.
 - Anticipating more information surrounding what playing this season will look like following the July 27th school decision update
 - A smaller working group to include: Dana, Holly, Jess R., Beth, Chris P., Joe S. and Chris B. to develop an action plan for COVID preparation as it relates to the rinks, rooms, locker rooms, etc.
- Jersey/Apparel Update - Becky/Chris Brandt Update
 - Apparel and Jersey RFBs have been sent and received back. Review underway.
- Status CCHA End of Season Player Feedback – Jon Johnson
- Status CCHA Coach/Team Feedback – Dana/Matt
 - As of 6/14 there have been 109 responses.
 - Decision made to keep it open an extra week in an effort to solicit more response with a reminder to be sent.
 - <https://cchockey.sportngin.com/register/form/648025091>
- Webmaster/Crossbar Next Steps – Application Submitted
 - Board approval received and Crossbar transition is underway and uploading of accounting information
- Registration Preparation & Next Steps
 - August 1st Registration Opening using Crossbar platform
- Tryout Update
 - Consideration of electronic automated tryout software for evaluation processes: Jeff H. and Jeff C.
 - Cost to be considered
 - In lieu of sheets to be submitted with player tryout scores, using system technology may either be cumbersome for some or may allow for greater eyes on players on the ice during the tryout process.
 - Eden Prairie is using for their entire program.
 - Dana expressed interest in joining the meeting of the demo
 - Overall goal is to create a reliable and repeatable tryout process.
- Hockey Development Committee Updates:



- 3 new members
- Next steps to include Team declarations to indicate how many of each types of teams, 1st year vs. 2nd years
- Try outs at the Mite-level to be estimated at 80+ players
- Squirrels-level: Looking at scrimmages in consideration of MEA calendars
- Focus over the next 30 days will try outs process to include: discussions surrounding a back up should an evaluator be unable to attend; understanding of protocols for each level; evaluators must be 2 years removed from the level being evaluated; *HDC: 1 year removed
- Planning ahead for Executive Board review. Dana will provide 2 examples.
- Bantam A Coach: Communication?
- Brick City Tournament Update – Beth Johnson
 - Brick City will include 40 teams
 - Registration started June 4th
- CCHA Ice Update: Julie E.
 - Julie requested group keep Julie in the loop regarding any upcoming tournament dates, pre-tryout ice time requests, etc.
 - Action item: Commissioners to confirm available dates with Julie for pre-ice time or if not needed with Greg to review costs
- Summer Planning Meeting to be scheduled within the next 4 weeks if possible.
 - Agenda topics to include Stipends, Sponsorships, etc.
- Key volunteer reports/Board Member Updates
 - Kevin Kurtt, (Communications/Social Media): increasing visibility on social media to include Instagram