

Parma Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023

Location: PHA Board Room

Members Present: Pete Kraguljac, Sarah Stankiewicz, Sara Stettin, Cherie Kurlychek, Mandi Acierno, Brad Bucci, Nancy Kappel, Brian Meek, Jon Egan, Kevin Clements, Ryan Bissler, Tessa Kostura

Visitors: Jeff Elton, Nicki Straight, Chris Shamshak, Jamie Martin, Kelley Leonette, Katie Breudigam

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Pete Kraguljac.

- **Approval of Minutes:** Motion carried to approve January 5, 2023, minutes: (1) Ryan (2) Tessa (2) 11-0-0.
- **Visitors' Business:**
 - Kelley Leonette: How do the petitions work? What is going on for a Mite Gold?
 - Pete: Petition process is a coach recommendation
 - Will discuss in March
 - Old rule was if they petition up, they stay at that level
 - Pete: we changed it a few years ago
 - If there's a disagreement between board and family, it's a board decision
 - Nikki: what if you petition up and everyone agrees
 - Pete: You are petitioning to try out, and if you don't make it, you decide...
 - Coaches and evaluators decide where the kid fits best
 - Board votes on where to put child
- **Hockey Committee:**
 - Transition meetings are next week
 - Purpose: here's how it goes, the process, etc.
 - Transition skates are scheduled
 - Ryan: transition skates for Mites are for 15s and 16s
 - The goal is 4-5 touches before tryouts
 - Tryout updates
 - Secured 5 hours at Baron on 3/18, 3/19 PW, Sq, Mites
 - 2 hours here on Mon, Tues (Bantams)
 - By the end of the weekend, we'll have One teams figured out, if we need time to figure out others, we can take additional time on Mon and Tues and involve guys who coach
 - We will need plenty of administrative help at beginning of sessions to keep everything straight
 - Evaluators are four area high school coaches
 - One Bantam, three PeeWee, three Squirts is the anticipation
 - Full ice Mite team
 - We cannot guarantee a full ice Mite team until we see the tryouts and what the tryouts look like
 - We need to find 13 skaters of comparable skill (no talent gaps) to field a team

- At minimum, there will be a hybrid team. If done correctly, they would play regular CSHL season and then full-ice games.
- Pete: 20 CSHL games and then target 40 full ice games; USA Hockey says no
- Pete: if he wants to do something, they will turn a blind eye to it
- Pete: thought is a year-round full-ice Mite tournament where we play full ice games
- Pete: so it would be a like it's own season
- Ryan: If they register under AAU, there will be coverage
- Brad: all other teams will have to register as AAU, too
- Ryan: it would be easiest if we register them and then we can pull them to us
- Sarah: kids that don't make the Elite full ice teams and other places will be sent here, so we want to have something to offer them
- Ryan: AAU starts September 1, so we can get them running 9/1 and use some of the connections we've made
- Pete: The takeaway is that we will have that team. It's something that's wanted. Our league does not like
- It will be a Red 1 team playing a CSHL schedule and then also full ice games
- Pete: It will be a hybrid team; there are benefits to ADM
- Pete: They will be charged as a Squirt team
- Brad: Ice is at a premium; more rinks may close down; it's next to impossible to get ice
- Sarah: We fight to keep the touches what they are here
- Pete: Our biggest issue ice-wise is always Monday through Friday
- Ryan: Once we can set it up with AAU, PHA's name will be **Gold Flyers**
- Pete: USA Hockey says you can't be dual-rostered.
- Pete: We should get a separate jersey for the AAU team
- Pete and Sarah agreed on something: "Let's move on."
- It will be our Mite 1 team
- Girls team update
 - Open skate is this Friday; it's for those who are interested.
 - Right now he has 20 skaters and 5 goalies; some are Mites
 - We need to get to 13 to make this work
 - Matt is working on ice at other rinks
 - Garfield's plan is actually for beginners; we can share ice with them
- Petition-ups

Amendment to these notes, as discussed and voted upon on 2/22/23 via Telegram:

A player may only petition to try out for a higher age division with the recommendation of their current Head Coach, Hockey Director or Head of Program. All petitions must be submitted, in writing, no later than February 28 to the Hockey Director, if appointed, and Head of Program.

The Hockey Committee will review all petitions with the child's current Head Coach and either deny or allow the child to participate in any transitional ice practices, as well as attend tryouts at the higher level if it is in the best fundamental interest of that player. By CSHL and USA Hockey rule, a player may only "play up" if they are in the last year of a given age division (i.e. they cannot move to peewees if they are a first year squirt).

MOTION: To change the Petition-Up rule to: "In the event that a player does try out at a higher level and is not happy with the team they are placed on, a conversation will be had with the tryout evaluators as to which team the player would fit best on at the lower age level and the player may choose to stay on the selected team at the older level or return down to the younger age division. Sarah (1); Jon (2). 8-1-1 via Telegram

- Coaches applications
 - 13 applications as of now
 - There are a couple applications for each of the One teams
 - We may have two or three non-parent inquiries in coaching
 - Sarah: Once they are in, we have to publicly post the applicants on website
- Evaluations
 - 30 have been submitted; zero have yet to be negative
 - Cherie: Need to resend out the applications, evaluations, etc.
- **President's Report:**
 - Tryouts and Board members' roles, expectations
 - Pete to Brad: Please draw them up, put them in Hockey Systems
 - Brad: Encourage them to come for an interview, even if they don't think they'll do it
 - Pete: Everyone has to be present at tryouts, so all hands on deck
 - Pete: If people have questions, send them to Pete or Sarah
 - Pete: At Niagara, we will not talk about tryouts or anything.
 - Pete: Do not get kicked out
 - Playoffs and finals
 - All head coaches have a roster sheet
 - They have to be submitted to the league by the 18th
 - Home teams have to run the clock and keep score
 - At the end of the season, we need to give feedback to the league
 - Every play off game is at OBM; they have a great training video on how to run their clock
 - Settin to create a sign-up Genius for PHA to volunteer to keep score
 - CSHL meeting recap
 - Went over playoffs
 - Brought up full-ice and and 30 minute conversation
 - They don't think 7 year olds should play on full ice like college kids do
 - 4 open board seats for CSHL
 - Elections
 - Elections are February 23
 - Ryan will have one together by Friday
 - Nancy cannot be here on the 23rd; neither can Pete
 - We have 6-8 applications submitted
 - Nancy: any absentee ballots?
 - Sarah: we can have lifetime board members
 - Sarah: we can add extra board seats and lifetime members
 - Mini and Mighty Mite games
 - Nancy led a great meeting with the Mites this weekend

- Brad and Pete attended
- They're having a great year; they have come a long way
- They can pivot, etc.
- Mighty Mites has their first game this weekend
- March ¾ the season will end
- Coach Egan has been running the Mighties
- Pete: a couple families should get Squirt transition emails...

- **Vice President's Report:**

- Bantam Salute
 - Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 pm
 - Brian will run the clock for the 2:15 pm game
 - Sarah will run the music
 - Ian is doing a light show
 - Mandi and Cherie are doing prepping: pizza, flowers, etc. for families
 - Put questionnaire in number order, so they can be lined up
 - Everyone should be there
- Niagara tournament
 - All of teams are on website with my hockey rankings
 - Tuck's team pulled out; they panicked
 - Some of the Mite teams (including Mite 1) do not fit
 - All of the local teams will not see each other in seeding; just if they get to playoffs
 - Schedule will go out 10-14 days before tournament
 - We will receive several rooms to use for our teams
 - All the managers get free door signs/banners
 - Something to think about later: He asked if we had interest in making this a fundraiser
- Fundraiser
 - We have the tickets, the team lists, etc.
 - Will send info to team managers today
 - Each person has to sell 6 tickets, including Mini and Mighty Mites
 - If they can't sell, then go to team first, or go to another team
 - Try and sell the tickets
 - They're \$20 each
 - Drawing will be on Championship Night
 - Two baskets: \$1000 cash; \$1000 lotto
 - Whoever sells most gets a free season
 - Managers have to keep track of tickets that go out and get returned
 - We have 203 players x 6 = 1218 tickets. \$28,360 - \$4,000 and free season
 - We bought 2,000 tickets
 - We need to cover \$14,000 to cover ice, so this will put us in the green
 - Turn in days are 2/28 and 3/2
- Standing Rules
 - Uploaded ByLaws onto website
 - We need to review Standing Rules and update a few things before they go on website
 - We have to make sure we are following these rules

- Please look at the rules and make sure we go by them
- Brad: other than dates, they look good to me
- Sara: can we reword them down, so they are easier to understand?
- Pete: we'll post it on the website as a living document and update it as we make changes

- **Treasurer's Report:**

- Thought about what Kevin said regarding tryout fees
 - Thinks we make \$75 non-refundable; it covers merchant fees and then we don't have to raise fees
 - Pete: Ice is going to go up across the Board
 - **Motion: To charge \$75 tryout registration fee that no longer goes to season fees and is non-refundable even if they don't stay with PHA. Mandi (1) Ryan (2). 11-0-0**
 - Girls are CSHL Squirt, in terms of fees. Will also have to do fundraising to augment ice elsewhere
 - Mite full ice will be Squirt fees.
 - Ohio Hockey Project: are we sticking with it?
 - Include it in the survey
 - Pete: We need to get new hockey committee in order to discuss these things
 - Sara: Do we want to include jerseys in their fees?
 - Sarah: need to wait to decide if we can include Pure Hockey

- **Registrar's Report:**

- Tryout registration
 - Open February 13...and close it March 11, which gives us a full week before tryouts start
 - Will ask jersey size in tryout team
 - Do we want to include: "Are you interested in a 2 or 3 team if you don't make 1 team?"
 - \$125 if registering after 3/11
 - Once placed on a team and send out offers, need to require \$100 acceptance fee.
 - 24 hours from the time you get your offer letter
 - By that Tuesday, 1 teams will be selected
 - 24 hours to accept offer letter and you have to pay \$100 when you accept. It's non-refundable and it goes toward season fees.
 - Fourth of July: Mini Mites and Mighty Mites registration

- **Old Business:**

- Has anyone applied for Wiley Scholarship? No.

- **New Business**

- Sarah: A few teams are trying to make it into playoffs, and we want to make a big push to get off as many people there to support them.
 - Pete: None of our teams are eliminated yet.
- ADM
 - Mike Scharff is new ADM director
 - Bobby won't be on remaining ADM sessions

- Bobby has taken job with Team Ohio to coach a Minor team and wants to take his entire team with him
 - His role at Team Ohio is not being announced until Feb 12
- Brad Holzinger is taking position with Baron's Elite '15 team as an associate head coach
 - Daughter will still be at Parma; he made the decision for his son
 - He'll still be around to help at Parma
 - He's been playing with that team and told his team it wouldn't interfere with his team here.
- Pete: this happens every year and we will rebuild;
- Brad: what's anticipated head count of team of kids going on? We don't know
- Brian: spent well over \$5000 the year we left; they'll come back
- Sara: We should give managers suggestions for good tournaments, so they know what to look for, etc.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2023