

September Meeting - October 5, 2021

Called to order at 7:15pm

Present: Peder, Davi, Elliott, Dave, Kelly, Alyssa, Heidi, Gina, Angelique, Jeff, Julie, Katie

Not Present: TJ, Chris

Financial Report – will have more of an update next month with all financials

President Report –

- Acknowledge girls program for all of the work they have done
- Acknowledge for TJ and Davi for involvement in Squirt-Bantam evals
- Acknowledge Kelly for all of her work with the fundraiser

Boys Report –

- Coaches announced for boys teams:

Bantam AA	Dane Erickson
Bantam B1	Dave Rust
Bantam B2	Jeff Stokes
Bantam C	Jon Peterson
Pewee A	TJ Barnes
Pewee B1	Andy Walz

Peewee C Blue	Chris Nei
Peewee C Red	Bill Beaudette
Squirt B1	Ben Sandvik
Squirt B2	Jed Johnson
Squirt C Red	Dan Ehrmanntraut
Squirt C Blue	Adam Sager

Girls Report –

- Really needing goalies for 10s and 12s
- 15s will be co-oping with Roseville – came to an agreement with Roseville. Governance is the same as what St. Paul proposed for all co-op; 1 year contract.
- Roseville did want to co-op with 12s as well and St. Paul said no because the girls have already been skating together.
- 10U coaches will be announced after player placement on teams
- Will continue to review co-op options moving forward – especially with Sibley
- Spirit Wear being opened for girls teams; ordering sweatshirts for all girls

Hockey Operations

- Held evaluations for Squirt through Bantams, selected squirt through Bantam teams, held a meeting and received emails from parent upset about team placement; one known error with team placement.

Goalies –

- Kelly Rand, Mike Tierney and I went through the cage and sorted and counted the goalie equipment we currently have (huge thank you to both of them for helping me be less unorganized). On Sunday, I purchased a couple of sets of pads and goalie items off Craigslist (to help have enough equipment for Squirt and U12 teams). Katie sent out an e-mail that scared up some extra equipment

that was being used by kids for 3 on 3 leagues. We ordered 10 St. Paul Capitals logo goalie bags to store these items and provide some working zippers on bags (long overdue).

- No complaints with most of the team selections at the Pee wee and Bantam levels. But still working through issues with the lack of goalies at squirts.
- Coach the Coach's goalie meeting is taking place on Saturday. I will have an update on attendance and success on Tuesday.
- Kelly, Mike Tierney, and I are planning on meeting via Zoom or in person with Brock Kautz, our main MEGA instructor to discuss the upcoming plan for the season.
- Kelly and I have been working closely with Mike Tierney who is focusing on the Mite goalie level to improve our numbers moving up to Squirts in the future. Bill Beadurette is our Pee wee level instructor and Tim Griffis is our Squirt Level Instructor. Declan (I can't remember his last name) is our Mini-Mite level instructor.
- Davi spoken to Jennie Reinan, our girls goalie instructor, helper, and potential paid coach. She is great and motivated to work with our girl goalies. But we are still scrambling to find goalies after the coop folded.
- Our goalie instruction sessions are starting on October 6, and I will be alerting parents about it.

Ice –

- Final ice received from Ramsey County the last week of August, which is about 2 months later than in the past.
- D2 game ice has been submitted; no schedules will be posted past November per D2
- Bantam AA playing in D8 this year due to the number of teams

D2 –

- Coaches meetings are tentatively set for Oct 27 (Bantams, Pee wees, and Squirts As & Bs) and Nov. 10 (Squirts Cs and all Girls). Location and timing will be announced in the next couple of weeks. Meetings will be a little longer this year as Mark Arriola will be presenting on updated rules.
- D2 will not be requiring Game Sheet this year (probably next year). D8 is so we will need to use this for the Bantams. We need to provide our own iPads for each team.
- Alyssa's contact information was passed along to Kevin as he is putting together information for recruitment coordinators from MN Hockey
- We need to submit final team declarations ASAP.
- MEHOA - we were not able to agree to terms for a new contract with MEHOA so rates will not change for refs this season. Ref fees are attached.

- Rules & Bylaws - all of the rules and bylaws passed as we voted for them Mark Arriola has offered to do parent presentations on rule changes and respecting the game. He would do this at no charge. This could be a great learning/educational opportunity that we offer parents. Attached are a synopsis of rule changes.

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Equipment –

- Jerseys ordered for 10U and 12U teams; won't be in until 12/1
- Discussion on practice jersey and what currently have vs what we need to order
- Pucks ordered and organized in new buckets for coaches
- Mini mite jerseys have been ordered
- New spirit wear order window open

Communications –

- Trying to get more people on the social channels and will continue to promote in newsletter

Fundraising –

- Annual fundraiser update – had about \$3,100 in sponsorship; net profit \$19,728
 - o Total of \$23,456 Raised and had \$3,728 in Expenses
- Looking into the 10% Club Program/Pull tabs
- Prairie Indian Community through the MN Wild Foundation donated money to the St. Paul Capitals Association, but we didn't see any money. Kelly will continue to follow up.
- Nov. 2 – Chipotle night at the Ford Parkway location; working to get a night at Noodles and Company

Recruitment –

- Working with Gina to reach out to Hockey is For Me to recruit
- Yard Signs – take down on November 1. Families can hold on to them and then put them out next year again

- Try Hockey for Free Day – Nov. 6 from 11am-12pm. Volunteers are needed to make the day successful.
- Xcel Center is having an equipment drive for associations to be able to pick up

COVID –

- An email was sent to all coaches stating that had to be vaccinated or to submit weekly negative tests
- Peder will continue to work with Ramsey County about on ice rules for masks; unvaccinated coaches have to wear a mask at all times
- General rule last year was if you can't go to school then you can't go to hockey – we want to make sure a COVID policy is developed and clear for all players and parents this year.
- Discussion on adding a COVID tab on to our website. Davi will assist.

Safe Sport/PCA –

- Reminder that all board members need to complete USA Hockey member, background check and SafeSport.

Mini Mite/Mite/8U –

- Volunteers at Mite evaluations with parents of upper level players helping.
- Mite and 8U teams will be announced later this week

DEI –

- Hockey if For Me – needs the discount code for families involved. This organization partners with MN Wild to give money to associations so families do not need to worry about paying the registration fees.
- Gina would like to propose for DEI Educational Pieces and have them ready to go so that if we have an incident that we have items ready and do not need to fully vote on them as a board.
- Gina would like a GoogleForm created and linked to the website for community members to be able to report bias incidents. Reports do not automatically mean a disciplinary hearing, but some just need some educational pieces.
- Gina would like to attend the coaches meeting so coaches know who she is and her role within the association.

- Gina would like to create a DEI team/committee within SPCHA. This committee will support Gina in creating and hosting educational opportunities, able to answer questions and bring more awareness to the association. Gina will work with Julie to create information to include in the newsletter.

- Newsletter Inclusions – Shout Out section for DEI awareness; inclusion of a “suggestion box” type item – maybe submitting a GoogleForm

Executive Director –

- Each Squirt/10U through Bantam/15U team will receive \$2300 to use towards tournaments

- Ice Breaker tournament is full = Ryan Strom is looking for volunteers to assist

- A Mite Tournament request was submitted to MN Hockey; awaiting confirmation

- Volunteer shifts posted so families can start signing up

- Concession stand will be open beginning on Oct. 16th, weekends only (exception with game days). Weekdays will open on Oct. 25.

- Katie hosting manager meeting on Sunday, Oct. 10

- Registration for MEA PEP camp is going well.

- Spruce top sales are being set for Nov. 6 and Nov. 13. Pizza sale information will be out soon.

- Roseville bill needs to be paid for co-op.

- Girls day next Saturday, Oct. 16 – would like to do pizza, cake and beverages

- Jerseys cost \$150/set, sweatshirts are \$47/each – around \$200/each. Katie would like to charge parents \$100. Davi motions and passes that families will be charged \$100 for these items. Davi motions and passes that the girls fees will be \$100 less than the co-op.

New Business –

- TJ and Tom Vanelli would like to allocate \$3,500 to Hockey operations to purchase and transport 17 exercise bikes. The bikes will be placed in the weight room at Highland Arena and used to train Captials players (specifically Bantams and Peewees) and it would be open to Cretin and Scotts players. Bikes are located in California. Cost is about \$1500 for bikes and \$1500 for transportation.

- o Discussion included who would use the bikes and how, who would pay for yearly updates/maintenance fees, room for 17 bikes in the weight room, splitting costs with Cretin and Scotts, how does this fit into our overall development plan

- o Elliott motions to allocation \$3500 to purchase and transport bikes. Motion fails.

- o Davi suggests that Tom and TJ develop and submit a plan to the board and an email vote will be held.

- Board Meeting Minutes – Secretary will ensure they are more inclusive of all items discussed in meeting.
- SPCHA Email Usage – reminder to check SPCHA gmail email accounts for those positions that have them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm