

## K.Y.H.C. Executive Board Minutes

6/12/24

- I. Call to Order
  - Call to order: 6:03pm
  - Present-Sarah Williams, Lisa Paschall, Adam Koronkowski, Amanda Tatro, Andy Gonzalez, Aimee Koronkowski, Mike Bleyle
- II. Reading of proceeding meeting minutes
  - approved
- III. Financial Report
  - Approved
- IV. Coyote Committee Report.
  - AHAI patches received and will be handed out
  - Coach application process opened June 3<sup>rd</sup> and are due June 12th
- V. Irish Committee Report
  - Membership in Illinois West opens up some new opportunities to our Irish Players, some are included in our fees and others are optional and at an added cost. We have learned the following:
    - Illinois West has partnered with Hockey Biomechanics, Inc and Jim Swoyer and are offering the following programs which are available to us for an additional fee. Jim Swoyer was previously the Head Coach at Hinsdale Central and is now the head coach for the Lewis University Flyers and has a son playing in the ECHL and AHL.
    - HBI Games - This is geared primarily towards clubs that have too many players for a team, but not enough to start a second team, but additional players can also participate. They form a smaller league with all these players and aim to play 15-16 games at Willowbrook Ice Arena. Each team could send as many as a full roster + goalie \$8,300, a half roster of 6-9 players \$4,150, or a third roster with 3-6 players with goalie option \$2,800. These players would still be rostered with the Irish and eligible to play in IWHL games. Due to cost and distance, this is not something we are considering for Irish for this upcoming season. However, may be something we consider in the future.
    - High Impact Combine Services - HBI will come out to your rink and hold a skater combine. They use sensor technology to measure and track player skating analytics to help develop players using objective data and help come up with a development plan. You can do them at the beginning and towards the end of the season to track progress. \$600 per session for up to 30 players. This is something we *may* explore, but would be an added cost for Irish players to participate as it is not in budget for this season. In the future, we can consider offering this and including in our budget planning and fee structure. More discussion and consideration would need to be had.
    - JV Development Program - 13 sessions on Wednesdays for players that need more training. Location has not been confirmed yet, but we do anticipate it would be up north somewhere. \$560 per spot, spots are not designated to a specific player and spots can be used at our discretion. This is something we

may consider offering, but will need more discussion once we have more details and registration has concluded.

- Illinois West is also putting on Defenseman, Goalie and Checking Clinics which are included in our fees.
  - Defenseman Clinic on July 8th and 10th - 3 players per club at Willowbrook Ice Arena
  - Goalie Clinic on July 23rd and 25th - 2 goalies per club at All Seasons Ice Arena
  - Checking Clinic on September 7th and 8th - Incoming freshman
  - Andy will work with Coach Phil and get communication about these clinics out to our players.
- IWHL fees have been set at \$7,750 per team. Includes 4 officials for varsity league games, a trainer at all games and IWHL clinics. Does not include regular season ice, but does include “some” playoff ice. Teams may have to buy some playoff ice.
- 26 IWHL games (13 home) and guaranteed to play each team once.
- Each team guaranteed 28 games with playoffs (29 for bottom 8 teams).
- Varsity games will be 3 17 minute periods with an ice cut after 2nd period and should be booked for a MINIMUM of 1:40 of ice time, but frequently need 2:00 of ice time.
- JV games will be 3 15 minute periods with NO ice cut and should be booked for 1:30 of ice time.
- League schedule:
  - League games start September 13th
  - League games completed by January 26th
  - League playoffs completed by February 23rd
  - All Star and All Conference games TBD
  - State Championship Game tentatively scheduled on March 9th
- League Playoffs schedule:
  - Top 8 Teams
    - All series will be best of 3 games
    - Quarter Finals - January 31st, February 1st and 2nd (IWHL pays ice)
    - Semi-Finals - February 7th - 16th (Team pays ice)
    - Finals - February 17th - 23rd (Team pays ice)
  - Bottom 8 Teams
    - 3 Game round robin January 31st - February 9th (Team pays ice)
    - Semi-Finals single game - February 14th - 16th (IWHL pays ice)
    - Finals - 3 game championship February 21st - 23rd (IWHL pays ice)
- League typically breaks for
  - CCM Chicago invitational November 1st
  - Thanksgiving break
  - Christmas break
- Do not recommend tournament over President’s Day weekend because that is right in the middle of playoffs.

#### VI. IVC report

- IVC will be closed for the month of July due to taking down and putting in new ice.
- Power skate clinic is due to start in August for those that are interested. Will be Mondays 7:30-8:30pm or ages 8u-17u. Register through the park district website.

#### VII. Fundraising Committee Report

- No individual fundraisers at the moment. We are exploring possible fundraisers for next season and are always looking for any suggestions.

VIII. Marketing and Promotions Committee Report

- Thank you to everyone that attended the Dine and Donate at Chipotle on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We have already been notified of our earnings and we brought it over \$600 dollars that will go toward our club account. These funds will help to cover club costs such as practice equipment, additional league fees, extra ice costs, or unforeseen expenses that may occur throughout the year.
- Friendship Festival parade is Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>. A sign up genius has been sent to families that would like to join in the parade. Please sign up asap so we know if we have enough interested to join. We will also need a volunteer for a truck and a trailer for the parade as well. Please contact Joe or Lisa Paschall if you have one that we are able to use.

IX. Unfinished Business

- Volunteer requirement proposal is still currently in the works. The board is all in agreement that this would be beneficial to the club and encourage more family engagement throughout the season. It will also be a great way for new families to meet and get to know other families as well. The exact details are still being decided and will be communicated further closer to the beginning of the fall season.

X. New Business

- Practice slots are being finalized in order to set fees. We are hopeful to have registration open by the end of June.

XI. Public Comment

- 2025 will be the Coyotes 20 year anniversary. Joe Paschall has been in contact with some of the initial members of the board to learn more about the development of what is now the Kankakee Youth Hockey Club in order to hopefully celebrate the anniversary next year.

XII. Adjournment/Next meeting

- 6:35pm/ July 8th at 6pm, location TBD due to the rink closure.