



Tomah Youth Hockey Board Meeting

Location: Pizones

When: 04/14/2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Tommy Sayer, Luke Haun, Nate Niceswanger, Justin King, Gina Noth, Brian Dettle, Kenny Helgersen, Jay Greeno, Beau Oliver, Derek Nofsinger and Todd Chapman.

Members absent: Ryan Winchel, Andy Steele

STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS

1. Review/Approve Minutes from previous meeting- Dettle 1st, Haun 2nd, all in favor-approved.
2. Treasurer's Report- Report sent via email by King. Dettle 1st, Nofsinger 2nd, all in favor-approved. Referee fees and bonuses paid out. High School ice has been paid for. Utilities bill has been sent by city.
3. Facilities- Air handling/dehumidifier wheel replacement is being planned. Will most likely be late June/early July. No concerns or issues with ice shows held earlier this month.
4. WAHA & Director of Hockey- Nothing to report.
5. Equipment- Nothing to report.
6. Concessions- Wrapped up for the year. Left over candy will be donated to youth baseball program.
7. Fundraising- Nothing to report.
8. Tournaments- Next year's tournaments have been posted on website for 24-25 season. We still have potential for the U10B state tournament.
9. Scheduler- Nothing to report. Sayer had added Men's skate to schedule. If anyone wants to use ice they are to reach out to Niceswanger (Blue Devils). Not a lot of time openings available and Zamboni driver is needed.
10. Historical- College player plaques quote coming. Dettle discussed where these will be placed in warming area. Will look at moving LiveBarn monitor and if that wall space would work. Proposal by Dettle to have team photo area in cases for youth teams and HS teams. Potential for area where former college athletes were located. Dettle to request bid/cost for this project and bring back to board. New state championship banner for U10 girls will be hung this summer.
11. Long range Planning / Recruitment- July 4th parade is next event then try hockey for free event. Discussion about having multiple try hockey for free days entertained. Consensus was to have one when ice goes in and another closer to the season start. Will be discussed at future meetings.
12. TNT/Girls Program- Nothing to report.
13. Titans Co-op- Meeting to take place this summer. Request will be made to have Sparta open registration around the same time as TYH which would make things easier when trying to look at numbers for teams.
14. Junior Team- See below
15. Rink Expansion- See below

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review 2024 Board Election Results: Results were reviewed and tallied by Green, King, Nofsinger and Chapman prior to board meeting. Vote results resulted in Haun, Helgerson, Sayer, Noth, Dettle, Niceswanger, and Steve Ravenscroft elected for a two year term beginning with the May, 2024 re-organizational board meeting.
2. Discussion on boards/glass opportunity for outdoor rink: Sparta Youth Hockey is getting new boards and glass for their rink. Discussion about purchasing boards and/or glass was had. By consensus it was determined that TYH is not interested in either due to unpredictability of weather, storage, cost, and work needed for set up/take down. City of Tomah will be notified of availability of this opportunity.
3. Set date for Final Equipment Turn in Session: 05/08 is the last day of Blue Devil development camp. Equipment turn in will be immediately following camp that night from 6:45-7:30.
4. Discussion/Possible Action on additional social media administrator for TYH: Currently Greeno, Winchel, and Sayer do this. Need someone else to help. Lisa King volunteered to help and Winchel will be offered to stay on after his board appointment is over.
5. Discussion/Possible Action on purchases for rink
 - a. Cross Ice Nets/Pegs/Shooter Tutor: Motion made by Nofsinger NTE \$1000 for 4 new cross ice nets, Greeno 2nd. All in favor-approved. Oliver to purchase 4 sets of Pegs. Sayer to look at shooter tutor pricing and purchase or bring back to group depending on expense amount.
 - b. Concession Stand Items: Crock pot and Nesco to be purchased.
 - c. Rink Teardown Items: Helgerson to look at suction cup numbers for glass removal and if they work. Niceswanger to talk to Shane Adler about drilling new holes in concrete this summer for those that are stripped.
6. Rink Expansion Update
 - a. Review Progress on Construction & Timelines: Currently on schedule.
 - b. Review/Discuss Soil Sample Results: Soil sample came back bad, needing fill to be removed and rock added with sand back fill. Quote for entire area was \$54K and plan was readjusted to only complete needed footers. That quote was \$19k and approved by city to continue project without delay. Discussion ensued on TYH support for this unforeseen expense and Helgerson made motion for TYH to provide up to \$20k for this portion of the project. Greeno 2nd. All in favor-approved. Discussion of adding additional bleacher section to rink. Cost will be looked into.
7. Update from Jr. Team Committee: Final payments for locker room (\$2500), advertising (approx. \$1900), and final ice rental payments to total the full \$30,000 needed to finalize the first season. After payments received, discussion on next year's contract will ensue. Items to be discussed for next season include:
 - a. Workers for high school games need some training. Possible way to ensure players fulfill hours is to have a payment made to association in case hours not worked, make a schedule for them with assignments listed.
 - b. Players' participation at practice needs to be more consistent as the younger kids really enjoy this.
 - c. Area above press box needs a railing per the City.
 - d. Ice rental rates including assessment of this year's utilities and water usage. Zamboni usage will also be factored in.
8. Any other business properly brought forth: Nothing brought forth

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss Ice Takeout/Rink Cleanup Plans & Set dates: 5/23 is last BD practice. Ice out 5/28. Need to organize with City for trucks as they do not want ice dumped in the normal area. Need to contact Rick Moake to verify if date works for him. Plan for board/glass removal and final clean up on 06/04.
2. HS Girls team options
 - a. Update on TYH Tier 2 Application: Application to WAHA has been submitted.
 - b. Update on WIAA Co-Op: Meeting with Tomah AD, Brady Mathison, and Chapman took place 4/11. Group went over what steps have taken place so far including emails to WIAA, discussion with Sparta AD and discussion with BRF AD. Per WIAA 02/01 opt out of co-op deadline has passed. Co-op AD group will meet 4/17 at Tomah HS to discuss topic and outcome of that meeting will be brought back to group.

Meeting adjournment: Motion made to adjourn. Greeno 1st, Haun 2nd, all in favor-approved.

Next Meeting: May 5th, 6PM Pizones