



GVAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 20,2018

7:00 pm- Georgetown Ice Arena

BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Greg Raad, Kelli Sterley, Rebecca VanDenBerg, Cori Wilson, Mike Hatkowski, Jack Williams, Craig Sterley, Mike Howey, Jim Rozema, Audra Atkinson

Absent: Joel Breazeale

Quorum present?- Yes

Others Present- Connie Wilman, Karen Sobeck, Brad Mackenzie

PROCEEDINGS:

Called to order by Greg Raad at 7:04 pm

OPEN COMMENTS- VISITORS DISCUSSION

January Minutes Approved

Hockey Director Report – Jack Williams

- Spring Hockey email has been sent out.
- 2 skates for tryouts, 2 practices and one tournament timed around the weeks of spring break. 06, 05 and 02/03's will field teams. Try out fee will be 10.00 and coaches will work their budgets depending on how many players.
- Squirts are doing a travel tournament in March and will not be doing a spring session. Per Brad, roster has been sent to Jack and Joel. 100% participation from the teams. Parent feedback has been favorable. Additional parent feedback will be taken after the tournament to gauge if this is something that should be done moving forward. Discussions of how Minnesota hockey has developed this model for the 10U as a developmental step as opposed to 10U travel programs.
- Discussions of why the MAHA tournament was not chosen for the 10U teams and if it is a possibility for upcoming years.
- Travel coaching announcements have been made.

- Checking camps will be scheduled this summer. 2 to 3 days each. One in the beginning of summer and one towards the beginning of the season.
- House fees will stay the same as last year. Discussions of possibility of paid in full discount if payed by the time league play begins in October. Mike and Jack will propose what the discount is. Discussions of sibling discounts if all kids are house. Discussions of possibility of new member discount.
- Jim discussed an article that came out about “how to be a good hockey parent” that could be sent to the organization. Rebecca agreed to send.
- Year end party – 3/24 – Family skate (4:00-5:00) and Coaches game (6:00-7:00). Greg proposed 10.00 per player. Team Managers will collect RSVP number for how many family members (including gluten free). 10.00 includes 3 free stick and puck card and food for the family. Mike will work with BC.

Treasurer’s Report – Greg Raad/Audra Atkinson

- Duties are being handed off to Audra
- Bills at skate shop have been paid
- Association fees have been reconciled with township
- Only large outstanding expenditure will be the year end party

VP Travel Report – Mike Howie

- Travel tryouts will be 5/7 and 5/8. Discussions of keeping 5/9 open in case a 3rd is needed. Smaller tryout jerseys are needed as the program grows. Greg will talk to Jay about pricing. 2 colors needed with numbers.
- Working on Skill Development program this year. Station based edge work. 8-9 skates for approximately 100.00 punch card. 10% off for early signups. Joel as requested 2 sessions – one for 10U and younger and one for 12U and up.

VP House Report

- Expect to have a PeeWee house team and 3 Squirt teams. Will post the availability of a Bantam house team to see if numbers warrant it.
- Mites next year will need managers and need to have discussions on how many games are played.
- Cross Ice should have a manager assigned.
- 2 year jersey package – needs to be discussed after tryouts.
- Brad Mackenzie will facilitate a camp in late August.

- Discussions of the possibility of a Stars Lock In event.

Fundraising Report – Kelli Sterley

- Donate your dollars at Family Fair has started. Turn in Family Fare receipts and the association will be donated. Box at rink.
- 4 new Scrip members.

Communications Report – Rebecca VanDenBerg

- In busy time for announcements and emails

Township Representative - Mike Hatkowski

- Mike will work with Jack and Joel to get camp dates set
- Hudsonville Camp is last week of June

MAHA Rep Report – Craig Sterley

- Safesport program has been re-worked. 3 modules and completion certificate
- Rosters will be dependent on all coaching certifications
- Coaches need certifications completed before Sprint Hockey
- Next meeting is 3/16 in Kalamazoo

President Report – Greg Raad

- Upcoming Elections – communication needed. New board is seated on 4/1. Travel and House VP, Secretary and Fundraising terms are up.
- Discussions of Annual Meeting in bylaws. Voted to waive the annual meeting and notify the membership. Discussions of an annual report being created.
- Year end coaching survey and evaluation survey will go out to everyone by 3/1.
- Transition from Mites to Squirt meeting to ease that transition.
- Bylaws discussion – Regular members (parents), Player members and supporting members (do not have a player but support the association) need to be voted on.
- Bylaws state that each age group should have a representative to represent their group to the board by attending the meetings.
- Standing committees can be approved as needed and do not need to all be board members (party planning committees, etc)
- Operational guidelines need to be gone through and approved/updated.
- Potential by-law change to add Chairman of the Board that would overlap years to exchange knowledge.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, 3/20/2018 @ 7pm