

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 02/18/25 Time : 1835. Location: Bay Center conference room

Attendees: Jenn Burkhart, Greg McMenimen, Megan Waldron, Lisa Seifert, Lindsay Thompson, Tricia Bamford, Brian Hendrich, Landon McKinnon, Bryce Porter

Bryce Porter has requested to speak to the BoD regarding the creation of a second 12U travel team. Bryce states that the current 12U team is only losing 1 player next season, as the roster is expected to remain the same as it is this season. He states that there are 8 10U travel players ready to move up to 12U. Given these things, there will be no room for those travel players to continue to advance. Bryce calculates that there will be at least 15 players available to a second team, while 12-17 will remain house players. 8 returning travel players.

3 house players that are likely ready to move to trade, 2 goalies, and possibly up to 5 additional players. Bryce states that he has encouraged parents to sign up for travel try-outs asap so that the sign up numbers can support the idea of a second 12U team. Greg supports the idea of a travel A and a travel B. Bryce stated that they have been in contact with Coach Brad about the status of the current 12U House team. Bryce states that he and Evan Merrell would like to coach the second team. He states he has also spoken with Dan DeAngelo and Cristian Dediu as well, both are willing to assist. Bryce is asked if there will be a goalie for the house program and he states there will be. Landon emphasized that the second team will not be able to play at the same level as the existing 12U team, Bryce acknowledged that.

There are concerns about how we can support a second team in regards to practice time. The 25-26 ice schedule is not yet available, so we will have to assess our options when that is released, but the general idea is that is basically the same number of kids, we're just offering these children the ability to advance. A deadline of March 8th has been set to finalize a coach for the new 12U team. *All are in favor* of adding a 12U travel B team. Lisa will make a graphic for the membership, addressing FAQ and explaining the overall structure of the 12U travel program.

Landon previously requested, and was granted, the money to purchase customized hats for all 32 coaches. He has not yet ordered them, but the order is ready to be paid for by Tricia, he will be sending her that. These hats will be distributed at that coaches meet and greet event coming up later in Feb. Landon would like that event to be separate from a meeting. Location TBD.

Lisa will make a social media post announcing the travel coaches.

Treasurer update, the sun biz annual report has been filed. FDACS form was emailed, but Tricia is unsure how to pay for that. She will find out. She will also be submitting taxes soon.

Bay Center Jan bill has been paid. We are still waiting on fundraising checks from the Ice Flyers. Tricia states that there have been several access attempts on the bank account that she cannot account for. She requested a multi-factor log in. Tricia notes that there is \$600 listed in accounts payable, that is the pending checks for coaches credits.

Greg states we may end up with 3 days of ice in April. Megan said Lisa did a mock up of sponsorship shirts with a clean, modern design. The cost is \$10.60/shirt (plus shipping) with a minimum order of 40. The Oar House logo requires color. Lisa suggested we have Stadium Sports handle the shirts by offering them for sale on their site. That way they can be purchased directly by the people who would like one. Current sponsors on the tee are the Oar House, Bay Center, and Ice Flyers. *All agree* that the Stadium route is the best idea. Stadium sports will also make a donation to our organization quarterly on all sales. That is an auto deposit. Squad locker is also available for branded merch. The items sold there tend to be brand name, like CCM for example. All agree that it's nice to offer that to people looking for a slightly different quality of product. They also make a 5% donation on all sales. They have donated as much as \$12,000 in the past. As a league, we will offer both stores to the membership. Both will be listed on the website. Greg states that in the future, it would be ideal to purchase things like coaches gifts from places like squad locker, since they give donations back. Lisa also suggest gift cards for coaches in the future.

Brian ordered the medals for the end of the year party. He got 160. He will collect gear from LTP on Sunday. He states that they will request that the bags be left by participants and he will take them to the storage unit. Greg will remind them to turn in the equipment. Lindsay is planning to take photos of the assessments that are handed out by James, so we have a record.

Lindsay has been taking applications for the assistant registrar position. None of the applicants appear to be a good match at this time. She states the LTP will need a manager, more than an assistant registrar. Should LTP be capped next season? Greg states that this was a "catch up" year and he doesn't expect to have as many move through next season. The next BoD should reevaluate roles and spread it out more evenly. Lisa also recommends the use of committees since the bylaws speak of them. Equipment may be more available to assist with LTP since the uniforms will be ordered by parents.

It is disussed that members could be offered volunteer hours for attending commissioner meetings, and the like, when ice availability is discussed.

Shelving unit for the storage area is on hold since the parent volunteer has been out of town for work.

The uniform vote from the membership was tied. 19 for no change, 19 for a new design, and 2 for reversible. At this time the board will leave the uniform design the same, remove the shell, and offer only 1 color sock. We will offer a reversible jersey and the standard set. *All approve.*

The ordering process with jersey numbers is an issue. The parent will need to order the uniform and will be responsible for getting the correct size and pick up.

Should we ask Stadium to send all orders to our equipment manager for numbers? Brian recommends that we ask for top 3 number choices at registration, as we have in the past. Once equipment approves the number, they will be sent a link to order their jerseys from Stadium. Brian also suggests a deadline for jersey number guarantee. This season we had previous players sign up just prior to the first practice and their number was taken by someone else, under the assumption that they weren't returning when they waited so long to register. The deadline could be the end of early registration. Brian states he feels like September 1st would be a more reasonable date.

Reimbursement of childless coaches is discussed. Greg would like to research how other organizations handle this. If the coach's room is cover 100% or if they're given a stipend at the beginning of the season. Greg thinks the room should be completely covered by the team, and Jenn seconds that idea.

Lisa would still like to address the financial logistics of discount codes. Tricia can look at the numbers to see if the discount codes are costing the league an excessive amount. She states she doesn't think they are. Add this to a future agenda.

End of the year party will be held at Red Fish Blue Fish. It will be \$20/person. April 12 at 11am. Jenn will do all the confirmations tomorrow. Jason will work the election time line in reverse from the party date.

Next meeting will be March 12, 2025. Time and location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 2041.