

LaCrosse River City Youth Hockey
Monthly Membership Meeting
September 16, 2009

Meeting Began: 7:03 p.m.

Present:

Board Members – Michelle Bryant, Kim Edwards, Kelly Ziegelbein, Marla Cunningham, Dan Berg, Todd Neumann, Phil Kotlowski, Ginnie Davis, Jim Browning, Kevin Bryant, Becky Yoshizumi, Tracy Larson, Kris Bartley

Absent: Jim Szymanski, Dan Koperski, Dave Losen, John Radtke, Margaret Ebner

Guests – Kristy Knoble

President's Report:

Working hard on registration. Everyone should have received their invoices via email so they know exactly what they will owe at registration. Will move RCYH mailboxes into concessions.

Vice President's Report:

Kim attended the WMHL meeting last week. The 7 day time limit for turning in score sheets will be strictly enforced this year. Recruitment is a big issue in all associations this year. There has been a decrease in numbers in all associations. RCYH will not be approached to take released players from other organizations. Released players must go to the next closest organizations (ex. West Salem will take players from Sparta, etc). Badger State Games will be held in Milwaukee this year in an effort to make it more centralized to get more teams to participate. The price has gone up to \$875 per team which includes the first 15 players. After 15 players there is an extra per player charge (approximately \$15/player). There has been a request for the U12 girls to play at the Squirt B level instead of the A level for a better competitive match. The Mite II season will be shortened this year like last year. There will most likely be an A schedule only at the Bantam level. No B or C levels due to the lack of associations that can front two teams. Coulee Region Girls is also seeing a decrease in numbers. Any girls wanting to get out of coed hockey are encouraged to try CRG. Selects tournament in Sparta was a success. There is a bid process to host Selects. We can bid for it in November. The tournament page on WMHL website is up. We can use this to find tournaments. 75% of people have registered online. There have been no complaints or issues so far with online registration. We are still looking into jerseys and trying to decide whether we buy lower quality jerseys for the players to keep each year or invest in more expensive/higher quality jerseys that we can reuse. Kim passed around a flyer for the Sparta 3 on 3 tournament in October.

Secretary Report:

Motion to approve August minutes made by Kim Edwards. 2nd by Becky Yoshizumi.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasury report given by Marla. Hard copy of treasury report attached to hard copy of secretary's meeting minutes. Looking into possible scholarship fund or skater financial assistance fund. Sparta owes us \$80 for selects. Two of our players did not participate. Kim Edwards will look into this.

Bantam Program:

No Report

PeeWee Program:

No Report

Squirt Program:

No Report

Mite Program:

No Report

Coaches Report:

Discussed in Dave Losen's absent. Coaches are still being finalized.

Ice Scheduling:

Discussed in Dan Koperski's absence. The ice schedule is being finalized. Dan, Kim and Michelle will attend a meeting on October 27th to schedule all league games.

Concessions:

Sam's Club membership is up for renewal. Looking into a credit membership. Will try to have concessions open for the Red Ranger Camp. Marcia and Tracy will meet to get concession hours set. It was suggested that we sell hats, t-shirts, etc in concessions - looking into this.

Tournaments:

Our ad is in "Let's Play Hockey". Sanction complete and paid. We are offering discounts to those teams who register for our tournament between now and December. Cottage Grove is coming to our Squirt A tournament. Do we want the t-shirt/sweatshirt guy to come to our tournaments? Ginnie is taking inventory of participation medals, etc so we know what we need from the trophy company.

Raffle:

Tickets should be ready on Friday. Kris will make sure we have them for registration on Sunday.

Fundraising:

Pizza fundraiser complete. About half of RCYH families participated. We received about \$2300 for the organization and \$2300 will go back to families in reduced fees. 8 Looking into a 10% discount from Play It Again sports on purchases made by RCYH families. Looking into a deal with Clifton as well. Looking into a RCYH night at the Rivoli. RCYH families and the community can come and watch "Miracle on Ice" at a discounted ticket price and RCYH would get a percent of food sales. Checking into an online apparel shop, possibly through a local company who could offer us a kick back on sales.

Sponsorship:

Jim is working on the price guidelines for sponsors. Trying to lower prices a bit to make it more appealing to prospective sponsors. Looking into Kwik Trip, McDonalds and Subway as possible sponsors. Will get every sponsorship approved by city before posting. St. Mary's University/Bill Moore will sponsor us.

Equipment:

Discussed in John Radtke's absence. Kristy Knoble is working on the equipment swap. There is a \$15 maximum on all equipment except goalie equipment. Kristy will need help on drop off dates (Thurs. Oct. 1st and Sat. Oct. 3rd) and the day of the sale. Looking into offering service hours for help. Troy Richter and Jim Browning are working on getting skate sharpening going at GI.

Communications:

Becky still open for suggestions. Fine tuning service hours.

Park Board Rep:

No Report

Referee Scheduler:

Elizabeth Callan has resigned her position as referee scheduler. Looking for someone to take her place.

Old Business:

Oktoberfest/Torchlight Parade - We will not be participating in the Torchlight Parade. No one volunteered to organize this. Oktoberfest bar tending slots are pretty much filled. Marla attended a mandatory meeting regarding Oktoberfest bar tending. Information from this meeting will be sent to those signed up to work.

Candle/Pizza Update - see fundraising report

Online Registration Update - see VP report

New Business:

LPH Subscription discussion tabled until next meeting.

Shannon Neumann is working on Chili Cook Off. Looking into splitting pictures into two nights (mites and squirts on their practice night and pewee and bantam on their practice night) instead of one to make things run a bit smoother and to eliminate pictures running into practice time. FYI: Gundersen Lutheran mouth guard clinic on Saturday October 24th from 8-11.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Michelle Bryant at 8:54. 2nd by Kim Edwards.