

# **CCJHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

## **February 2023**

Meeting Date: February 8, 2023

Time: 6:34pm

### **Call to Order**

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

Absent: Sara Tormala

### **Guests and Public Comments**

Tom Glass

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Balances**

- Board Balance: \$107,201.26 (includes Giving Tuesday check)
- Referee: \$5,885.27
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$5,700.85

#### **Bills**

- Houghton County Ice (January): N/A (not received yet)
- City of Houghton (Dee) Ice: December: \$10,460.00
- SDC Ice (1/2/23): \$87.50 (had a credit for ice)
- District Tournament Referees: \$1,650
- Keweenaw Bay: \$790.00
- DAHA: \$997.00 (District tournaments)
- MHA: \$978.00 (District tournaments)
- JK Trophies and Medals: \$1,077.00
- State Tournament (10UAA): \$825.00 (went online and paid)
- State of MI (Annual Report): \$20.00

- USPS (Stamps): \$63.00

Paul Dube refund: what he had practiced (his games were in the Soo) so we charged 51.75 so we will refund \$448.25

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

## **Travel Committee Report**

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

Travel coach application process – Ryan Bennett has working on a draft for a Coach Selection Procedure. (Ryan's background is in human behavior, with a great deal of psychology and selection committee experience.) The goal is to create a process that is equitable, fair and is perceived as such. It would be nice to be measurable criteria, which makes it easier to make good decisions.

Amy will schedule a travel committee meeting to review Ryan's document. Then we will send out to whole board.

## **Equipment Manager Report**

### **Replacement of junior/youth goalie helmets (update)**

Goalie helmets have been replaced. Please let TJ know about equipment issues or other expired helmets.

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

Have not reached out yet but will before the next meeting.

### **Division 2 JV Team jerseys update (delivery date)**

Talked to Erik at Center Ice. The jerseys have been shipped and expects them any day now.

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

No update from Travis Hanson.

### **Update MAHA equipment bags**

Hasn't made any calls but can try to reach out. Michele is trying to reach out to the Marquette contact to get more information. It might be a good idea to get a few bags put together of new equipment to have available if we cannot get equipment from MAHA.

# **Booster Club Report**

## **Team pictures update**

Pictures are done and Colleen is handing them out. Photographer worked out well. Few issues with coaches and parents but overall went well. She is getting them to teams and having people reach out to photographer with any issues. Coach Gagnon and Salo apologize for their coaching behavior.

## **Concessions commitment for CCOTH Tournament (or options)**

Third weekend in March. At the last PLMES meeting, they are pushing that we will have the concessions open. Jon told them about the issues we have of getting workers. If we can push this harder? If CCJHA can't fulfill it, can we train some of their people to do it? If not, then they'll get the Forge or other food trucks to show up.

## **Officials Report**

Coach Ryan Gray submitted an email to Carson re: a hit that occurred during a 10UB game (LL Lions @ Edward Jones). In brief, a hit took place behind the net that was not called (CCJHA player hit a CHA player). Afterward, a CHA player skated around the net to the back and hit a CCJHA player who suffered a concussion. Carson concurred with the email that it looked intentional. Ryan felt the player should have gotten more than a minor penalty.

Jon will reply to the email and close the loop. Carson will send out an email to officials and use it as a teachable moment. Will also pass the information on to Pete Berg.

## **Coaching Director Report**

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

Jon still needs to reach out to the rinks and will put it on the list for next month. If the rinks can find the room, Thrivent has offered to donate the equipment for it.

### **Request for possible two girls' teams for 2023-2024 season (19U & 14U) with Negaunee Coop**

Jason Meneguzzo emailed that it looks like they'll have enough interest to split into two teams. He would like for us to gauge interest – see the numbers we might have. We can send out another survey to

female players but will wait until March 14 when the season is complete. Brady and Kelly Olson have also considered the possibility of a 12U girls' team for next season.

Jon talked to the Negaunee girls' coach, and he said they're having a good time in the co-op down there. There is a lot of good rapport and camaraderie; he supports doing it again next year.

## **Girls' hockey 2022-2023 roster issues**

We are trying to pull these rosters together for this weekend in Eagle River as a 12U team. Since we are pulling some house kids, we will have to go through a similar process to what the other travel kids did. Moving forward, we need to maintain open communication with the MAHA girls committee and explain what's going on and clean up the process for next year.

## **Goalie instructional sessions**

Jack Austin (alum of Racine Goalie Academy) has been working with some CCJHA goalies as a mentor/skills coach. He has worked with 4 or 5 of our goalies. He is looking to start something more permanent. Parents rent the ice and pay Jack to mentor/teach goalie skills to these kids. (This has nothing to do with CCJHA.) We're hoping he might go through all the coaching credentials so that he can be legal to help with the 2023-2024 season and fill the goalie coach gap in our association.

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

No report

## **Program Director Report**

### **AA Districts summary**

Districts are over. Travis Kilpela thanked the folks who put the tournament on and noted the good attendance we had at all the games.

Kitti reminded the board that when we host a tournament like this, there is never a home ice advantage. Multiple complaints were made about why CCJHA wasn't the home team. (The blowing of the horn was inappropriate in this situation.)

We didn't have a tournament committee, and we had teams with parents who did not volunteer to help all weekend. Karyn sent an email out to each travel team coach and said that as in the past, parents of

players volunteer to work at the tournament. Moving forward, we may have to consider a fine for those who do not fully participate if we are hoping to host tournaments like this in the future.

## **Jim Markham Memorial Hockey Monday/Tuesday**

Date is set for March 13 and 14 at Houghton County Arena.

The regular season ends on March 20.

## **Inter-city Championship Games**

The games will take place on March 1 (14U) at Houghton County Arena and March 2 (10U/12U) in Calumet.

## **Week leading up to Copper Country Old Timers Hockey Tournament**

CCJHA only has ice that week on Monday and Tuesday. That weekend is also JV State Tournament and the SEMCO team playing in the state playoff tournament.

## **Girls Skate**

We haven't heard yet when HOCO is pulling the ice, but estimate is in April. If we still have ice during the last weekend in March, it would be beneficial to have another all-girls skate (free). We could also have division skates or birth years skates.

## **Webmaster Report**

- Amy received the Livebarn credentials for Houghton County Arena from Scott Bershing.
- Website for the Districts worked well, I think. Alternative to printing out mass amounts of paper since we ran short on time to put together a proper program.
- MAHA bylaws haven't been approved yet. Are coming here for revisions. Kitti will follow up on that.

## **Old Business**

### **Hats for CCJHA Girls**

We are going to order hats for the CCJHA girls hockey participants/house players. Steve Mattson and GLSV have offered to pay for the hats.

Colleen has talked to Julie about trophies and medals for the House playoffs and Inter-City games.

## **New Business**

- Board members were reminded about the David Wiitanen & Slim McLean Memorial Youth Hockey Fund application (KCF). They will fund anything to youth hockey.
- Kelly Olson would like the association to put application in for the Decker Endowment fund for girls' hockey. She will lead that effort. Anyone interested get in touch with her if you would like to help.
- Jon French will be gone for the March and April/Annual meetings.
- Amy Blake has been elected to the MAHA District Board; term begins after the summer meeting.
- MAHA is moving to electronic game sheets for next season. Association will have to buy iPads (two at each rink). We will possibly apply for a One Goal Grant for the purchase.
- LOCKER ROOM MONITORS – these are required, and we need to enforce this and make sure we have them, especially at this time of year.

## **Adjournment**

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

Meeting ended at 7:51 pm.

## **Next Meeting**

Next CCJHA BOD meeting: March 8, 2023