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Board Meeting Sunday April 28, 2019

Attendees:

Board - D. Savoie, T. Box, J. Schmieg, M. Colleran, N. Bigelbach, R. Hermann, J. Parker, M. Heinert

GHDC – B. Lawler

BHDC – A. Broten, C. Patka, J. Heil, E. Jensen, D. Sorenson, J. Willis

Key Volunteers – C. Brandt, C. Patka, J. Campbell

Members – M. Little, L. Broten, R. Stewart, C. Tebrake, B. Mach

Minutes taken by Josh Schmieg

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm

Discussion was held regarding the accuracy of the Hockey Development Committee (HDC) charter that was circulated prior to the meeting versus the pertinent description of the HDC and its function per the most current Chaska Chanhassen Operating Policy Handbook (CCHA OPC). It was determined that the HDC charter is outdated and no longer applicable. The HDC has been operating per the CCHA OPC.

A motion was made by D. Savoie to recognize the CCHA OPC as the applicable document pertaining to the duties of the HDC, second by R. Hermann, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the ideal cutoff time for registering the upper level traveling teams. The goal is to open registration by August 1st, 2019 and close by August 15, 2019 for the 2019 / 2020 hockey season. Moving up the date will help in planning the number of teams needed by level.

B. Mach asked if the HDC meetings are open to CCHA members. It was confirmed that the meetings are open. It was requested that the HDC schedule dates for their meetings on the website and update the site as early as possible if the date / location of the meeting changes so those interested in attending know where / when the meeting will take place.

M. Colleran commented that it seems the HDC has been more focused on developing coaches rather than developing players. HDC responded that there is a strong emphasis on coaches. The HDC feels strongly that coaches need proper coaching to effectively develop players.

D. Savoie made a motion for the HDC to put greater emphasis on player focused development, second by M. Colleran, motion passed unanimously.

D. Savoie invited attendees to express concerns or ask questions of the HDC.

T. Box asked what is the role of the chairperson of the HDC versus the at large members. The BHDC and GHDC has spirited debates among the members but only one spokesman for the committee. The chairperson should be the first person members go to for questions or concerns. The chairperson is accountable for holding meetings.

T. Box asked if minutes are taken at the HDC meetings and if minutes are taken, why they are not posted to the website. The HDC responded that minutes had been taken in the past in agenda form, they were

provided to the board but the board chose not to publish them on the website. It was suggested that there be minutes for all meetings. The HDC pointed out that the VP of hockey operations is the liaison between the CCHA board and HDC. The VP of Operations attends the HDC meetings and the HDC believed the VP of Ops was providing an appropriate recap of the HDC meetings to the CCHA board.

T. Box suggested that HDC meetings be held each month in the blue line room. The HDC stated that no members have elected to attend open meetings in the past; therefore it wouldn't be necessary to meet in the same place each month. The HDC could recall only once receiving a call from a member that wanted to attend the HDC meeting and that member was frustrated the meeting location was moved without ample notice.

R. Hermann expressed concern that a precedent would be set potentially requiring all standing committees, which there are many, to publish a notice as to where & when meetings would occur, take minutes and publish those minutes to the website.

The board will review the language in the CCHA OPH and recommend changes to the HDC section based on the feedback from the meeting.

J. Parker commended the HDC members on the success CCHA has had in developing players.

M. Heinert asked what the optimum number of members should be that serve on the HDC. The HDC responded that 5 – 7 members are ideal; there should be an odd number, plus the two standing high school coaches. A question was asked about whether the high school goalie coaches are on the HDC. It was clarified that the goalie coaches are liaisons to the HDC and do serve the committee at the discretion of the high school coaches.

The HDC expressed its desire to work in a positive and collaborative way with the board.

C. Patka provided a thorough recap of the role of the HDC. He described in detail HDC's role within the association to clarify and attempt to educate the attendees. The HDC reviewed its accomplishments and challenges. They described the tryout as well as the team and coach selection processes. It was noted and emphasized that the HDC is responsible for the tryout process; however, contrary to CCHA member perceptions, the HDC does not make player selections. Independent evaluators are hired for the tryout process. The evaluators are at least one year removed from the level they are asked to evaluate. Player scores are determined from the evaluators and team placement is dependent on the players score. The process is overseen by the board and at least one HDC member that does not have a player at the level being evaluated.

The HDC requested detail regarding an email that circulated suggesting certain anonymous members were frustrated with the HDC. No specifics as to the member concerns were provided. The HDC members feel as though they are being unfairly criticized for their involvement in the process. It was suggested that more frequent communication and education to members may help alleviate some of the concerns. It was also suggested that a clear path for members who have concerns can and should feel comfortable addressing them directly with the HDC.

The HDC members requested that the board appoint an interim member to serve as the liaison between the HDC and the board. M. Heinert volunteered to accept the interim role.

J. Heil wanted to clear the air and requested it be noted that he did not have any involvement in goalie placement for team selections.

L. Broten expressed her disappointment with the accusations in the above referenced email. She noted the time and effort put in by all of the HDC members is immense and the sense of content and disrespect toward the HDC is inappropriate.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm