



Camillus Youth Hockey Board Meeting

Dec 15th 2024

6:30 pm

Asil's Pub

1. Determination of Quorum

Quorum Met

Members Present:

M. Larocca, T. Choe, J. Heron, M. Craner, R. Abert, R. Thompson, S. Mercurio,
J. Moulton, K. Hayden, C. Sandford, T. Carvel

Absent/Excused:

B. Stalter, T. Manard

2. Open Forum

Several topics were discussed during open forum:

One association member in attendance brought up several concerns with mite practices, including: ensuring teams leave the ice promptly when their allotted time is up, and concerns over how players are grouped during stations at practice. A mite coach in attendance and several mite parents also raised concerns with practices, how players are grouped during practices, and how teams are split up during practices. Some solutions, including grouping tykes with the 6U mite team, were offered by parents/coaches in attendance. M. Larocca reminded those in attendance that practice are organized in accordance with ADA/USA hockey model, and that changes to how practices are run, and who practices together could be reviewed, with input from the scheduler and with consideration for the impact the high school schedule would have.

An association member then voiced concerns over what, if any, assistance mite level coaches get if they are inexperienced, and had questions regarding how teams are selected and how players are evaluated at the beginning of the season. This led to a very spirited discussion of how teams are selected, how games are scheduled, and how teams within the mite division are tiered.

All of this discussion led to questions regarding how certain teams were tiered for

the upcoming mite tournament. Several parents expressed concern that their team was placed in the wrong division based on the teams skill level.

M. LaRocca responded that to be the most helpful/thorough, these concerns/suggestions should be put in writing and submitted to the board for consideration in the future. The current season is well underway, and some things cannot be changed mid-season, but can be considered for next year.

As to the concern about the upcoming CYHA mite tournament, M. LaRocca indicated that the board would review the seeding with B. Stalter, and explore the possibility of finding another team to even out the divisions.

Moving on, an association member asked about the possibility of getting a new roster for an upcoming mite tournament so they CYHA was still able to to field a team. The original team that registered had several scheduling conflicts that would impact their ability to play, and allowing players to double roster would ease these concerns. M. LaRocca states that this should be fine, provided those players primary coaches give the OK.

3. Acceptance Nov"24 minutes

ISSUE: Accept the minutes from the November 2024 CYHA BOARD MEETING

MOTION: R. Thompson

SECOND: J. Moulton

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Passed, unanimous

4. Current Financials (Jason) – Treasurer J. Heron provided a detailed overview of the attached financial documents. Of note: all registrations have been collected with one or two exceptions, most mite tourney registrants have paid the required fees, chick-fil-a sales during varsity games are going well.

- a. Balance Sheet
- b. Profit Loss / YOY
- c. Vender Detail

ISSUE: Accept the treasurers report for December 2024

MOTION: M. Craner

SECOND: K. Hayden

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Passed, unanimous

5. Tabled Items

- a. Jake – Skate Sharpener update – J. Moulton advised that there was no new information regarding the potential sale of our current sharpener and the purchase of a new, easy to use machine. He planned to re-list our current sharpener for sale via social media, and will update if anything changes.

6. New Business

- a. Steve – Snowbelt Update – S. Mercurio provided a snowbelt update. A 10U team from Elmira opted to drop out of the Snowbelt league for the season. Other than that, no new news.
- b. Rachel – Snack Bar – R. Abert provided a snack bar update. Things are going well. Chick-Fil-A sales are popular.
- c. Division Director updates – Various division directors provided updates for their respective divisions
 - i. Tykes- all going well
 - ii. Mites- B. Stalter absent/excused, no report. CYHA Mite tourney coming up in January.
 - iii. Squirts- Going well, added a player to one of the house teams. Some coaches need to completed coaching modules.
 - iv. PeeWee-Going well
 - v. Bantam- Going well. Bantam house coach is pregnant and may need help with coaching if anyone is available. Several assistant coaches have expressed being able to help occaisionally, but nothing solid/regular. M. LaRocca will look into possibly scheduling with Midget house team will help with coaching needs.
 - vi. Midget – No news
 - vii. Travel- No news, all travel teams currently in the running for state tournaments.
 - viii. Girls- Things going well.
- d. Jason – Sponsorship update- Treasurer J. Heron provided an updated on plans to recognize sponsors. Plans discussed at November 24 CYHA Board Meeting are in motion. We are expecting 6 more sponsors to come in in the near future.

- e. Tom – Skate A Thon – T. Manard is absent/excused. M. LaRocca provided an update on T. Manard's behalf. Update stated that Skate a thon will likely be postponed/cancelled due to lack of interest this year. We will work with the scheduler to ensure those ice times are available for practices instead. Moving forward, we need to explore how we can re-invent this event for next year, it was a great source of fund-raising.
- f. Mike – Pres. LaRocca provided updates on the issues listed below
 - i. 3 x 3 dates (travel 12/24 / house 12/26) – Travel teams are set. Still working on getting rosters from house coaches to divide players up. Going to reach out the travel tournament scheduler for assistance with house.
 - ii. Clinic dates – Clinic dates for the next part of the season are set and will be sent out soon.
 - iii. 5 extra Ref Fees
ISSUE: Approve monies to cover referee fees for up to five extra home games per team
MOTION: M. Craner SECOND: S. Mercurio
DISCUSSION: These fees will provide teams the monies to cover ref fees for up to 5 extra home games per team
ACTION: Passed, Unanimous
 - iv. Annual Meeting Date / Location – Discussion of the upcoming CYHA Annual Meeting, specifically: where the meeting will be held. D. Binns is in attendance and will reach out WGCSD contacts to assist with scheduling that meeting at WGHS. Date to be determined.

- 7. Open Forum (Items Discussed by Board) – Parents in attendance questioned what would happen the monies already raised for the now postponed/cancelled skate-a-thon. M. LaRocca indicated the money would be donated.

ISSUE: End the General Meeting and move to Executive Session to discuss sensitive issues.

MOTION: R. Abert

SECOND: C. Sandford

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Passed, 10 for, 0 against, 1 abstain

Executive Session entered at 7:13 p.m

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2025 at Asil's