



## Tomah Youth Hockey Board Meeting

Location: Pizones

When: 11/12/2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

### **STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Review/Approve Minutes from previous meeting- Nofsinger 1<sup>st</sup>, Haun 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor-approved.
2. Treasurer's Report- Report sent via email by King. Dettle 1<sup>st</sup>, Greeno 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor-approved. Ice rental income still coming in for WEHL and Blue Devils. Down payment of 8k for dehumidification system made. Motion made by King to move Bank First account to TACU. Dettle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor- approved.
3. Facilities- Settings on Zamboni continue to be touched/moved when they shouldn't be. Reminder will be sent to the driving group as a reminder not to mess with the settings. Parking break fixed on Zamboni. Temperature settings of rink/ice have been good for the Woodsmen games. Glass has been cleaned by HS team.
4. WAHA & Director of Hockey- Nothing to report.
5. Equipment- Nothing to report
6. Concessions- Nothing to report. Noth added that a donation jar was added and has done well so far this past weekend.
7. Fundraising- Potential to set up Woodsmen away game bus for members/community. Greeno will look into bus and other logistics for feasibility. This will be an adult bus only.
8. Tournaments- All are full besides U14 A girls. Plan is to cancel A portion of this tournament and make it a B tournament. Current teams will be contacted. All coaches will be sent the teams signed up for their tournaments and the teams are responsible for the schedule, workers, etc. Sayer will help with trophy purchases.
9. Scheduler- Schedule is complete. Noth asks that any changes be communicated to her in order to keep Sports Engine up to date.
10. Historical- Nothing to report.
11. Long range Planning / Recruitment- Try Hockey For Free program went very well. The board would like to thank the Woodsmen organization for their help and support.
12. TNT/Girls Program- Discussion about current HS girls Co-Op team occurred. Current Status is that BRF school district leadership is unwilling to change the Team name. Concerns heard about practices and schedules. Recommendation made to have a group put all available information together on our current Girls youth & HS programs and concerns with current HS Co-Op. Group would then address with to TASD AD. Chapman will be point person with the help of Steele, Noth, and Greeno.
13. Titans Co-op- Coaches meeting last week with this year's expectations laid out.

14. Junior Team- Woodsmen players will begin helping with youth practices. Typically 3 players will be present for practices in both Tomah and Sparta.
15. Rink Expansion- Bid process is complete and next City meeting is 11/20 so we should be hearing something soon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Update on Rosters & General Discussion on teams:
  - a. TNT U10: 14 skaters. Will register as A team.
  - b. TNT U14: 19 skaters, 1 goalie. Motion made to accept player K.B. request by Dettle, Greeno 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor- approved. Motion made to allow team to play up to 50 games by Greeno, Dettle 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor- approved. Waiting for WAHA decision on request allowing team to exceed 18 players/2 goalies and also waiting for WAHA decision of acceptance of a player transfer.
  - c. Titans Squirts: 14 players. Will register as B team. Tournament second weekend of December and they will need some help from the board.
  - d. Titans PW: Two teams. 3 dual rosters are playing on PW B.
  - e. Titans Bantam: One team made up of 5 Tomah players and 10 Sparta players.
2. Ice Rental Request: Adult group requesting to rent ice on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Motion made by Greeno to allow, Nofsinger 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor- Approved.
3. Blue Line Club Update- Blue Line Club (BLC) has received their tax ID number but unable to run raffles, etc for 1 year per rules and regulations. Motion made by Dettle to continue running fundraising as TYH until BLC able to run themselves, Greeno 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor- approved.
4. Work Hour Signup Discussion: TYH continues to solicit organizational help for events. Workers needed for clock/announcing at HS games. BLC has agreed to fill these spots as needed. Other spots are being filled and more openings will be released throughout the season. BLC has been cleaning after Woodsmen games but there will be games in which they are unavailable. The opportunity will be given to Girls HS team and then youth teams for donation to their groups at the discretion of TYH board.
5. Review facility settings for HS/Woodsmen Games: See above in facilities
6. Discussion/Possible Action on Dryland Equipment Purchase: Request made by Helgerson to purchase some dryland equipment that will be utilized by Cross-ice but also available to all youth teams. Motion made by Greeno NTE \$700 to purchase dryland equipment sets for organizational use with grant money received, Dettle 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor- approved.
7. Review/Set 2023-2024 Referee Pay Rates: Motion made to increase pay scale (\$5 per game) to align with other local associations by Greeno, Haun 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor- approved.
8. Any other Business Properly Brought Forth
  - a. Request made to release player (W.M.) from bantam team. Player's parents were present and explained reasons for request. Motion made by Greeno to grant release of this player for the 2023-2024 season, Helgerson 2nd. All in favor- approved. Sayer and King signed release form, family to gather signature from accepting Association and submit to WAHA.
  - b. Request made to accept U14 TNT player. See above in update on rosters (b).
  - c. Request made to accept LTPH player from Merrillan d/t logistical issues with family. Motion made to accept by Nofsinger, Helgerson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor- approved.
  - d. Locker room policy clarification: Current guidance to locker room monitors is that no cell phones or smart watches are allowed in locker rooms. Discussion

had that some brands of smart watches do not have recording capabilities that others do. Discussion had that it is not feasible to expect locker room monitors to check for brands/capabilities of watches. Opportunity given for any board member to propose changes to current guidance. No motions were made. Policy will remain to not allow any cell phones or smart watches in the locker room.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Board Member Requirements (USA Hockey, Safesport, Background Check): All members have completed and Sayer will submit forms.
2. Wall of Remembrance: Submissions have been received or are being finalized for the following TYH supporters chosen for the display. These include, J. Martalock, G. Ewers, A. Hanson, D. Greeno, M. Roush, S. Doll and A. Ritter. At this time, 1 other family has chosen not to submit.

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

Next Meeting: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6PM Pizones