

Valley Youth Hockey Board Meeting 11.13.24

Elders Room @ Onondaga Nation Arena

In attendance: Jessica Allman, Paul Cassinelli, Craig Schwartau, Christina Hawelka, Becky Brightman, Michael Foley, Marissa Maines, Jamie Moran, Brad Brechler, Pat Hooks, Tim Jennings, Tony Polhamus

Meeting called to order 6:34 p.m.

Motion to accept meeting minutes – Marissa M., Brad B. – All voted yes (motion carried)

Financials –

- Balance sheet ■
- Profit loss from 22-23
 - o Registrations are down
- 14U travel –
 - o Missing payments from one player
 - o Pay by November 15th or else no play on the ice
- 18U split season
 - o Missing a half payment from a player
 - o Problem is season is almost on break
- 14U Major
 - o Missing one payment from a player
- House – Only ones that have not communicated a payment plan
 - o 8U (1 player)
 - o 10U (2 players)
 - o IP (1 player)
- Need to send an email that if no communication is provided before Thanksgiving (11/28) then the player will not be able to touch the ice
- If full payment is not accepted before January 1st then they cannot play until they pay.
- Meachem Ice Rink has gotten a grant for 3.5 million dollars for repairs on the facility. Improvements to be made to the facility. De-humidifier to be replaced
- Last week at Nation Rink will be closed 3/8/24

Motion to accept the financial report – as of November 12, 2024 – Tony P. and Marissa M. – All voted yes (motion passes)

Funding for House Teams and 8U

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Motion to raise Red & White Mite balance to \$1,000 and Blue to \$700 - \$3700 total. – Marissa M., Tony P. – All vote yes – (Motion passes)*

**With consideration to increase 2016 team(s) full ice budget at a later date.*

Discipline –

- 14U TB Major – follow up from last months discipline committee meeting. Player was given 5 games included game served while waiting hearing and 1 year probation with no game misconduct excluding the 4 penalties in a game rule, no other discipline issues. Parent refused and appealed to Central Section requested a release (we granted and refunded). He will not be able to play for any tournament bound team per Central Section this season and told he could not return to Valley without serving his full punishment.
- 16U Minor (dual roster player) received a major plus a game misconduct for fighting.
- 16U minor – player received a major plus a game misconduct for fighting and a game misconduct for an obscene gesture.
- 16U TB Major – game misconduct for persisting in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 16U TB Major - player received a game misconduct for boarding.
- 18U Independent – Central section currently looking into events at a game in Whitestown. There was a fight between a Whitestown spectator, who was yelling at one of our Valley players. He chased him to a locker room, where our parents intervened and removed him from the locker room. Where he then proceeded to put his hands around the

neck of one of our players parents. The cops were called to the situation.

- 18U Independent – Assistant coach received a game misconduct for persisting and a conduct that was already given a minor for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 16U TB Major – A player received a major misconduct for fighting, second of the season – so it goes into progressive suspension, so we will receive 1+3 additional games. (We met with player and parent to explain a progressive suspension).
- 16U TB Major – a player received a major plus a game misconduct for fighting.

Registrations numbers –

- Few additions to the registrations
- Mites are down a tiny bit.
- Dual roster numbers have doubled
 - If you are dual rostering in from another organization they should be charged a more than just the dual registration costs. We will table this and talk about it in the Spring.
- If kids are playing or practicing with multiple teams (Dunford) they need to register for Dual Roster.
 - Tony to discuss with this team in question
- Split season to end on Monday 11/18 (mid November)
- All rosters have been approved
- First strides is the only one that needs to be addressed and it needs a solid framework for the success of the association.

Scheduling –

- Is getting slightly better
- We will continue to work on moving forward with additional scheduling and further pre planning.
- 2 weeks out for scheduling is the goal for now.

Turkey Tournament –

- In great shape with 18 teams registered
- Looking for more volunteers to commit to helping
- Raffle baskets still coming into the Nation

Snack Shack –

- Marissa will clean out Steve's items and make updates
- She could work with Christina for a communication to send out with a team schedule to work the kitchen
- Funds will go back to the association
- If a team wants to take on running the kitchen then they could get the profit that comes from it.
 - o Further discussion is needed on this

Goalie/Radja-

- Ives is done this Tuesday with Goalie clinics
- Radja will continue to provide the clinics on Thursday evenings

Can we use Open Ice Slots to use these slots for training? It would be cost per person. Could it be something to do on vacation days?

Jersey Stores –

- Late registrations want jerseys
- The store will open but they won't get it into hands until January.
- Perhaps look into the closet at Meachem to see if they are in stock

Socks –

- Andy at the Pro shop at Onondaga Nation would be willing to sell Valley socks
- Would need to work out the price point on selling them

Crossbar Demo –

- \$200 more a year than SportsEngine.
- Processing fees are cheaper than SportsEngine
- Becky likes that the registration is different from the player registration.

- Potential to switch with feedback from others?

Large Raffle –

- Will be conducted at the Turkey Tournament
- Steve Eccles has extra tickets for people who want them.
- Brad Brechler collecting the money.

Code of Conduct Review –

- Review it annually at a meeting every year.
- Worth a look at as much as possible
- Needs to look at what we are as an association
 - o Development plans

January 1st start pushing for the next season to form the teams

- o Get back the 10U and 12U girls teams
- o Line up coaches and managers now
- o Start having the conversations now

Meeting called to an end – 8:40 pm – Motion by Jamie M. / Christina H. – All approved (motion carried)