

LaCrosse River City Youth Hockey
Monthly Membership Meeting
July 15, 2009

Meeting Began: 7:10 p.m.

Present:

Board Members – Michelle Bryant, Kim Edwards, Kelly Ziegelbein, Marla Cunningham, Dan Berg, Todd Neumann, Dave Losen, John Radtke, Ginnie Davis, Jim Browning

Absent: Dan Koperski, Kevin Bryant, Becky Yoshizumi, Kris Bartley, Tracy Larson, Margaret Ebner, Elizabeth Callan

Guests – Jim Szymanski, Marcia Schmidt, Dione Dannhoff

President's Report:

Riverfest went well. No info back on money made this year. Board had final meeting with city for ice scheduling. GI will open in time to have Red Ranger camp on October 12th. News letter is being put together to go out in early August along with fundraising and registration info.

Vice President's Report:

Online registration is set up and ready to go. Link sent to Becky to be put on website. USA Hockey registration can be paid online and needs to be done before RCYH registration can be complete. No RCYH fees will be paid online. These will be paid at our registration meeting. WMHL meetings begin in August.

Secretary Report:

Motion to approve June minutes made by Michelle Bryant. 2nd John Radtke.

Treasurer's Report:

Marla, Kris and Michelle will meet regarding our account and some outstanding checks from awhile ago. Executive Board will go over budget. Two signatures are required on all check >\$500. Marla will let board know about checks >\$500 otherwise Marla and Kris Bartley's signatures will be the two we will use. No money received from Rockwood Gardens fundraiser yet. Marla will give them a call.

Bantam Program:

No Report

PeeWee Program:

People have been inquiring about fees. Board will do everything possible to not raise fees this year.

Squirt Program:

Michelle Bryant nominated Jim Szymanski as our new Squirt coordinator. 2nd Kim Edwards. Thanks Jim and welcome!

Mite Program:

No Report

Coaches Report:

First, second and third choices given to Dave for tryouts. Dave will look into getting people for these dates. Tryout budget given to board. Documentation given to those present at meeting regarding what the kids are tested on at tryouts. This will also be given out to everyone at registration. Coaches - still waiting to hear from some. Some are already lined up. Dave will have everything set by September.

Ice Scheduling:

Ice schedule is pretty set now. Cathy Sawaya is our contact person with the city regarding ice scheduling. Tentatively mite and squirt practices will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Pee Wee and Bantam practices will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Teams practicing together will have solo ice time periodically. Teams will practice on weekends until games start. So there will be three ice practices per week before games start and two ice practices per week after games start. In addition to ice practices there will be 1-2 dry land practice options available per week. Dan will put together a dry land approach/guidelines for coaches. Last minute open ice time will be given to teams in a fair and rotating manner this year.

Concessions:

Marcia Schmidt will take over Patty Kirchner's role of concession stand sign up coordinator and will keep track of volunteer hours. All volunteer hours will be computerized. There is a link on our website to enter your volunteer hours. We will look into pre paid punch cards or swipe cards for the concession stand.

Tournaments:

All tournament dates are set and approved by the city. Ginnie will send dates to USA Hockey to get sanctioned and to "Let's Play Hockey" to be put into their magazine for marketing. Becky will update website with tournament information. Ginnie will send emails to organizations to let them know about our tournament dates. Discussed tournament fees and discounts given for early registration as incentives.

Raffle:

Marla will send in our license renewal at the end of the month. Dave Curtis will print the tickets for us this year.

Fundraising:

We will do Club's Choice (pizza, cookie dough, etc.) fundraiser in addition to the candle fundraiser this year. Half of each family's proceeds will go to the skater to reduce fees and half will go to RCYH to help cover increased ice fees. If every family sells 30 items we will meet our goal of \$5000. Fundraiser starts in August. We hope to deliver products at our first registration meeting in September.

Sponsorship:

Any new sponsorship (signs etc.) has to be approved by the the city. Jim will look into getting sponsorship from La Crosse Athletics and Clifton Skate. 10% discount cards for Play It Again Sports will be handed out at registration.

Equipment:

All equipment from last season is still out but everything is accounted for.

Communications:

No Report

Park Board Rep:

No Report

Referee Scheduler:

No Report

Old Business:

Meeting Venue - officially changed to the South Side Neighborhood Center. Tonight was our first meeting at this new location.

Candle/Pizza Sales - see fundraising report.

Ice Scheduling - see ice scheduling report.

New Business:

Online Registration - see VP report.

Octoberfest - Octoberfest sign up will be available by the first of September. RCYH will not participate in the Octoberfest Saturday parade but we are looking into doing the Torchlight Parade.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kim Edwards at 8:40. 2nd Kelly Ziegelbein.