

CCJHA Board of Directors March 2024 Meeting

March 13, 2024, 6:32 pm

Call to Order

Present: Jon French, Ian Repp, Ryan Bennett, Amy Blake Kitti Loukus, Colleen Mayra (Zoom), Ian Repp, Jeff Peltier, Tom Glass, Jeff Van Karsen, Steve Mattson, Keith Frick

Absent: Travis Kilpela, Jenn Capello, Carson Stevens

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the February 2024 meeting minutes by Jeff Peltier, Steve Mattson (second); motion carried.

Guests and Public Comments

Guest: Joe Zerbst

Treasurer's Report

Balances

- Board Balance: \$112,387.01 (vs. QuickBooks: \$97,522.67)
- Referee Balance: \$7,021.95; QB: \$2,015.55
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$2,335.70; QB: \$2,335.70

Bills Paid

- Houghton County Arena (January Ice) = \$11,462.50
- City of Houghton, Dee (January Ice) = \$12,745.00
- Referee Fund Transfer = \$5,000.00
- Rukkila & Negro = \$1,450.00
- Keith Frick (stamps) = \$136.00
- Center Ice (pucks) = \$125.00
- L'Anse Hockey (Girls Ice Time) = \$300.00
- Jason Meneguzzo (Girls Ice Time) = \$150.00

Bills Outstanding

- Houghton County Arena (February Ice) = \$12,512.50
- City of Houghton Dee (February Ice) (not received yet)

To-Do

- Continue to send emails to all registrants with failed payments (currently 5 families past due) - Was \$2,857.41 now \$1,745.49
- Move \$5000.00 to referee account

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Steve Mattson, Jeff Van Karsen (support); motion carried.

Travel Committee

NTR

Finance Committee Report

Michigan Tech Athletics (Junior Huskies)

Jon, Colleen, and Jeff met with the MTU Athletic Dept to continue the discussion about a cooperation with the university (Junior Huskies). There were positive takeaways – Tech would like to help with ice time, fundraising, including events like “Little Huskies Night.”

There was some good feedback from MTU as well. Ideas for visibility/fundraising such as: ushering, scraping ice, parking lot detail, concessions for a game (for proceeds). Other items mentioned included looking at a MTU kids camp, a CCJHA Player of the Month based on academic and on ice and locker room, and possibly an MTU hockey scholarship. GPA to award for good grades (3.5 and up) put name in lottery and pull five names and get free ride to summer hockey school.

- Ideas regarding merchandise with Level Up
- Jerseys: keeping the PL Flyers logo, adding the Jr. Huskies on the jersey. Phasing out jerseys we have as they need to be replaced; possibly starting with a patch in the interim.
- A possible rollout could happen as early as next year, but they would like to hear back from us on a plan.
- Like the idea of us playing there when Tech is on the road. There is a potential for discounted ice, weekend tournaments, etc.

We've been asked to put a breakdown together for the next 3, 5, and 10 years. The committee will work on that and meet with them again.

Keweenaw Chevy

Keweenaw Chevy banners are up at Hoco and Dee Stadium.

Equipment Manager Report

Travis will finish out this year and then end his tenure as Equipment Manager

We had pucks missing from the Hoco one weekend; they were in the Finlandia locker room.

Booster Club Report

- All the championship awards and trophies and medals are in. The date for the awards night is not yet set.
- Coaching/Officials/State bound team reimbursement – Amber and Colleen distributed state bound checks. Each team got \$800. We must do some work on defining the rules for what that money is to be used for.
- Coaches' reimbursements: Jeff will notify coaches again. There are not many submissions.
- Referee reimbursement – Checks will be sent upon receipt of list.
- Concession shifts for OT tournament. A lot are filled but we have sat night not filled and a bunch on Sunday. We will probably have them covered but did send out an email with a reminder that there is availability.
- Colleen sent an email about the Markham coming for championship date to hand out medals and trophies.
- We will be doing an online form for voting this year instead of email.

Officials Report - Carson Stevens

Talked about the abuse of officials. Jon talked to Mike Jukuri and was told coaches were addressed, which was reflected in the last game with the 12U team. Received an email that Carson is stepping down, so we will need to find a new Referee in Chief.

Coaching Director report

Girls' teams at MAHA State Tournament

Amy gave a summary on the Girls MAHA state weekend. The 19U and 14U teams were runners up, and the 10U team went 1-3. All teams exceeded expectations, and we are excited for the future and sustained health of our program. We hope to schedule a THFF for girls before the next season.

Amy also reported that the exception request for Girls 14U AA and 19U AA team based out of Munising was granted by the committee.

Girls Programming

Jon is in contact with Lindsay Frye about putting on a Girls Hockey Event in the near future. The plan is that it would be open to all neighboring associations. There would be an adult meeting and player components for girls ages 12 and under and ages 13-19. We will need to obtain a USAH special events permit.

Travel Coach Applications

Will be posted after Annual Meeting.

Registrar/Safe Sport Report

Nothing to report.

Program Director Report

March 25-26 are the dates for this year's Jim Markham Memorial Championship Week.

The 8U+ tournament is next weekend (Mar. 22-24) in Fraser, MI. J. Peltier is sponsoring the CCJHA team.

Referee mentorship

It was suggested that the 8U+ games would be a good way for new referees to get used to full ice games. Kitti reported that this had taken place season, as well as some older referees acting as mentors for younger referees.

Web Administrator Update

- The Signup Genius form is live for championship games. Board members should sign up for games their children aren't playing in.
- An online form will be created for award nominations, as mentioned in the Booster Club report.
- Amy met with two software companies regarding products for ice time and referee scheduling. The products are reasonably priced and could be considered if a new scheduler takes over for the 2024-2025 season.
- Amy will post the Markham Championship dates and a ticker on our home page.

Old Business

MAHA Revisions to CCJHA Bylaws Revised Draft

Add stuff after annual meeting when we pick committees and stuff. Update redlines from MAHA and address player partial refunds and co-ops with other associations.

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

Dee Stadium has put insulation in the ceiling on 3rd floor. They are planning to install a puck pit and rubber flooring to make it a space available to teams for warmups. Nothing yet from HOCO.

Learn to Skate

NTR from Hancock.

Giving Tuesday

Keith has a list from Mike Babcock that was sent to the Executive team. Jon and Ian will follow up with Keith.

Wiitanen-McLean youth hockey scholarship application

See above section regarding girls programming.

CCJHA Nomination Committee for CCJHA BOD member/officer positions opening on April 10, 2024

Please encourage those interested to attend meetings as we have multiple openings.

New Business

We discussed if there was value in letting our membership know about the items that we need help with - perhaps in an email. An idea was put forth of a monthly newsletter that could incorporate referee topics, accomplishments, needs, coaching items, etc. Amy and Ryan were asked to work on a letter or email draft.

Adjournment

Next CCJHA BOD meeting (along with Annual Meeting) is scheduled for April 10, 2024.

A motion as made to adjourn by Jeff Peltier, Steve Mattson (support); motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.