



Board Meeting Agenda – August 31, 2021

I. Call to Order

Meeting at Edge Ice Arena, 6:00 PM.

II. Roll Call

- Present – Jason Koger, Justin English, Greg Rush, Robbie Clark, Meredith Wilkerson, Kim Stranathan, Jennifer Cunningham, Kayla Edds, and Evan Quinley.
- Absent – Mike Aldrich, Brian Holder, Matt Madej.

Quorum Met

III. Approval of Minutes

- Discussion of August 4 minutes – Robbie makes motion to approve minutes, Justin seconds, minutes approved unanimously.

IV. Order of Business

A. Reports of Officers and Committees

- *List all reports, including those from officers and committees. Reports are generally for information only. In such instances, no motion is necessary unless the speaker presents specific recommendations for action.*
- Treasurer's Report (Meredith) - Status of all accounts, brief explanation of how each team presents their accounts. Expectation of how much teams are supposed to have left in their account at end of season. **Meredith will send it.**
- President's Report (Jason) – Got a call from Owensboro Recreation – they will be doing a story about hockey. It will go on their Facebook page, will push to get it in the Messenger Inquirer. Boards that were missing have been printed, Kayla picked them up and gave them to Kerry. They are officially in the building.
- Coach-in-Chief Report (Kayla and Evan) –
 - Kayla: We need to have coaches do the online Level 1 training on USA Hockey's website. They also have to do the age group training for whatever age group they are coaching.
 - Right now USA Hockey is doing them by Zoom due to COVID. This is why we need to get them done ASAP before they go back to in person because the last time that we checked the closest one was in Columbus, Indiana.
 - You have to stay on the Zoom the entire time, it's 2 days, 3 hours each day. Then there is an age specific training that is at your own pace.
 - Every season you have advance a level from the previous year.
 - New coaches need to have it done by January 1st.

- There is a way to find out online who is in compliance and who is not.
- Talked to Matt Madej before the meeting, we are going to find a way to send out a link to anyone who is volunteering on the bench or around the kids for a background check so OYHA will pay for it. – Figure out how to pay for it and how we need to do it.
- How many do we have registered so far for House League? – 11 mostly mites.

B. Unfinished Business

- Mike wants to have a vote on the play up policy, he is not here we are moving it to the next meeting.
- Vote on Form for members to request speaking time in front of board – Jason. There is a form in the documents channel, but no one could find it?
 - Evan believes that we need to just have a form to fill out and we discuss it as a board instead of parents coming in to talk because meetings are already too long. Justin agrees. Jason says the form will give us the right to say yes or no anyway.
 - Justin states we need to draw up the document and then vote on it when we have it all written out.

C. New Business

- Welcome of Jennifer Cunningham as board voted replacement board member following Kassey Coomes' resignation. Jason talked to Kassey, he said the bylaws state you have to write a letter, she said she was not writing a letter since it is not a job. Jason said she verbally said she is not coming back. Jennifer is in.
- Proposal for revising board member nominations to better reflect composition of different age levels of OYHA.
 - Kayla: We need to find a way to spread our members out over the organization more. Instead of 9 squirt parents we need to have 2 from each team and then 2-3 house parents. Team parents can vote on their nominations to be voted on by the organization. Something different than the way we do it now so that other teams are better represented and it isn't viewed that only one team is making all the decisions.
 - Meredith says that there here has been talk about voting on specific roles as well.
 - Or we vote the way we do now but keep it to a max number from each team.
 - Greg states that we had 3 total high school parents run, 15 for squirts. He believes the easier route is to get people to sign up instead of getting parents of that age group to run. If they don't want to run and there are parents that do then it is not the best for the board.
 - Justin suggests having a subcommittee of representatives for each team and have the structure within instead of breaking down the voting system.
 - We need to draw up a proposal on what we need to do or ideas on how to do it.

- Maintaining/Acquisition of USA Hockey coaching education credentials for all travel coaches- House league also? Kayla went over it in the Coach in Chief report.
- Logistics of team sponsors for fall house league – Meredith.
 - Joey VanVactor asked about sponsoring teams for house league, paying for jerseys etc. Meredith believes it will save money in the long run. But the logistics of picking names, getting sponsors, etc. before the first week may not work. Robbie agrees it is a good idea but there might not be enough sign up or there may be way too many than someone wants to afford things for. Meredith states that Joey's idea was to get 9 businesses in town to sponsor different teams.
 - Evan suggests doing tiered sponsorships possibly? Or put something online as a call for sponsors to see if there is any interest in sponsoring OYHA.
 - Meredith states we did not lower dues, so we can do a call that says if someone wants to sponsor teams then they can and they can pay for the jerseys. Could be around \$250/300 for jerseys to be sponsored.

D. ● Eval date for fall house league – Kayla. Week before Fall Break is suggested.

- Evan and Kayla want to have a meeting during the evaluation to go over volunteers, gear, ask for questions, etc. Evan also wants to send out a survey to the organization that asks what they wish they knew when they started so that we can speak about it to new parents. Parents meeting will only be for 12U and under.
- Justin suggests having 2 dates for parents that might not be able to make it.
- Greg suggests that we have a full week of practice instead of games the first week so that we can acclimate new kids to the game.
- Robbie doesn't agree. He feels if we do evaluations before Fall Break then we are rushing. He wants to have evaluations during the first week. Greg disagrees due to having to get jerseys.
- Justin suggests drafting for teams.
- Sept 24th – Friday for evaluations and loaner gear. September 27th for evaluations and loaner gear. Justin motions to have these dates set for 8U evaluations at 5:30 and 12U on the 27th at 5:30. Greg seconds. Loaner gear will be handed out at 5:00 on both dates as well.

E. Use of logo - Kayla. Parent wants to use the logo so that they can make flags for the teams. Just wants to make sure that we are okay with it. Jason is okay with it.

V. Closing

- August 31, 6pm, location: Edge Ice Center.
- Justin made motion to adjourn, Kayla seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.
- Include signatures from the secretary and president upon approval