



Tomah Youth Hockey Board Meeting

Location: Pizones

When: 04/16/2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Tommy Sayer, Derek Nofsinger, Beau Oliver, Jay Greeno, Nate Niceswanger, Kristi Roush, Ryan Winchel, Brian Dettle, Kenny Helgerson, Gina Noth and Todd Chapman. Members absent: Luke Haun, Andy Steele

STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS

1. Review/Approve Minutes from March 26th meeting- Dettle 1st, Helgerson 2nd, all in favor-approved. Review/Approve Minutes from April 3rd Off-Cycle Special meeting- Dettle 1st, Chapman 2nd, all in favor-approved.
2. Treasurer's Report- Report sent via email by Roush. Winchel 1st, Dettle 2nd, all in favor-approved. Roush made a motion to move \$50,000 into a different savings account to take advantage of current interest rates. Helgerson 2nd, all in favor-approved. Roush will call Cintas about invoices for services that have not taken place for some time. Referee bonus payments reflected on this month's financials.
3. Facilities- Everything is going well. Ice thickness is good for this point of the season. Meeting will be planned this summer/early fall with figure skating group to outline expectations from both organizations.
4. WAHA & Director of Hockey- Nothing to report.
5. Equipment- Final turn in date 05/01 after Blue Devils developmental practice or by notifying Haun or spring coach for those that continue to play.
6. Concessions- Freezer/cooler to be turned off to conserve energy.
7. Fundraising- Potential for bean bag tournament. Tentative date 06/17.
8. Tournaments- Will have better descriptions of tournaments next year to maintain competitiveness among all teams.
9. Scheduler- Figure skating winter show tentatively scheduled for 12/15 but this will be dependent on high school and junior A game schedule.
10. Historical- Former player recognition board discussed. Plan is for male and female NCAA college hockey players to have a 5 X 7 photo displayed to be worked on by Dettle. Oliver 1st, Nofsinger 2nd, all in favor-approved. TYH is missing a few photos for state tournament trophies. We will try to identify team members/families and reach out for photos. Sayer presented idea of hanging banners for our state championship winners. Meca will be contacted to price nylon banners to hang in the Tomah Ice Center.
11. Long range Planning / Recruitment- Discussion about need for Styrofoam pucks to be distributed at July 4th parade and NNO ensued. It was agreed upon that these are beneficial to grow the LTPH program. Greeno made a motion NTE \$1200 to purchase and print Styrofoam pucks for events. Helgerson 2nd, all in favor-approved. We will need to set date for even to not pay extra for printing and logistics.

12. TNT/Girls Program- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Board Election Results- Results tabulated and sent to current board members. Those who ran were contacted with final results. Current board members; Steele, Nofsinger, Oliver, Greeno, and Chapman reelected. Justin King was elected and will be replacing Roush.
2. Review Officials Pay Rates & Bonus Rates- Current pay scale is squirts, U10 (\$25), peewee, U12 (\$40), bantam, U14 (\$50). Current bonus is \$100 per 10 games refereed and TYH covers referee registration fee. Board members have reached out to others to compare pay scale and seems our numbers are equal to the surrounding area organizations but some others do not have a bonus incentive that we are aware of.
3. Discuss 2025 State Tournament Hosting Bids- We would like to again host state tournaments to bring exposure to the organization. We will plan on submitting bids for 2025 PW A, U12 Girls, U10 Girls and Sq A and this will be completed by Sayer.
4. Discuss Potential Golf Outing Dates- Tentative plan is for the 3rd or 4th weekend in August. Chapman will reach out to new management at Hiawatha Golf Course to look at options.
5. Discuss Ice Usage by TYH Members outside of scheduled practice & game times- Discussion took place on who can and who can't use ice during down time. It was determined that we welcome skating for TYH members in addition to our co-op partners skating with TYH members. Former players involved with junior programs or college teams are also able to skate. All skating needs to have a Zamboni driver lined up to avoid the complaints of dirty ice prior to practices, figure skating, or other events. The scheduler will be contacted to verify if the ice is available. Information must be provided to the scheduler on who is skating and who is resurfacing afterwards. The Scheduler must provide approval before skating. Any requests that include players not associated with TYH will be forwarded to the board for consideration under our Ice Rental Policy. Sayer to post this procedure on TYH Website.
6. Discussion/Possible Action on Scoreboard Quotes- Greeno discussed potential scoreboard updates. Daktronics scoreboards are most expensive so he reached out to Sparta to inquire about the unit they purchased. A quote was received for 2 scoreboards similar to our current set up with digital names, wireless connectivity, LED bulbs for approximately \$13,400. Additional, displays for top and bottom of scoreboard were discussed and price is \$800 per display area. Nofsinger made a motion NTE \$17,000 without further board approval for the purchase of 2 new scoreboards with a top and bottom LED banner. Helgerson 2nd, all in favor-approved. This discussion also led to the discussion of wall protection from pucks for the end of the rink. Further research needed to look at products and associated costs.
7. Any Other Business Properly Brought Forth- Non brought forth.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ice Takeout Plans- Discussion took place on who needed ice and when. Decision made to turn ice off 5/17 with ice removal 5/18. Plan to have rink clean up and board/glass removal 5/22.
2. Jr. Team Update- Announcement made that the Wisconsin Woodsmen would be coming to Tomah and the process is moving forward. A coach should be announced soon and communication with team will continue.

3. Rink Expansion Update- Greeno explained that the cost of the project has been returned and is nearly double the original estimate. Keller continues to look over bids and plans in order to decrease cost of project. Some bids have already been adjusted. Current plan is to request additional funds of hotel tax to pay for project from the City of Tomah along with fundraising opportunities by TYH.

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

Next Meeting: May 21st @ 6:00p.m. Pizones