

# Flagstaff Youth Hockey Association



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 10, 2009**

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM

### Roll Call

The following members and guests were present:

Jim Labelle  
Jeff Hamblen  
Ty Tiedemann  
Tony Baca  
Andrea Labelle  
Bill Kuche  
Samantha Cowan  
Kyle Curtin (director of coaching)  
John VanLandingham (house league head coach)  
Dave Saurer (webmaster)  
Wynette Birecki (registrar)

## Approval of the Minutes

Board Members reviewed the minutes of the December 3 meeting and a motion by Ty Tiedeman, seconded by Tony Baca to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

## Approval of the Agenda

Board Members reviewed the agenda and a motion by Andrea Labelle, seconded by Bill Kuche to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

## Announcements

There were no announcements.

## **BYLAWS DISCUSSION**

The board discussed the bylaws and whether any changes or revisions are necessary. Jeff Hamblen motioned to form a subcommittee to review the bylaws, seconded by Andrea Labelle.

It was reiterated that the President has the authority to appoint non voting board members. Voting board members must be nominated, elected, and approved by the board.

## **DIRECTOR OF COACHING REPORT**

Kyle Curtin discussed FYHA history in the SYHL. The board suggested that all levels rejoin SYHL, assuming that SYHL can provide a schedule that is favorable to FYHA.

It was memorialized that no coach can be on the ice unless they have a level I cert. No exceptions.

Kyle also reported that for the 2009/2010 season FYHA will need to do its own referee scheduling. The board suggested that we seek a volunteer for next season to be the Master Referee Scheduler.

Webmaster will post a request for coaching applications for next year, and the board will decide who is coaching by March 15, 2009 before travel tryouts begin on April 13, 2009. Jim Labelle will draft something for registrar to send out and webmaster to post, regarding both coaches interest forms and April tryouts.

## **TEAM STRUCTURE**

It was the consensus of the board to maintain Travel Mite, Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam teams at the B level.

For House, we will change the names to:

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|----------|---------------------|
| Atoms:   | Mini Mites          |
| Jr House | Mite House          |
| Sr House | Squirt/PeeWee House |

Andrea Labelle will update the 2009-2010 Parent Player handbook to reflect the new names of the House teams.

John VL reported that the House level organization is improving exponentially and expressed great thanks to Tony Baca. John also mentioned that it would be helpful to the association for the City to make infrastructure improvements to the rink, especially the benches, locker room, etc.

John VL suggested that we allow Travel Kids to also play on House Teams, if fees for both House and Travel are paid, and vice versa should a current house player make a travel team.

Any player who wants to play both House and Travel should pay full dues for both leagues, even if primary Travel kids may miss a lot of house games, and primary House kids see limited game ice on the Travel teams.

## **VISIT FROM BOB STRONG**

Bob and Joanna Strong visited.

OUTCOME:

Bob committed to priority scheduling, but we have to do 10 games in Phoenix and 10 in Flagstaff for each division.

Bob committed to all 4 divisions traveling concurrently on 3 separate weekends to Phoenix.

Under this scenario, our SYHL fee for each team would include GCSG, website, awards, banners, and ten away games for \$ 1500 per division. FYHA would cover the cost of ice, refs, scorekeeping for all ten home SYHL games.

Bob also committed that we will not play any A teams in SYHL.

Bill Kuche motioned that all 4 teams go to SYHL next year, second by Ty Tiedemann.

### **TRAVEL TEAM DUES FOR 2009-2010**

**Treasurer:** Jeff Hamblen suggested that we do a new budget based on SYHL commitments.

The basic cost for travel:

60 hours of practice ice per team, referees, scorekeeping, clock for all home games, SYHL dues, Coyote Cup, any other away games and tournaments, etc. Also need to get city to commit to keep our ice fees flat.

PER TEAM FIXED COSTS:

\$ 4200 for practice ice per team per season  
\$ 1500 SYHL away games including GCSG  
\$ 1500 for SYHL Home Games, and home game clock, scorekeep, referees, etc  
\$ 1500 or other travel/tourneys

\$ 10,000 minimum fixed costs per travel team, divided by 15 players equals \$ 667 per player to break even.

(This \$ 10,000 per team does not include the cost to hire a referee scheduler, master scheduler, team managers, scorekeeper, clock, announcer, jersey updates, jersey logos and numbers, coaches stipends, scholarships, dues waivers for coaches kids and registrar kids and treasurer kids, banquets, etc. These costs are covered via volunteerism and fundraising.)

Assuming 15 players per team AND ASSUMING THE CITY DOES NOT RAISE OUR ICE RATES, Jim Labelle motioned and Samantha Cowan seconded to run with a minimum \$ 675 travel dues, to have tryouts for the 2009-2010 season the week of April 13, and to collect a \$ 150 nonrefundable deposit from each player in April if they make the travel team.

NOTE: Players who roster for FYHA Travel in 2009-2010 cannot roster for another team besides FYHA. Players who are asked or otherwise entertain the option to “play up”, even for a temporary tournament (for example, Pee Wee’s joining the Bantams for a weekend tournament) require the written approval of both respective coaches in order to do so (for example, Pee Wee coach must give written approval for a primary PeeWee player to join the Bantam team for a weekend).

## **TREASURER REPORT**

Samantha Cowan agreed to review the Income Statement and Balance Sheet with Rachelle Woodcock and make at least the following revisions:

1. Revise KOM income to reflect 6 visiting teams, not 4
2. Revise Travel Team Concession income to also show as a future expense/liability
3. Develop plan for countersignatures on checks, and credit card security, while also ensuring that the association is taking all measures necessary to provide for the security of association funds and exercise our fiduciary responsibility from a fraud/security standpoint.
4. Determine the cash balance/balance sheet current assets as of July 1, 2008. It is the intent of the board to always maintain at least the amount of current assets on the balance sheet at as of July 1, 2008 for use as an emergency fund in future years. That means that the board will adjust the budget accordingly so that the Association never has current assets less than the amount that the current board inherited at the beginning of the FYHA fiscal year on July 1, 2008.

## **RINK AND CITY RELATIONSHIP**

Consensus of the board to meet with city to discuss:

1. Routine Maintenance
2. Commitment on ice dues
3. Sponsorship opportunities
4. Bleachers

## **PARENT PLAYER HANDBOOK**

Consensus of the board to update and distribute new player handbook for April tryouts.

## **BANQUET**

Saturday April 4, 6:30 pm, Seek Banquet Coordinator.

Jeff to do Agenda and Travel Awards  
Tony and Sam will do House Awards  
Someone to find a place to host the Banquet

## **BANQUET AGENDA-MOSTLY BUSINESS**

Review 2009-2010 handbook, tryouts, board members seeking elections, and awards. In the past we did MVP, Jay Lively, Sparkplug, and Most Improved. Make sure we do the

same for each House team....Tony to set up parameters for House awards. So need 12 recipients for each of the 4 awards. Coaches need to make selections by March 1.

Bill Kuche motioned all of the above, seconded by Ty Tiedemann.

**Registrar:** Wynette Birecki by way of Andrea Labelle discussed the registrations for the Spring House sessions. There are now 174 paying dues players for spring session, compared to 154 for the Fall.

### **WEBMASTER**

Dave Saurer accepted the position of webmaster. Dave will post the Coaching App, Blurb on Banquet, Blurb on Travel Tryouts moving to April, and also the blurb on the Chiropractic Gift Certs for sale.

**Next Meeting February 18 , 2009 from 6 PM to 8PM at Jay Lively.**

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm