

CCJHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 2023

Meeting Date: March 8, 2023

Time: 6:33

Call to Order

Present: Jon French, Audra Morse, Steve Mattson, Jeff Van Karsen, Amy Blake, Travis Kilpela, Kitti Loukus, Ian Repp, Keith Frick, Ryan Bennett,, Colleen Mayra, Sara Tormala

Absent: Karyn Ruohonen-Rudak, Carson Stevens, Jeff Van Karsen

Guests and Public Comments

Tom Glass, Jeff Peltier, Kelly Olson (Zoom)

Kelly Olson thanked the Board for the girls' hockey hatsls here to get info about the girls program going forward and possibility of potential for a person to be a rep of the girls' divisions.

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

Treasurer's Report

Balances

- Board Balance: \$77,114.32
- Referee Balance: \$98.69
 - Request to transfer \$7,000.00 from main account to referee account.
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$5,700.85

Bills

- Houghton County Ice: January = \$9,493.75 (February invoice not yet received)
- City of Houghton (Dee) Ice: February invoice not yet received.
- MAHA States (Kiwanis and Jim's Pizza) =\$2,200.00
- Center Ice =\$2,930.00 (jerseys and goalie equipment; expenses approved by TJ)
- Paul Dube refund =\$448.25

Motion to approve Referee account transfer: Jenn Capello, Steve Mattson (support); motion carried.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report, Audra Morse, Keith Frick (support); motion carried.

Travel Committee Report

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

We were never able to meet. We sent out the draft that Ryan Bennett drafted to the committee and asked them to review. We will set up a date before the next board meeting. We could not get enough people together on one night.

Ryan brought copies of the document for the board to review.

- First document: Ryan explained his reasoning for putting the material together. The goal would be to legitimize the process and to follow what a normal search process looks like. If the process has integrity and is transparent, it would hopefully get more support from a broader group of association families.
- Second document: Explained the responsibilities of the coach, what they should be capable of doing and what the association's expectations would be for someone in that position.
- Third: Coach position description.

The board could not remember CCJHA in the past having more than three candidates per division, and most years only one candidate comes forth. Amy will try to set up a meeting before the next board meeting.

Equipment Manager Report

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

Have not reached out yet to Jeff Jepsen (in person). Will follow up on that. Travis thinks the mite nets will need to be replaced next year.

Division 2 JV Team jerseys update

Jerseys have been delivered to the team.

Thrivent Jersey replacement update (follow-up with Travis Hanson)

No follow up – Jon reached out to Travis. They mocked up the jerseys and looked at lead time (wouldn't be in until beginning of March) so they decided to wait and look ahead to how many teams will be there next year (or possibly next age group up). Waiting on numbers now from us for next season.

Travis felt it was a good idea to place the order mid-summer due to long wait times in receiving jerseys (before we have the numbers). Thrivent has always been the mite sponsor. If they want to stay a mite sponsor, we should go ahead and order those.

Update MAHA equipment bags

Colleen heard back from Steve Brown (Perani's). He sent a Perani order form with prices for equipment packages. He said youth kits have bag, helmet with cage, shin, shoulder, elbow, pants.

MAHA would provide the bags free of charge in the past. (The form is for MAHA to fill out.) MAHA would cover the cost. TJ will look over the form and let us know at the next board meeting how we should proceed.

TJ requested another case of black pucks from Center Ice.

Booster Club Report

Concessions commitment for CCOTH Tournament (or options)

Shifts are posted. Still have some holes but people are signing up.

Jim Markham Memorial Hockey Week

Booster Club is decorating the Hoco on Sunday at 4:30pm. All are welcome.

Awards Night

Awards have been ordered. The date is set for Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00-8:00pm at Houghton High School. Will send out the email to solicit nominations for the different awards. With the board's permission Colleen will send that out. We will have the nominations sent to Ian as Jon will be out of country. Would like to send out tonight and would like the deadline to be by March 24, because the award person is out of town in April for a few weeks.

Officials Report

Carson didn't have anything, reviewed the tape of the hit. He will send an email out on that.

Colleen and Carson talked about putting an instruction sheet on how to fill out a game report for next year. Kitti noted that we should talk to Marty to make sure it's correct before it's posted.

Coaching Director Report

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

Jon reached out to John Erickson in Hancock, as he will be managing the Hoco. Jon also emailed Dave Hermanson (acting president) and Jeff Jepsen. He has not heard from anyone yet.

Two girls' Coop teams for 2023-2024 season (19U & 14U) with Negaunee

Tim Lystilla reached out about co-oping with Negaunee; we did commit to it again for the next season.

Amy got an email from Ryan Higbie in Marquette. Marquette is considering a girls' showcase in August. They will keep us informed on their plans.

Probable need for Girls Coaching Director Position

Travis Hansen would like to put together an all-girls 10U and 12U team for next season. He would like to get started sooner rather than later. Kitti also set up three (3) ice times for girls to come out and try hockey again for free during the week of March 20, 2023.

Travis is already reaching out to other organizations to find out what they have for girls or what they think they will have. Travis proposed a Girls Coaching Coordinator position for girls' hockey in general (all the co-ops, 10U, 12U, etc.). This person would be the one point of contact for all girls' hockey-related requests. Travis volunteered to take that position. He is working on getting someone to take over as the 6U and 8U coordinator.

A motion was made to create the Girls Coaching Coordinator Position by Steve Mattson, Audra Morse (support). Motion carried.

Registrar/Safe Sport Report Program Director Report

No report

Program Director Report

Jim Markham Memorial Hockey Monday/Tuesday (3/13-14/2023)

The Signup Genius for Hockey Week still has openings. The Markham family is coming to hand out medals and trophies.

End of season skates

We talked about birthyear skates, but our season ends this weekend (Dee), so they don't have ice for us there but have it at Hoco if we want to use it. Calumet 12U House Team Royale reached out and wanted to play more games if any teams didn't have their limit, but since the season ends on March 19, that would require special events permission.

We have Girls skates scheduled for the 21st and 22nd for 8U/10U/12U/14U, 19U. Girls will fill out the liability form. Amy will send the information out to school mailing lists. We will have some equipment available for girls who need it.

Webmaster Report

No report

Old Business

Girls Hockey Hats

Girls received their hats and love them. Thank you to Steve and GLSV for the support!

Decker Endowment fund for girls' hockey (BOD involvement)

Kelly Olson is working on an application for this fund. She will contact Karyn Rudak for the required tax form.

New Business

Move April monthly BOD/Annual meeting or keep the same date.

The next CCJHA BOD meeting is currently scheduled for April 12, 2023. Jon will be gone April 1-15. The BOD decided to move the monthly and annual meetings to April 19, 2023. Amy will post the date change on the website.

For the annual meeting, it was mentioned that the nominating committee for board members should meet prior, so that they can have a list of candidates before the meeting.

Stop the Bleed kits

Someone dropped off "Stop the Bleed" kits at the Dee; one kit is for HOCO. Both are in the Dee in the safe in the concession stand. Al does not know any more than that.

Steve noted that the Stop the Bleed Organization will offer the instructional class for free if the rink attendants want to take it. Colleen will reach out to Judy.

Mollie Trewartha's letter

It was discussed that we can revisit the draft process as far as parity is concerned; there is always room for improvement. Kitti brought a report of ice time over the course of the season and dispelled the idea that the team in question received less ice time than the other house teams, though it was noted that the coaches of the team did request more weekends off than the other coaches.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn: Colleen Mayra, Jenn Capello (support), motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:47 pm.