



GVAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2019

7:00 pm- Griff's Georgetown

BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Greg Raad, Cori Wilson, Rebecca VanDenBerg, Audra Atkinson, Joel Breazealle

Absent: Jack Williams, Mike Hatkowski, Kelli Sterley, Jim Rozema

Quorum present?- Yes

Others Present – Kim Krombeen, Tammie DenBoer, Kelly Smith, Brad Mackenzie, Matt Burns, Alisha Mulder, Nick Ginsberg and Jami Nyhuis

PROCEEDINGS:

Called to order by Greg Raad at 7:07pm

April Minutes Approved.

OPEN COMMENTS- VISITORS DISCUSSION

Treasurer's Report – Audra Atkinson

Registrations are active. 53 players are fully registered at this time. There may be some multi-child payment issues. Audra will work with Jack to ensure that each child is registered separately. 16 players are pending registration which means that they stopped somewhere in the process (most likely to register with USA Hockey). There will also be some accounts that will need to be transferred in between travel and house once rosters are set.

Audra is working through a few issues with multiple parents paying for hockey. Team Snap keeps the original card on file. It was decided that we cannot mediate that for the parents in our system.

Coaching credits in Team Snap will need to be worked through also. Audra will work with Greg.

Per Rebecca, Jack will be putting the travel rosters into TeamSnap.

Invoices paid:

Ice bills for Spring hockey– 390.00 and 800.00

Window Stickers - 89.07

Paint Reimbursement - 117.60

Discussions of moving our system to Quickbooks online. We qualify as an approved non-profit through Tech Soup. This gives us discounted software packages. This makes Quickbooks 50.00/year. The board approved this purchase.

Scrip credits will be administered by the 3rd week of June. Kelli will notify Audra of Scrip totals by June 1st. The Scrip credits will come off of the end of the last payments due.

Guest discussions about how House teams and evaluations and drafts work and how this process is reflected in Team Snap.

Guest questions addressed about USA Hockey registrations and if the number expires.

Discussions of how TeamSnap works with travel. Managers can create manual invoices in Team Snap if they choose.

VP Travel Report - Jim Rozema (presented by Joel Breazelle)

Adray meeting has been rescheduled to 6/20.

Jim received great feedback on the travel tryout registration process.

Jim requested that travel coaches receive communication training for during tryout week. Joel confirmed they were trained. Rebecca felt that all went well.

Per Joel, there was supposed to be a 10 minute meeting before tryouts began to set expectations for the process. There was a traffic jam on m6 that caused this meeting not to happen. Coaches were rushing to get on the ice. Brad recommended that we notify each parent during registration that there will be a 30 minute meeting before tryouts start. Rebecca can include this information in the registration and communication. Per Greg, other associations are handing out a handout with team meeting and association information which is given to parents when they check in.

Greg discussed a 2 year jersey package. Player fees are based on a 1st year and 2nd year fees. Audra brought up that a higher quality of house jersey may be needed. This is something that could reduce player fees.

VP House Report – Jim Rozema (presented by Joel Breazelle)

10U registrations may be capped at 60. Joel feels that 5 teams may be difficult to manage. 3 coaches are returning and Shawn Shmeizer will have a team.

1 PeeWee House team - Skyler Emelander

1 Bantam House team – Scott Everin

Joel and Jack are focused on planning for the future with coaching. Encouraging coaches to move up with ages. This gives them the experience of coaching the younger kids.

Travis Blackhurst will be helping with all levels and helping coaches.

Hockey Director Report – Joel Breazealle/Jack Williams

Jack will be sending out a notification of a Coaches Hot Stove to all coaches. The last topic was about the tryout process. Each subject will address different messages throughout the season.

Joel is mandating that teams must have a meeting before games can be played. This can be an outing for the players that includes parents.

Guest brought up discussing in parent meetings what is required as a Team Manager so people can think it through and understand the commitment.

Fundraising Report – Kelli Sterley

\$1,118.71 in Scrip earnings in May.

Alisha brought up a concern about her Applebee's fundraiser and the request for contact information. Greg discussed that the intent of that is to ensure that teams are not approaching the same businesses. Per Brad, his team is doing a "grass roots" golf outing, possibilities of Little Caesars/cookie fundraiser. Their flower fundraiser is completed and they raised 600.00 for their team. The flower fundraiser is very labor intensive. Brad approached them about doing this as an association fundraiser and the greenhouse said he would be happy to do that if he has enough time to increase his planting.

Alisha brought up doing some sort of bake sale. Discussions of how the rink and concession stand may feel. Also need to consider if Tim Horton's may be coming in on that day.

Brad will be doing his skill camp for the 3rd year. 8-12 age group house and travel. He has a list of coaches willing to help. There is a 12 player break even point. 100.00 per players (125.00 for non-association members) with proceeds coming back to the teams. August 5, 7, 12 and 14. 1 hour of ice time and 1 hour of off ice time. This coincides with Jacks checking camp so players can do both. Signups will be run through TeamSnap. This will also serve as somewhat of a coaching clinic for new coaches.

PeeWee A is doing a fundraiser for Adult Learn to Play class.

Per Karen, her team is considering doing a garage sale to benefit.

Communications Report – Rebecca VanDenBerg

Stickers for the doors have arrived. One more sticker pending about the mesh bag program (addresses equipment needed for a new player).

Website is being reorganized.

Summer camp round up email will be going out soon. Outlines local and college camp opportunities.

MAHA Rep Report – Greg Raad

MAHA summer meeting is in Traverse City – 7/12-14. Accommodations are covered by MAHA for one representative. Greg is looking for a volunteer to go. Topics will include – What Fun Means to Young Players, the importance of Sleep (Mental Health Awareness) and the Future of Checking in Hockey.

Discussions of ensuring that coaches are given the tools and resources to handle mental illness conversations with kids. Joel mentioned having a Sports Psychologist possibly talk at a hotstove to ensure that coaches know what resources are available to athletes who may reach out. Coaches will be encouraged to reach out to hockey directors when these types of conversations are had. They are to point the athlete toward resources available to them.

President Report – Greg Raad

Bylaw changes have been discussed and reviewed by the board.

There will be 9 board positions that may have coordinator roles under them.
The board members can appoint the coordinator position without an election.

Greg reviewed 3.2 – Classes of membership and how the voting would work. It was decided that one vote per player member.

Greg reviewed some of the tenure changes per position. Tenure has been changed so that positions rotate to ensure continuity of the board.

New positions would be communicated to the membership. Applications will be open for 6/1-15 and the voting process will open after that.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th, 2019 @ 7:00