SYHI Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, November 5, 2020 7:00pm

Location: Wilton Town Court, Wilton, NY

Prepared by: Ryan J. Marry

In Attendance in Person: Eddy, Guyette, Hunt, Marry, Comora, Higbee, Temple, Coseo, Raymonda, Phillips, Waters, Hartzell

In Attendance via Zoom: Ballou, Cooper, Ovitt

Absent: Emmons, Cowieson, Nelson

Overview

1. Called to order at 7:09pm
    a. Motion to approve and accept September 2020 minutes
    b. Coseo 1st
    c. Phillips 2nd
    d. All approve
2. Committee Reports
    a. Marketing Committee
        i. No meeting this month
        ii. Store will be closing this week
        iii. **Action:** Look into company to get new warm-ups and gear
    b. Finance Committee
        i. Motion to approve treasurer's report- All agree
        ii. Ran at a deficit of $16,000 last year.
        iii. Projections sent out past week. They put together a better sense of direct costs and general overhead to get better clarity for structure of pricing long term.
        iv. Trying to get a system set up so that it will not have to be a manual pull through. Would like to press a button in Quickbooks that will reconcile everything.
    c. Governance Committee
        i. Meeting to go over bylaws **Action:** revision of bylaws to be put together by next meeting
        ii. Will be looking at certain laws that conflict with dates for this season. Can not rely on end of season event to close the season.
    d. Coaching and Development
    e. Scheduling and Facilities
        i. Vernon supposed to open early December
        ii. Schedule will change for all teams
    f. Communications
        i. 1st newsletter will be out soon
        ii. Attempt to put a form of connection out with other members in the organization **Action:** Look into adopt-a-mite program or equipment exchange days
3. City Updates
    a. Rinks will probably not get shut down due to positive revenue stream. There was concern over Rec budget cuts.

b. Trying to lease Vernon and be the sole user of rink.
c. John Hirliman has to come up with numbers and finalize proposal
d. Contract for zamboni will have to be created
e. **Action:** explore insurance risks for leasing/managing the facility
f. Budgeted $88,000 this year for ice, as opposed to $140,000 prior years

4. Scholarship Applications
    a. Take annual registration cost and divide into four payments and normally the scholarship would cover the 4th payment for those players
    b. There is not a lot of money in the scholarship account. It was never created to fully fund a player's cost
    c. There were two accounts 1- special raffle and 2- legitimate scholarship fund.
    d. 6 or 7 players were said to have applied this year
    e. This year if divided between players requesting scholarship, those players will be given $300 each
    f. It was decided to take some of the extra money from Summer Knights and Horst's programs and put in the scholarship fund. 1st- Hartzell, 2nd Waters, All agree
    g. **Action:** Create a true scholarship fund
5. Team Travel
    a. Asked by NY amateur hockey to hold off on travel until next week
    b. DOH and CDC have stated that sports need to follow county guidelines
    c. Saratoga County has not put anything into writing but has stated that we can not travel out of NYS because we have to follow NYS guidelines
    d. Parents have called schools complaining that they have heard hockey players traveling and coming into the buildings without quarantining
    e. Lobbyists working on this for NYSAHA and Long Island specific teams in attempts to get the governor to allow traveling for hockey
    f. It is recommended to press pause on any travel until Thanksgiving
    g. Girls teams was told they were allowed to travel in prior meeting and has a few games out of state. It was stated girls teams would probably "go rogue" if told could not travel. Discussion continued and it was decided to table issue until more information from the state is provided on winter sports. A virtual meeting will be sent out to discuss this at a later date.
    h. **Action:** Signature needed on COVID waivers
    i. **Action:** Request formal clarification from North Country
    j. **Action:** Need to know who on girls team is playing that is not rostered
6. Skills with Hockey Hut
    a. When Vernon open, skills will start again on Wednesdays
    b. Two groups per week
    c. Austin will come every other week for goalies
7. Girls Game Committee
    a. 5-6 members on committee
    b. **Action:** See if we can get lacrosse girls mailing list
8. Ace Report
    a. Hockey director for ADM
    b. Coach's meeting needs to occur more frequently
    c. Needs to have a player safety coordinator
    d. Player/Coaching development committee to meet 2nd week of the month
9. New/Old Business
    a. E-mails have not been going out to as many people for Horst's program. Currently only using current registration and recommended to use prior year's mailing addresses
    b. Pond Hockey League within levels. Pilot with the squirt and peewee levels. Possibly have $10 jerseys made for those players and then mimic with the mite program
    c. Possibly use Microsoft program to have COVID check-in
    d. Continue to look at retention issues and keeping players at our organization
    e. Red Cross Blood drive for awareness- see if members will be willing to donate
    f. Look into organizations for a Christmas fundraiser

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm. 1st Hartzell, 2nd Phillips