

# **CCJHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

## **January 2023**

Meeting Date: January 11, 2023

Time: 6:34pm

### **Call to Order**

Present: Jon French, Audra Morse, Steve Mattson, Jeff Van Karsen, Amy Blake, Kitti Loukus, Ian Repp, Karyn Ruohonen-Rudak, Keith Frick, Ryan Bennett, Jenn Capello, Carson Stevens, Sara Tormala, Colleen Mayra

Absent: Travis Kilpela

### **Guests and Public Comments**

Tom Glass, Scott Blake; no public comments.

Motion to accept last month's minutes: Audra Morse, Keith Frick (support); motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Balances**

- Board Balance: \$115,370.27
- Referee: \$3,988.32
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$5,700.85

#### **Bills**

- Houghton County Ice: November: \$11,987.50; December: \$10,631.25
- City of Houghton (Dee) Ice: November: \$11,010.00; December: \$14,660.00
- Check to Center Ice: \$496.00 (verified with Travis)
- Bill from Houghton County (Dasher Board Advertisement): \$600.00
- IAHA, Play downs: \$401.50

Motion was made to approve paying the above bills: Colleen Mayra, Audra Morse (support); motion carried.

### **Keweenaw Community Foundation (KCF) grant update (money received yet?)**

We did receive the KCF grant money, and it had been deposited.

## **Refunds**

Paul Dube's son on JV team was injured during the first series and is out for season. Karyn and Kitty will work together to determine the prorated refund.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Audra Morse, Colleen Mayra (support); motion carried.

## **Travel Committee Report**

### **Solicit for travel coach applications in February/March 2023 and earlier tryouts.**

It was asked if this would negatively affect CCJHA kids who might want to play a spring season in WI or MN by conflicting if tryouts are earlier (in Spring). This was discussed; it should not affect players.

The teams cannot play games until September 1.

There was no perceived drawback to soliciting coaches to apply for the positions earlier than we have in the past.

Action item: post travel coach application prior to the end of the season. Once coaches are confirmed, the discussion on when tryouts will take place can resume.

### **Second AA or A team at 14U/12U level?**

Question was raised if we will roster another AA team at the 14U level as we did this season or add a 12U team. We will need to look at numbers at these levels before that decision is made. It was also suggested that we talk to Spencer Jenkins, J. Peltier coach, about how this first season went with scheduling.

## **Finance Committee Report**

### **Portage Health Foundation: Giving Tuesday Update**

Ian emailed PHF and was told they're still sorting out the numbers. The donations were far above what they ever expected to receive.

## **Equipment Manager Report**

### **Replacement of goalie helmets (update)**

We are still waiting on the younger kids' helmets.

## **Thrivent jersey replacement update (any follow-up from Travis Hanson?)**

Travis Hanson to talk to Ross Rinkinen; no update.

## **Updating MAHA equipment bags**

Colleen Mayra sent multiple emails to Jason Reynolds and hasn't heard back from him. She talked to Michele Lacourt and they are trying to find out more information.

## **Division 2 JV Team jerseys update (Jim's Pizza jerseys order)**

Jerseys were ordered, but there is no delivery date as of today.

## **Dee Stadium Mite netting replacement (Travis reaching out to J Jepsen)**

The mite nets need to be replaced. We have a mite net at Houghton County that has a broken weld. The Booster Club is getting prices on nets and frames/nets from Erik at Center Ice. Once he gets her the numbers, Colleen can work with TJ and see about the Booster Club paying for replacements, depending on cost.

The girls are playing this weekend and need jerseys. We will borrow jerseys from our current CCIHA stock for those games.

According to the coaches, the numbers are starting to fall off for the girls. We would like to keep the momentum for this program. The coaches asked if the Board could apply for a grant from the Slim Maclean Memorial Fund to get either practice jerseys or hats for the girls. We will look into this.

## **Booster Club Report**

### **Fundraiser update**

Jim's Pizza wanted to do a gift card fundraiser. We are going to look into other options instead, perhaps involving them in the AA district tournament with pizza sales.

### **Zero Tolerance Policy poster update**

Colleen is talking to rinks to put the posters in more obvious places.

### **Team pictures update**

Colleen is working with Kitti and the photographer. We are looking at January 24 and 25 for pictures. Instead of having them on ice, we are talking about doing them on a green screen and adjusting the

scheduling of pictures to families instead of teams, so that families with multiple kids don't have to try to sit through multiple photo sessions. More information forthcoming.

## **Officials Report**

### **Coach/Coaching Director/RIC/Referee and vice versa communication Update**

12U AA coaches, Ian, and Jeff spoke to the parents in question and there have been no issues since. Jeff was supposed to email board. Both were apologetic and are aware that disciplinary action could be forthcoming.

Carson will get the email out and will mention mouthguards, assists, offsides, etc.

## **Coaching Director Report**

### **Local Legend/Expert Program – Bob Mancini**

No update on this.

### **Harper Haataja transfer (CHA House to CCJHA Kiwanis Girls)**

Plays on 12U house team and has been coming to the girls' skates. She wants to transfer and wants to play exclusively for Kiwanis; this was confirmed with Meneguzzo and Jukuri. Sara will look at filing another exemption but last night may have been the last night to do this.

### **Travel Coordinator Request**

A position has been requested, similar to the coaching director, who would be a conduit for the coaches to work through helping coordinating travel and games with the teams. We are not sure what that position looks like at this time, and we will discuss this at the travel committee meeting

### **Possible puck/ball shooting areas at the Dee and HOCO for dryland**

A coach had brought this up. Other rinks have these. Do we have room at our rinks for this? Further research needed.

## **Registrar/Safe Sport Report Program Director Report**

All exemptions were approved, including:

- JV team players missing on roster;

- 10UB on Edward Jones' team that wasn't on the roster until December, which might be a USAH situation
- J. Peltier team played with no roster for first 5 games.

Next year before any kids go on the ice, they will have to sign a paper roster before they go on the ice. This is a common issue across associations, not just CCJHA.

## **Program Director Report**

### **AA Districts**

We are hosting the tournament on Feb. 3-5. All games are at Houghton County Arena, beginning at 11:30am on Friday to 6:00pm on Sunday. Games will be played around Finlandia men's hockey games.

- Five 10UAA teams, three 12UAA, and three 14UAA teams will be attending.
- We need volunteers for the score, clock, and penalty box; these should be adult volunteers.
- Wiitanen room is reserved from Thursday through Sunday.
- Medals and trophies are ordered. Kitti will order a leaderboard.

## **Webmaster Report**

Livebarn – we really need to get credentials shared with current board members so that issues can be addressed instead of having to track down Scott Bershing or Jeff Jepsen (if possible). Jon will talk to Scott to see if this can happen.

## **Old Business**

### **CCJHA support letter was written for the City of Hancock re: the Larn Grove**

Jon did write the letter for the Spark grant but hasn't heard anything regarding this since.

## **New Business**

### **Practice jerseys (or hats) for girls' hockey players to keep**

Would like to order something to keep momentum of girls' hockey going. Girls are currently using spare CCJHA jerseys for games, so at this point perhaps we can purchase hats for the girls to keep. Travis may look into applying for grant money for this.

Finlandia University Men's Varsity Hockey "Junior Hockey Night" scheduled for Friday 1/20/2023 @7:15pm. Kids get in free with jersey! We will put that on Facebook and the website.

## **Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn: Jeff Van Karsen, Colleen Mayra (support), motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:27 pm.

## **Next Meeting**

Next CCIHA BOD meeting: February 8, 2023