



GVAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 21st , 2016

7:00pm- Georgetown Ice Arena

BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Jim Rozema, Greg Raad, Christina Smith, Kelli Sterley, Rebecca Vandenberg, Mike Howey

Absent: Craig Sterley, Jack Williams, Cori Wilson, Mike Hatkowski

Quorum present?- Yes

Others Present-Sara Richey and Jane Garrett

PROCEEDINGS:

Called to order by Greg Raad at 7:05pm

Approval of the previous meeting minutes

- Approved – May 17th Minutes amended under the Hockey Director report that a “non- Board member” was advocating for a coach issue

OPEN COMMENTS- VISITORS DISCUSSION

- Bantam House- Sara Richey and Jane Garrett attended the meeting to discuss rumors that they had heard from members that had left the organization that the Bantam house team was not accepting additional players without having to form a second team. Both members wanted assurance that the players that stuck out the Bantam house season last year would be treated fairly for this coming hockey season.
- Greg Raad reiterated to the members and Board that under MAHA all house teams are evaluated and are not hand-picked. He also advised that rumors are exactly that and to please ask a Board member or attend the meetings if a question arises in regards to the teams or association.
- The Board was advised that dry land had already started for the Bantam House team on Thursday from 6-7:30 and Mike Howey confirmed that he had seen that occur. Greg assured the members and Board that it will be addressed with the Bantam House coach that all registered players and/or Bantam age players should be invited to the dry land practices.
- Further discussion took place on how to handle the # of players on a team for house signups in future years to ensure we have enough goalies if a second team is needed. The Board will encourage early sign up in order to get an early idea on numbers and possibly institute a waiting list system in the future.

Secretary Report

- Minutes approved. Cori Wilson was absent Christina Smith will take minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer Report

- Fiscal year will end on July 31st.
- Scrip Credits- we need to tidy up the process on how scrip credits are handled for members that leave the association. Because Scrip runs through a 501c3 the money has to go to the association. A member can use it towards another child or donate it but cannot withdraw the money for their own benefit.
- Discussion around building in a cushion for travel teams to cover unexpected costs and having that refunded back to the team or for the team's use before the end of the season. We will need to write a policy on that.

VP of Travel Report

- Registrations-Mike expressed the need for more involvement by the Board or volunteers during the tryouts. It was incredibly difficult to sign up players, take payment and assign jerseys with just he and Jack.
- Travel hockey tryout process document- Mike discussed a document he would like to institute for the next tryout season, it is in the Google drive for review. It covers things like what players should expect, communication of making or not making the team, what to expect after, etc. Greg shared the Fire soccer tryout materials as an example of branding at tryouts.
- Power skates- would like to see power skates grouped by age group
- We have a goalie program but what about an offense/defense training
- Off Season Ice time- members have inquired about off season access to the ice. Could we consider a spring/summer membership for ice time.
- Hip Chat- discussed using this form of communication with not just the Board but with the coaches as well

VP House Report

- Coaches Meeting agenda- Jim went over the coaches meeting agenda that is on Google.
- Player registrations- Jim has 18 total so far, he gets an update from the rink. After the earlier discussion with the visitors, we discussed maybe

having an earlier cut off for not only jersey fitting purposes but to get an idea of number of players for teams.

- Parent/Player meetings- meetings will be held to discuss a variety of topics to include finances and explain how they pay the rink but all house money goes through the township. We discussed the need to enforce the nonpay-nonplay rule if balance not paid by the end of the year. Will have one more Board meeting to review the agenda for the parent meeting
- Parent meeting will be the first night of the fitting days July 26-30.

Hockey Director Report

- Jack Williams was absent from the meeting however it was noted that Jack supported the idea of a “waiting list’ in the event that an age level reached critical mass. We will need to write a policy on this subject for the next season.

Fundraising Report

- Golf outing website is currently live. We need to be pushing sponsors and prizes.
- Bob’s Fundraiser will be through 07/17.
- Buffalo Wild Wings association fundraiser is next week.

Communications Director Report

- Website- Board was asked to go out and check the current site for errors. Kelli can make changes if needed as well as Rebecca.
- Newsletter- there is a lot to communicate so there seems to be a lot to jockeying for top billing on the first newsletter.
- MAHA Website- have asked for updates for our organization information on their Website but it has not been handled yet.

Township Representative Report

- Mike was not present but Greg reported for him.
- Co-Hockey director- Greg asked for the board to make recommendation for their choice for the position.
- Mike is pushing to get fittings for uniforms and will follow up with Jack.

MAHA Representative Report

- Nothing to report.

President's Report

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, 07/19/16 @ 7pm