

# CCJHA Board of Directors September 2023 Meeting

Meeting Date: September 13, 2023

Time: 6:31 pm

## Call to Order

Present: Jon French, Ryan Bennett, Amy Blake, Jenn Capello, Tom Glass, Keith Frick, Kitti Loukus, Colleen Mayra, Ian Repp, Jeff Van Karsen

Absent: Steve Mattson, Carson Stevens, Travis Kilpela

## Guests and Public Comments

Jeff Peltier, Al Wakeham, Ryan Higbie from MJHA (Zoom)

Ryan Higbie expressed interest in the MJHA and CCJHA co-oping on a girls 10U B team, provided the CCJHA did not have enough girls to roster a team on their own. He also mentioned an upcoming tournament (Boo in the Soo – Girls). If any girls were interested in playing, he wanted to put a tournament roster together. We agreed to stay in contact with Ryan and MJHA as we continue to recruit girls for the upcoming season.

Motion to accept last month's minutes with corrections to roll call: Colleen Mayra, Ryan (support); motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report

### Balances

- Board Balance: \$60,623.58
- Referee Balance: \$1,413.91
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$5,702.26

### Bills

- DSC Rental for AA tryouts: \$525.00 and \$537.08 (Total =\$1,062.08) (gave back \$12.08 cash refund for overcharge)
- State of Michigan Annual Report Filing Fee=\$20.00

### Donation

We received \$2000.00 from the Portage Lake Enrichment Foundation (Thatcher Markham Race)

Motion to approve treasurers report and pay bills: Colleen Mayra, Jenn Capello (support); motion carried.

# **Travel Committee Report**

No update.

# **Finance Committee Report**

## **Proposed CCJHA player and team sponsorship fee increases update**

CSI is dropping their sponsorship; Darren Ward from UP Ward Orthodontics would like to sponsor the team.

Edward Jones is not renewing their sponsorship for 10U. We are waiting on responses from five sponsors.

Motion to approve Upward Ortho to replace CSI at 12U, Colleen Mayra, Jenn Capello (support); motion carried.

## **Player fee increases**

We haven't had a lot of feedback on this, but the Tervo Agency asked Keith for clarification on sponsorship increase.

## **CCJHA age group sponsorship opportunities (I. Repp)**

Keweenaw Chevy has agreed to sponsor the 8U age division. Ian is working on a list of ways to promote them throughout the season, including:

- Announcement during breaks between game periods
- Decals on 8U helmets – Ian will mockup the artwork for Center Ice
- Banner in lobbies
- Promotion on website, social media
- Signage at concession stand

Ian is working on final terms of the agreement.

## **Michigan Tech Athletics (Junior Huskies)**

No update.

# **Equipment Manager Report**

- Dee Stadium Mite netting replacement (Jon will reach out to J. Jepsen)
- No update on MAHA equipment bags
- Repairs/welding of 8U nets – Tom and Jon will look at nets and assess.

## Booster Club Report

- The concession menu is being reworked to be more straightforward. Some of the more complicated menu items are being removed. The Booster Club is planning to offer e-payments via Square and would like permission to ask publicly on social media for iPad donations; some of the other associations have done this.
- We will be using a new vendor for the annual wreath fundraiser.
- The annual Gear Fundraiser with Level Up will also go live shortly.

## Officials Report -Carson Stevens

There will be a referee clinic on September 23, 2023, at Hancock high school. Classroom portion will start at 9:00 am. Ice portion will take place at 1:30 pm at Houghton County Arena.

The August referee clinic had over 40 people registered.

## Coaching Director Report

Approval of 2023-2024 CCJHA coaching applications.

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| • Dan Aho              | • Travis Hanson   | • Phil Pietila    |
| • Jeff Baril           | • Matt Helminen   | • Alex Roy        |
| • Ryan DeForge         | • Bruce Heltunen  | • Will Schuett    |
| • Brady Flachs         | • Hietila         | • Al Wakeham      |
| • Katherine Fredanelli | • Joel Lyberg     | • Jeff Van Karsen |
| • Matt Freeman         | • James Maillette |                   |
| • Jon French           | • Jamey Markham   |                   |
| • Wyatt Geshel         | • Lee Mayra       |                   |
| • Tom Glass            | • John Pietila    |                   |

Motion to approve the coaches (as listed in these minutes): Jenn Capello, Colleen Mayra (support) motion carried.

## Wisconsin Tournament Team (16U)

Al Wakeham reported that the MAHA President told him that the team was playing with roster, but this could be confusion because the team had players from multiple states.

Michele and Bob Yohe reported to Ryan that they were permitted to play with a supplemented roster.

# **Registrar/Safe Sport Report**

## **2023-2024 season registration update**

We had 89 travel trout registrations. As of now, we have:

- 178 unique registrations
- 25 coaches registered
- 16 need birth certificates
- 99 kids registered

## **Program Director Report**

Ice starts on Monday at Houghton County Arena; schedules are posted. We need to have house coaches for the evaluations and identify division coordinators.

- For GameSheet, we will need to purchase four (4) iPads (two per rink). We need to obtain quotes.
- We should also put out a request for old iPads that can run iOS 12.
- Our first home games are on 9/28 (10U AA).

## **Referees as contractors/Rukkila consult update**

Rukkila reported that we have been paying referees correctly. For 18 years old and up, they are paid as contractors. Younger referees are taxed as employees.

There will be no NIHL tournament, but the \$100 league fee still applies.

Motion to pay the NIHL league fee: Colleen Mayra, Amy Blake (support); motion carried.

## **Possible CCJHA 14UB State bid**

The board agreed to pass on bidding for the 14U B state tournament.

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

The cities of Hancock and Houghton have both put in for Michigan community grants. The CCJHA contributed the letter of support, and both include ball and shooting areas.

## **NIHL tournament participation for 2023-2024 season**

There will be no tournament this year but the AA teams will still participate in the league.

## **All girls hockey teams for 2023-2024 (19U/14U/12U/10U) update**

19u wants to co-op with Negaunee for the season. We are still waiting for final numbers and Travis Hanson and Jason Meneguzzo are actively recruiting girls.

## **Learn to Skate program Update**

The City of Hancock will take it over and we will push advertisement. Looking for coaches or anyone to help. This will be a non-USAH city program. If you'd like to help, contact Mary Babcock at Hancock.

## **New Business**

### **2023-2024 14UAA Travel hockey additional tryout date (Monday 10/18/2023)**

A third date for 14U was added (HOCO @8:15pm) due to football conflict.

### **Two CCJHA BOD positions open (Audra [2024] and Keith [2025])**

Two seats are currently open. Jeff Peltier was nominated for one of the two seats and accepted.

Motion for Jeff Peltier to fill the seat left open by Keith Frick, ending in 2025: Colleen Mayra, Ryan Bennett (support); motion carried.

### **CCJHA Giving Tuesday application.**

We will be applying to participate again this year. Ian will reach out to Mike Babcock.

### **Wiitanen-McLean youth hockey scholarship application**

Jon French will fill out the application for the scholarship, aimed at girls hockey and the youngest CCJHA players.

## **Adjournment**

Next CCJHA BOD meeting scheduled for October 11, 2023.

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm.