

Evansville Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2008, 6:30pm
Swonder Ice Arena

Call to Order – 6:40 PM

Attendance: Jack Phillips, Sarah Melton, Tom Moore, Lisa Harris, Scott Carmack, Rob Grimm, Dawn Slown, Brian Ferguson, David Hatfield, and Joy O'Connor. Absent: Debbie Eaton, Todd Arseneaux, and Patti Finn. Also in attendance: Angie Ferguson (Asst Treasurer), Rob Ferguson (Commissioner, Pee Wee Travel), Tom Graber (Commissioner, Bantam Travel). Guests: Various parent representatives of the Squirt/Pee Wee Travel players as well as Rob Hershman (proposed Pee Wee travel coach). Also present as guests, representatives of Evansville Icemen.

Board Member Introductions – Introductions of current board members were made. Positions are as follows:

President: Jack Phillips
VP Upper House: Patti Finn
VP Lower House: Brian Ferguson
VP Travel: Joy O'Connor
Secretary: Dawn Slown
Treasurer: Scott Carmack
Registrar: Debbie Eaton
Scheduler: David Hatfield
Director, Marketing: Sarah Melton
Director, Summer Programs: Lisa Harris
Director, Coaches: Tom Moore
Director, Referees: Todd Arseneaux
Director, Tournaments: Rob Grimm

Guests present requested time to share with the Board:

Evansville Icemen came to the Board to share vision of what the season may look like once the Icemen take the ice this fall. They estimate that each visitor will spend approximately \$5 per game in concessions x 600 visitors x 4 games per month x 5 months per year would provide concession with total revenue of \$60k. To be clear, this is their estimate, not EYHA's. They have requested to share in the revenue. Until books can be examined for 2007, it is not possible for EYHA to consider sharing of revenue.

Background: EYHA has a long standing policy that playing up is not allowed without specific circumstances being met. The first circumstance is when there are no goalies at the upper level and multiple goalies (and at least one whom is capable of playing at a higher level). The second circumstance is when the coach of the upper level has multiple children playing and out of convenience to him/her, one child is able to play up one year to the team he is coaching. Any circumstance that falls outside these parameters is not a case eligible for playing up. At the last board meeting of the 07/08 season, it was decided that the request to allow a 2nd Year Squirt goalie would not be allowed to play up because the above circumstances were not in play. Pee Wee Travel Team Representatives requested the Board to reconsider the decision made at the previous meeting to disallow a 98 goalie to play up in the next hockey season. The representatives made note that 20 teams in the BTHL currently allow players to play as a -1. USA Hockey also allows for this based on talent. Also, 2 years ago, the 2 1998 players in question were asked to play up without mention of a limitation on whether this was considered a one time only request or if it was an ongoing request. Because of this confusion, the families involved felt it was important and the responsibility of the league to continue the request (play as 97's instead of 98's). The request was to set aside the previous motion on the topic. Motion made by Scott Carmack, seconded by Dawn Slown. Motion passes with the majority of yes's and 2 no votes. Next a motion was made to

grandfather Bryson Linenberg and Max Goldstein so that they are allowed to try out as 97's for travel team tryouts through their bantam years. The grandfathering ends at the end of their bantam years. If either of the two players fails to make a travel team, they are then reverted back to their true birth year (98). Motion made by Scott Carmack, seconded by Dawn Slown. Motion passes, with a majority of yes's and 2 no votes with 2 abstentions. Joy O'Conner requested that Tom Moore provide for an independent panel of judges to assess skills of players during Travel tryouts so that no favoritism can be exhibited toward these players. Robin Hershman expressed his agreement with this suggestion. It was also pointed out that this is not an reversal of the Board's opinion on playing up, but rather an exception based on a previous board's decision regarding these two players. In the future, playing up is strongly discouraged and must meet the circumstances outlined above in order to consider and request for playing up.

Approval of Minutes (4/14/08) Minutes were unanimously approved as written – Motion made by David Hatfield, seconded by Tom Moore.

Treasurer Report – Scott Carmack reported that we had approx \$32,000 in the EYHA bank account. He also mentioned that we have outstanding fees of approximately \$3550 (the bulk of which is from the High School travel team and the remaining fees from Spring Hockey) and \$9900 in outstanding sponsorship fees. Because the HS travel team still owes the league approximately \$3000, Sarah Melton (HS travel parent) will provide an updated list of parent emails for Scott to send invoices. Players still owing fees will not be allowed to register this Fall. Jack indicated that he had sent out invoices for sponsorships again today.

Director's Reports

- Coaching Director Update – Tom Moore
 - o Travel – Tom reported that he has the following slated to fill travel positions this fall: Mite Select (Dan Walters), Squirt (Tom Moore), Pee Wee (Robin Hershman), Bantam (Chuck Beavin or Larry Goldstein), Midget (unnamed)
 - o Level 3 / 4 – Tom requested that EYHA continue to cover up to \$500 of expenses for EHYA travel coaches wishing to attend a Level 3 / 4 Clinic. Motion made by Tom Moore, seconded by Scott Carmack. Passes unanimously.
- Tournament Update – (EMPTY POSITION)
 - o Received resignation from Matt Rundle
 - o Discussion/Appointment of new Tournament Director – motion made to make Rob Grimm Tournament Director. Motion made by Tom Moore, seconded by Brian Ferguson. Passes unanimously.
- Spring Hockey Update – Rob Grim/Lisa Harris
 - o Currently there are 3 players with outstanding fees. Rob and Lisa are to collect before they can take the ice again.

Old Business:

- Rules for Quorum (second reading and vote) – second reading took place. Motion made by Dawn Slown to accept new wording, seconded by Jack Phillips. Passes unanimously. It now reads as follows:
 - o Section 7 – QUORUM. A simple majority of the Board of Directors, including the President, will constitute a quorum thereof.

New Business:

- Summer Program – Beginner Session proposal – Motion was made by Dawn Slown to provide a new opportunity for bringing new players into the league. A summer beginner program would be offered for 6 weeks – July 12 – Aug 16 for kids with the birth year 1998 – 2004. The cost is \$60 with no additional fee for equipment. Also, current players who meet the “beginner” requirement will get ½ off when they sign up a new player. Motion seconded by Sarah Melton. Passes unanimously.

Meeting was concluded at 9:10 PM.