

# Flagstaff Youth Hockey Association



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 1, 2008**

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

### Roll Call

The following members and guests were present:

Jim Labelle (proxy for Rachelle Woodcock, Dave Lengeyl, Ty Tiedemann)

Jeff Hamblen

Tony Baca

Andrea Labelle (Guest)

Nigel Sparks (Guest)

Nancy Sparks (Guest)

Jeff Boerst (Guest)

### Approval of the Minutes

Board Members reviewed the minutes of the September 10, 2008 meeting and a motion by Tony Baca, seconded by Jeff Hamblen to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

### Approval of the Agenda

Board Members reviewed the agenda and a motion by Jeff Hamblen, seconded by Tony Baca to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

### Announcements

There were no announcements.

### Reports

**Treasurer:** Rachelle Woodcock delivered an updated budget.

**Registrar:** Wynette Birecki reported that we have 94 House players and 55 Travel Players. The board expressed surprise and satisfaction with these registration numbers.

**Scheduling:** Andrea Labelle reported that the Mites and Squirts are not having too much difficulty booking games. The Pee Wees and Bantams are having a much more difficult time, primarily due to the unfavorable schedules of SYHL teams. The board anticipated that many SYHL teams would fill their schedules with visits to FYHA this year, but unfortunately, the SYHL schedule does not allow this for most teams.

After input regarding the difficulty of booking home games from Pee Wee team managers Nigel and Nancy Sparks, the board discussed alternative options for booking games, including inviting other regional teams which are not part of SYHL, such as California and New Mexico and Colorado teams.

The Board decided to make the following changes to Scheduling:

1. FYHA will keep 3 of the ten weekend slots that we have obtained from Jay Lively within each 30 day window. That means that when giving back ice within the 30 day slot required by the city, we will retain 3 slots for each weekend within that 30 day slot in an attempt to be able to book games on short notice.
2. It was the consensus of the board to reduce the fee for visiting teams to \$ 125 for one game, \$ 220 for two games, and \$ 300 for three games in an attempt to overcome the difficulties of booking home games this season. In order to qualify for these discounted rates, visiting teams must book and pay for their games at FYHA by December 31, 2008.

These items passed after a motion by Jeff Hamblen and a second by Tony Baca. Jeff Hamblen thanked Mr and Mrs Sparks and Mrs Labelle for all of the input and hard work they are providing to FYHA this season.

**Director of Coaches:** No Report

## Old Business

**Storage Space:** The board discussed the City's approval for FYHA to use the McPherson building in addition to the Equipment Room located inside Jay Lively.

The board approved a \$ 250 stipend to the coordinators of the storage space to purchase the equipment necessary to organize the space. The board discussed various options for obtaining keys to the space. Jeff Hamblen will speak to Mike Abeyta about these options.

The board requests that Rachelle Woodcock and Andrea Labelle head up this organizing project.

The \$ 250 budget for organizing the storage space was approved after a motion by Jim Labelle and a second by Tony Baca.

**Scholarships:** The board approved scholarships to the following families:

The amount left in the scholarship fund, or \$ 400, whichever is less, to the family with 2 Mite Skaters. This was for Loris & Quinn Craig.

The board voted unanimously to approve these scholarships, after a motion by Tony Baca and second by Jim Labelle.

## New Business

### **Resignations**

The board accepted the resignations of Wynette Birecki and Matt Miller and David Lengeyl, and agreed to have Jeff Hamblen write them each a thank you letter for all they have done for FYHA, after a motion by Jim Labelle and second by Tony Baca.

### **Selection of new Board Members**

The board discussed that the By Laws require the executive committee to find new board members. Jeff Hamblen, Jim Labelle, and Rachelle Woodcock will endeavour to present new board member applicants for the November board meeting.

### **Equipment Manager Vacancy**

The board discussed the equipment manager vacancy. It was the consensus of the board that a house parent or two would be an ideal fit for this position. Tony Baca agreed to head up the selection and recruitment of a new Equipment Manager.

### **Team Pictures**

It was discussed and consensus of the board that Tony Baca will recruit a company to handle team photos this season.

### **Bantam Aged Players on ice one practice per week**

The board discussed and it was the unanimous consensus of the board to provide the opportunity for FYHA kids who skate at higher levels for other associations be allowed to join FYHA practices one time per week, with the coaches approval. The fee for these players to do so will be \$ 125 per season, based on the amount of ice that these players will use. This item was approved after a motion by Tony Baca and a second by Jeff Hamblen.

### **Board Responsibilities and Board Structure**

It was the consensus of the board to table this discussion until the board can schedule a one day retreat this winter.

### **Background Checks for Board Members**

It was the consensus of the board to comply with USA Hockey requirement and to obtain background checks for each board member. Jeff Hamblen will head up this project.

### **Coyote Cup and Grand Canyon State Games**

The board discussed that the PeeWees have registered for the Coyote Cup (Rachelle Woodcock to confirm), that the Mites have not yet decided to register, and that the Squirts are on a wait list (Rachelle Woodcock to confirm). Another item discussed was the the fact that SYHL is trying to exclude FYHA from the GCSG. Jim Labelle will lobby GCSG to allow FYHA to enter the GCSG tourney.

### **Bantam/Prescott**

The board discussed and approved reaching out to the PVYHA to discuss combining our FYHA team with Prescott. Jeff Hamblen, and Jeff Boerst, will discuss this with Prescott this weekend.

### **Post Board Meeting Invite on FYHA**

The board discussed that we should post invitation to public participation on the website while announcing each board meeting. To be heard, interested parties should email the board via the website at least 5 days prior to the next board meeting, listing their agenda/discussion items.

### **Atoms Coaches/High School/Clinic/ Insurance**

Tony Baca reported that we are in dire need of Atoms coaches. The process to become level I certified is onerous. Jim Labelle will make contact with USA Hockey and the FYHA insurance broker to seek out alternatives.

**Next Meeting November 5, 2008 at 6pm Jay Lively**

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30