

**LaCrosse River City Youth Hockey**  
**Monthly Membership Meeting**  
**May 20, 2009**

**Meeting Began:** 7:07 p.m.

**Present:**

**Board Members** – Michelle Bryant, Kim Edwards, Kelly Ziegelbein, Kris Bartley, Dan Berg, Dave Losen, John Radtke, Ginnie Davis, Kevin Bryant, Becky Yoshizumi

**Absent:** Todd Neumann, Elizabeth Callan, Jim Browning, Tracy Larson

**Guests** – Kristy Knoble, Dan Koperski

**President's Report:**

Our association's information is now updated on the WAHA website. Coaching and referee information from WAHA will be coming soon. Clinics start in November and December.

We will hold a parent rep clinic in the fall. A binder will be put together for each parent rep with all information/expectations for this job.

We are working on changing the venue for our monthly meetings.

A few ideas to consider – Having committees to help with duties. Possible 2-3 year term for board members to provide consistency.

**Vice President's Report:**

WMHL meeting report – Most associations in the league try to stick to a 2-3/1, practice to game ratio. All associations need to try to stick to the set league schedule. Other teams found it hard sometimes to reschedule with us when the set games did not work out. We will try to schedule teams coming from a distance early in the season to avoid having to cancel due to bad weather.

Score sheets need to be turned in by the winning team within 7 days. This will be strictly enforced this year.

WMHL is looking for recruiting ideas for this year due to decreased number across all levels.

Kim will check exact rules for coaches and assistant coaches in regards to having their coaching card physically with them in order to be on the bench. In the past it was understood that head coaches had to have their cards with them but assistant coaches didn't. Kim will look into this.

**Secretary Report:**

April minutes not available for approval at this time. April Minutes will be available for approval at our June meeting.

Will try to put agenda highlights on website so all members of the association know what is going to be discussed at each meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Fees from last year are all collected except for 2-3 people. Kris will follow up with these people. We hope to have no past due money going into this upcoming regular season.

**Bantam Program:**

Nothing new to report

**PeeWee Program:**

No Report

**Squirt Program:**

No Report

**Mite Program:**

No Report

**Coaches Report:**

Dave Losen will get together with potential coaches to see who is interested in coaching. Will have meeting in next few weeks to see what worked and what didn't work last year.

It was suggested that only the more experienced coaches be head coaches and the college students and/or less experienced coaches be assistant coaches to avoid some of the problems we've had in the past.

Hope to have Green Island open a couple of weeks earlier this year to provide time for more clinics and practice time before tryouts.

Looking into having a speaker from Positive Coaches Alliance (PCA) come and give a presentation to coaches and parents. Looking into offering hours or a dinner or making this a fundraiser type of event to encourage people to attend.

**Ice Scheduling:**

Dan Koperski will help Michelle Bryant with this role. Thanks Dan! Michelle and Dan will figure out the schedule then we will determine the number of ice hours. Cost is going up from \$55/hr to \$70/hr this year.

Dan will also head up a dry land schedule for each team that works around their ice time. This will be set into the practice schedule from the beginning and coaches can choose

whether they want to use it or not. Planning to provide a curriculum for coaches on running dry land practice.

**Concessions:**

Patty Kirchner will not tally everyone's hours this year. Looking into an online tallying system with someone to double check it.

**Tournaments:**

The sooner we can set tournament dates the better. Checking with Park and Rec for Winter Rec Fest dates so we can work around that. Board will look at last year's schedule and have some tournament dates to discuss at June's meeting. Want to have tournament schedule advertised in "Let's Play Hockey" by August.

We will combine A and B teams in one tournament weekend again this year.

We have received a very positive response from teams regarding the pizza we provide them during our tournaments. Looking into other options for pizza such as Kwik Trip, Pizza King, etc., to make getting the pizzas easier. Also looking into sponsorship from local hotels to provide food for teams if they stay with them or possibly a kick back to the association if we bring people to their hotel.

**Raffle:**

We will try to have raffle tickets at registration this year so everyone gets their tickets in a timely manner.

**Fundraising:**

Waiting to hear back about Riverfest pop tent. Will get sign up posted on website asap as this is coming up soon. Can deduct money off fees for hours worked.

Looked into working Airfest but decided it wasn't worth the money for the number of people needed and amount of time each person would have to work.

Looking into candle fundraiser again and/or other fundraisers such as frozen pizza or other food products, etc.

Looking into a pre season get together/fundraiser to kick off the season.

**Equipment:**

The equipment is old and in need of repair. Some new equipment is needed. John will let the board know what is needed. There is a lot of equipment out but John knows where most of it is.

Looking into sponsors for equipment. John will talk to Jim about this.

Will clarify guidelines for goalie reimbursement for equipment and/or camps and clinics.

Equipment should be checked out only by equipment director. Looking into setting up specific pick up times at the rink this fall for that.

**Communications:**

Website will be wiped out soon. Becky will contact reps to get info off before wiping it out. Becky will email people to remind them to check the website periodically for

information. Website will be changed and revamped and updated to try to get more information on it. Discussed whether coordinators should have access to the website as well.

**Park Board Rep:**

Margaret Ebner has sent the concessions contract back to city with one last change to be approved.

**Referee Scheduler:**

No Report

**Old Business:**

Treasurer - A new Treasurer will be on board for June's meeting. Thanks Kris for helping out until a replacement was found!

Squirt Age coordinator - still looking

Mite Age Coordinator - still looking

**New Business:**

Riverfest - see fundraising report

Airfest - see fundraising report

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kelly Ziegelbein at 9:48. 2nd Kris Bartley.