



DYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Decatur Civic Center

Board members present: Ross Bareksten, Mark Birch, Jen Deaton, Ryan Katt, Jim Keller, Blayne Mathis, Andy Stukins, Karen Quick

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:32PM by Ross.

2. Approval of the November Minutes

- a. Motion by Jim to approve minutes
- b. 2nd by Blayne
- c. Motion passes unanimously

3. Public Forum / Member Comments

- a. N/A

4. Financial Review

- a. N/A – Treasurer absent

5. Raffle License & Non-Profit Status

- a. Paperwork for not for profit status has been submitted and approved
- b. Part of Raffle License is proving you are a not for profit
 - i. Cost was \$150
 - ii. List of current membership has been provided to the accountant

6. Cage and Equipment Review

- a. New Medium Sized Goalie Nets
 - i. Will be working to get some new
- b. Powder Coating and Netting Update
 - i. Two frames are in the warehouse to pick up for powder coating
 - ii. New nets will be restrung after powder coating has completed
 - iii. New skirting was located by Bert so will just need to be re-printed before next season begins
- c. Goalie jerseys to be returned from J. Erickson
 - i. A board member needs to store over the season so they are not exposed to moisture in the cage
- d. Will look at pucks and if we need additional in the off-season
 - i. Looking to keep a bag or bucket of blue, white and black pucks in coach's locker room next season

- e. Need to make certain that we order jerseys to provide to MOAM/STL Blues next year;
Need to order with first jersey store next season

7. End of Year Wrap Up

- a. Year end survey to go out to membership over the course of the next week
- b. Locker Room Assignments
 - i. Would like to change the process for locker room usage where locker rooms are assigned at the beginning of the season.
- c. **CrossBar Education**
 - i. Suggestion was made to hold meetings on how to utilize; best practices; etc especially for those new to DYHA and the app.
- d. **Hudl Review**
 - i. Skip accounts for 8U full ice next year -
 - ii. 10U used extensively
 - iii. 12U used as well, seemed to pick up more usage toward the end of the season
 - iv. 14U players were logging in as time allowed to watch game play, clips, etc
 - v. Suggestion was made to offer Hudl education for coaches next season; potentially at the beginning of the season Coach's Meeting
- e. **Goalie/House Program**
 - i. Ryan/Ross plan to meet with Blake Dotson and Brett Poe over the summer to discuss both programs – what we can do better, what we need to keep doing, any changes that they would like to see

8. Summer Activities

- a. **July Ice in Decatur**
 - i. Confirmed for 7/28 ice down at the Civic Center in Decatur
 - ii. Civic Center looking at potentially putting together 3V3 tournament
 - iii. 8/4-8/8 Blaze looking to potentially put on a camp
 - iv. 1-2 after school clinics per week may be offered prior to regular season
 - 1. 4:15-5:15 potentially
 - v. Civic Center putting together new website and will hopefully include a place for registrations for any of the clinics/camps/etc.
 - vi. Idea brought up to start Beginners or Learn to Skate during the 7/28 ice start to get a head start on where skaters need to be for the regular season
- b. **Splash Cove**
 - i. Ryan to look into date for this activity
- c. **Pucks and Putts Golf Outing**
 - i. More hole sponsorships, less auction items
- d. **Spirit Wear**
 - i. In the off-season, need to review catalog with Maverik and come up with some new design ideas for spirit wear as orders were down from the year prior
- e. **Movie Night**
 - i. No Movie Night will be offered this summer due to closure of Avon

9. Other Miscellaneous Items

- a. Call out of thanks for 14U coaches for being supportive of both 14U teams this year and for all of the teamwork that went into managing two teams at the 14U level this year

- b. 10U Head Coach Andy Stukins requested feedback on giving each player on his 10U team a weekend with the Blue Note Cup over the Spring/Summer
 - i. Board didn't have any negative feedback to offer and Andy advised he was aware he would have to be responsible for the Cup while it is with players and responsible for getting it back safely for next year

10. VP – 16U Update and Next Steps

- a. Jim to setup a meeting with Bill to discuss vision for 16U program and alignment
 - i. Had several interested families reach out with interest
 - ii. AHA! rules state that you cannot mandate high school play and 16U play and vice versa
- b. Earliest date to open registration needs to be determined (could be done as soon as 4/1) but holding try-outs as late as possible

11. By-Laws & SOP Review/Timeline for Adjustment

- a. **Voted to send out changes to by-laws to the membership as presented below in red:**
 - i. **SKATING UP/DOWN**
 - ii. No individual player shall skate up or down with a team they are not rostered on. First-year members of DYHA shall be required to play at their own respective USA Hockey age level.
 - iii. Players (~~10U and 12U~~ at all **Travel** levels) may try out for a team above their respective age, so long as the following steps are adhered to:
 - 1. a) The player must be a second-year player at his/her current playing level (e.g. a first-year 10U may not petition to skate up with 12U).
 - 2. b) A parent or guardian of the player must submit a written request for the player to skate up. This petition must be submitted to the DYHA Hockey Director and President two weeks prior to try-outs.
 - 3. c) Player must attend both age-level tryouts and be observed by the Head Coaches of both teams and the Hockey Director. The consensus decision will be presented to the Board for approval by the Hockey Director.
 - 4. d) No age appropriate age player **who is otherwise developmentally qualified to play on the travel team as determined by the Hockey Director** shall be cut to make room for a player requesting to play up.
 - iv. **Travel Team:**
 - v. [...]
 - 1. b) Age classifications:
 - a. Beginner
 - b. 8U
 - c. 10U
 - d. 12U
 - e. 14U
 - f. **16U**
 - g. 18U
 - h. High School

- vi. Motion to approve changes to GOP's as indicated in red above by Jim
- vii. 2nd by Andy
- viii. Motion passes unanimously

12. Annual Board Meeting

- a. Notification must go out to membership by 3/28
- b. At least one board member position will be vacated

13. Discussion Topics

- a. DYHA Logos Damaged as Ice Taken Up
 - i. Not related to ice racing event at Civic Center
 - ii. In years' past, ice has been shaved down to 1" and chillers have been left on until glass is taken down
 - iii. Logos usually only take 2 ½ hours to be removed
 - iv. Blaze logo took 7 hours to be melted out from the ice
 - v. It took 3 people X 7 hours each to get center logo out
 - vi. Demolition hammers were used to get ice up
 - vii. Excavator is last step to remove all remnants of ice
 - 1. Came today and could not even begin to get remnants of ice out
 - viii. Fall of 2022 new logos were ordered from Decatur Blueprint
 - ix. Rink Specialties is sending a sample logo to experiment with over the summer to see if ice melt will work to avoid damage of logos
 - x. Ross to talk to Civic Center and Blaze to discuss following points
 - 1. Will not seek damages to logos this year
 - 2. Will not be charged for labor to remove logos which were damaged
 - 3. Look at putting down smaller logo inside blue and red lines to be balanced with Blaze logo OR potential to keep logos as is, albeit a bit damaged, for next year.

14. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Blayne to close meeting at 7:29PM
- b. 2nd by Jim
- c. Motion passes unanimously.