

Polar Cap Board Meeting Sept. 3rd 2014

In Attendance: Jeff Barfield, Kristi Yeager, Kyle Friedow, Paul Hammer, Tony Marcin, Joe Garvey, Doug Carlson, Julie Broderick, Paul Myers, and introducing Kim Anderson for Recruiting, and Bronwyn Baldwin for U10/U14.

*Registration is coming to a close and there are still a lot of familiar families that have not registered. We hope to see a surge in the final days.

*The Goalie clinics will be held on Sunday evenings. The cost for the club will be \$700. All polar caps interested in playing goalie can attend. Kim mentioned her son went many times last year and found that if Larry wasn't present the camp was not run as well so that should be mentioned to them.

*PW and Bantam games have been 1hr. 30 min. Unfortunately, the Zamboni cannot get the ice clean in 10 minutes at MIA. Very few coaches have utilized the league recommendations of cleaning the ice during the games so we will leave game times to 1 hr and 30 minutes. Both coaches should discuss this prior to game time and agree to not cleaning the ice.

*There is studio ice available on Saturdays. Should the RWB hold some practices in those slots? Doug will talk with the league coordinator but it was mentioned that due to many of our skaters who play soccer there likely would be conflicts early in the season.

*The Polar Caps were picked as one of the non-profits that could sell Bucky Books. We received 58 free and have many more to sell. For each one sold the club and player(applied to skater fees) will receive \$7.50.

*Try Hockey for Free days are 9/27, 10/4, and 10/11. The USA try hockey for free day is set for 11/8. We need coaches for these events. Eric Anderson is planning to attend some of them as well as many of the Initiation coaches.

*There will be an open house/celebration of life for Vicki Joyal at MIA on Sept. 13th from 2-6pm. There will be scrimmage played by the Joyal boys.

*Tony Marcin has asked for some help with equipment from storage on Sept 13th from 9am -12pm.

Transfer Requests:

There was a request for transfer request by the family of Solomon Mettes. Solomon played Mites and one year of Squirts in Verona. He was granted a transfer last year but Jeff stated the family was informed that it likely will be for only one year. Ultimately, it was voted 7-4 in favor of NOT releasing Solomon this year. The reasons cited were that he lives in the Polar Cap school district (despite going to Verona schools) and we cannot continue to grant releases because if we lose too many skaters it will hurt the

growth of the club. The Patriots and McFarland were used as examples of how releases have hurt their programs. It was also mentioned that WAHA has been discouraging releases.

*We have 3 players(aged at Initiation) who want to move from Cross Ice to RWB. They all meet the criteria that they have 2008 birthdays and have played Cross Ice for one year. Therefore they will be allowed to move up.

*We also have 3 families who have played Initiation for 3 years but are not interested in the commitment required to move on to RWB. They have asked if they could play U10. It was agreed being that U10 does not have any calendar year requirements it should not be an issue.

*The Midget co-op is still unclear how many concession hours are expected as well as when they can register.

*There are still many questions on who will be Bantam coaches. Cross Ice and U10/14 appear to have volunteers.

*Doug reviewed coaches surveys. Overall we saw improvement. It was noted the lowest rating was regarding the number of practices. USA Hockey has been working on trying to get clubs to recognize that practice is more beneficial than games at the developmental levels. The concern with changing a game on a weekend to a practice is that it may be perceived as an opportunity for families to do other things because games tend to produce more commitment. This is something the club will continue to review and try to improve practice time vs. game ratio.

Julie asked if we could sell Thermal coffee mugs with our logo for a fundraiser. She will look at some websites and get a estimate but we thought \$10 for the mug and \$1 refills for coffee would be sufficient.