

ROCKY RIVER YOUTH HOCKEY, INC.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pamela Rice, as President and Chair of the meeting called the meeting to order at 6:40pm on November 13, 2024 at the Rocky River Public Library. Participating Board members all attending in person were Christina Kapler, Sarah Khan, Dave Pycraft, Colin McHale, Brad Snyder, Rob Coale and Shane Rodgers, also present were Advisory Directors Greg Soltes and Daniel Conway (left during discussion of item 7)

Discussion was held on the following matters:

1. The minutes of September 11, 2024 Board meeting.
2. Rob Coale provided an update on the sponsorship project collecting \$11,000 to date. Around the Corner sponsorship pending. Deadline for sponsorships is 11/30/24  
Greg and Daniel will work on sponsorship signage for the rink with RRYH Inc. included Sponsorship information on rryh.org website.
3. Daniel Conway updated rink projects including lighting, new ceiling, protective netting  
Concession is open with temporary vendor from Winterhurst. Discussion was had on loud video games in pavilion that are part of new concession vendor and issues with sound system in and scorers' box.
4. Christina Kapler shared some issues with fundraiser platform (Better World) and noted that ticket updates were a huge task for Amanda. We may consider a different platform for next season, but overall fees to use, tracking of tickets sales and money was much better than in the past. Teams selling outside of local vendors will not be an option next season. Christina Kapler answered budget questions and we discussed a budget carry over from season to season of approximately \$8,000. Tournament applications and fees are now paid by Treasurer directly to tournaments.
5. Greg Soltes provided an update of the program. Pre-season is over. We have AA teams at all levels and are now on "auto-pilot" till Mite Blue Travel (5 teams) starts. January group will register in December. Overall Mite numbers to date are lower, possibly due to new Mini Monsters Learn to play hockey program? Rob Coale shared our program stats as being the largest program in CSHL with 198 players, 2<sup>nd</sup> is Shaker and 3<sup>rd</sup> is Parma. 17 Bantam players went on to play High school hockey, 58 PW's returning, 57 SQ's returning, 51 Mite's returning. He encouraged us to remind parents that we have more offered ice time at River than other programs and players need to take advantage of Sunday skills and power skating.

6. Greg explains that PW/Bantam goalies play for “free” after their one time deposit is paid to the city. He feels strongly about maintaining this goalie reimbursement of their deposit if the goalie ages out at the Bantam level. Brad Snyder made a motion with a second from Dave Pycraft that “RRYH, Inc. will set-up a \$1,500 line item (capping at \$3,000) as a reserve in the budget for potential reimbursements to Bantam goalies committing and aging out of the RRYH program” The motion carries unanimously by all present members.  
Greg Soltes also asked the Board if we’d like to take advantage of Positive Coaching Alliance workshops after the holidays. Culture Shaping for Leaders and/or Leading your Organizations.
7. Pam Rice led the PW 1 Individual team fundraiser discussion. Dave Pycraft motioned, seconded by Sarah Khan to permit individual team fundraisers with submission of a proposal and Board approval. Teams must follow RRYH, Inc. and 501(c)(3) fundraiser guidelines as well as a 50/50 split with RRYH, Inc. to support all participants in the program.

No other motions were made or approved at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

An Executive session was held and adjourned at 8:35pm.