

Flagstaff Youth Hockey Association



Board of Directors Meeting

November 5, 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 and Ty Tiedemann)

Jeff Hamblen

Tony Baca

Andrea Labelle (Guest)

Wynette Birecki (Guest)

Approval of the Minutes

Board Members reviewed the minutes of the October 1, 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: Jim Labelle via Rachelle Woodcock delivered an updated budget, reflecting that the Association is \$ 4,000 behind budget at this time. The primary reason for the deficit is a lack of profit on visiting team ice income.

Registrar: Wynette Birecki discussed options for registering House players for the 2009 Spring Session which starts January 6. It was the consensus of the board to announce a registration deadline of December 15, 2008. The fee for on time payments is \$ 160, the fee for late registrants (after December 15) is \$ 175. The registrar will be distributing around 6,000 flyers to local schools during the week of December 1-5 outlining both the Coyotes First to Skate program on December 6-7 and the Spring Registration deadline of December 15. The registrar and House Commissioner will work with Robyn Stout (equipment manager) to set up times for Equipment Rental/Return during the December 6-7 First to Skate program, and then again prior to the start of the Spring Program on January 6.

Scheduling: Andrea Labelle provided a brief update.

Director of Coaches: No Report.

Fundraising: Jim Labelle reported that the City has given FYHA the green light to go ahead and renew the existing banners and to sell 20 additional banners. All banner terms will now run from May to May of each year. Jim also discussed that other leaguwide fundraising efforts include the continuing sale of Practice Jerseys for each travel team, and a new opportunity for sponsors to have their logos painted on the ice each summer. In addition, the association can sell patches for Travel Team game jerseys. Each of these above mentioned fundraising efforts are for the benefit of the Association general fund.

Old Business

Election of New Board Members

Bill Kuche was elected after a motion by Jim Labelle and second by Tony Baca. Bill's term will expire at the end of the 2010 season, after which time he can run for re-election.

Andrea Labelle was elected after a motion by Tony Baca and a second by Jeff Hamblen. Andrea's term will expire at the end of the 2009 season, after which time she can run for re-election.

The board is still seeking a replacement for Wynette Birecki's recently resigned position.

City Contract Revision

Jeff Hamblen reported that the City has once again revised the contractual agreement between FYHA and the City, and that Jeff is reviewing this agreement and will sign if appropriate.

Background Checks

Jeff Hamblen reported that all Board Members, Volunteers, and Coaches must submit a background check form to AAHA no later than the last day of November, 2008.

Equipment Manager

The board accepted Robyn Stout to the position of Equipment Manager and expressed gratitude and compliments regarding the job she is doing. Wynette Birecki and Andrea Labelle agreed to provide Robyn with the rosters/inventory so that Robyn can get organized for the anticipated large volume of equipment returns, exchanges, and new rental income expected during the transition from the Fall house program to the Spring House program, as well as the Coyotes First to Skate program on Dec. 6 and 7.

Coaching Approvals/Level I Class in Flagstaff

Jeff Hamblen discussed that all assistant coaches need to have a Level I certification, and must pass the AAHA Background Check. Jeff will work with Kyle to pin down the date of the Level I clinic in Flagstaff and ensure that all coaches have submitted Background Check information to AAHA.

New Business

Resignations

The board discussed the pending Resignation of Rachelle Woodcock, and will be seeking a new Treasurer to replace Rachelle. Tony Baca will be recruiting Carolina Newdigate to replace Rachelle in this capacity. If Carolina does not accept the position, Jeff Hamblen will ask Lisa from NA Health to keep the books for the rest of the season. The board expressed its empathy for Rachelle's personal reasons for resigning, and also expressed its empathy for the board itself in losing Rachelle's contribution to FYHA.

Players Occasionally Practicing and Playing at Higher/Lower Levels

The board discussed some parent inquiries which have arisen as a result of Travel Players practicing or playing at higher levels. On occasion, a higher level team will be short players for practices, scrimmages, and games and it will be necessary for the team which is short players to recruit from the lower level team.

It was the consensus of the board that each Head Coach shall, prior to inviting players to skate at a higher level, attend the practice of the lower level team from whom that coach is recruiting, and:

1. Determine which lower level players have the skills and maturity to practice and play temporarily at the higher level
2. Discuss and get approval from the lower level Head Coach to allow those players chosen to practice and play at the higher level

Jeff Hamblen agreed to communicate this policy to all Head Coaches, and to ensure that it is the head coaches and not parents, board members, or former board members who ultimately are the only ones qualified to recruit players to skate at higher levels.

Travel Team Use of Funds

Jim Labelle shared Rachelle Woodcock's report that the Travel Teams have the following budgets remaining for ice times and games. These budgets are to be used for *unreimbursed* home games, away games, and tournaments only:

Mites: \$ 2,000
Squirts: \$ 2,000
PeeWees: \$ 1,000
Bantams: \$ 1,300

These figures reflect the dollar amounts available to each team after paying the registration fees for Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Coyote Cup, Durango, and Anaheim tournaments (if applicable).

It was further reiterated by the board that the proceeds from any **individual** team fundraising efforts such as concessions, chocolate puck sales, car washes, etc. were the for the sole use of each team/coach to determine how to use.

Team Pictures

It was discussed and consensus of the board that team pictures will happen on Monday December 8 for all Travel Teams and Tuesday December 9 for all House teams. Wynette Birecki as registrar agreed to work with Tony Baca as picture coordinator to get the word out.

Board Retreat

The board scheduled a retreat for January 24, 2009.

King of the Mountain Tournament

Wynette Birecki and Andrea Labelle agreed to find a KOM Tournament Committee Chairperson, and to educate the Chairperson about the steps that need to be taken starting soon to ensure a successful tournament.

Bantam/Prescott

The board discussed the continuing problems with Bantam team morale, etc. Jeff Hamblen agreed to discuss these issues with the Bantam Coach and Players.

Blanket and T Shirt Sales

Tony Baca reported that T Shirt and Blanket sales were slow at the last House practice, due to high prices. Andrea Labelle agreed to determine what the new appropriate pricing for T Shirts and Blankets should be moving forward.

Next Meeting December 3, 2008 at 6pm Jay Lively

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20