

DYHA Meeting Minutes & Uncertified Notes



January 8, 2019

Meeting called 5:33 by Jared Broderick

Present: Frank Earl, Blayne Mathis, Jared Broderick, Bill Franey, Mark Birch, Brandon Ellison, Michelle Cornett

- TOF Update (Wendi Patton, Jessica Ellison, Bill Franey)
 - All registrations/spots are now filled
 - Held team meeting with 8U on 1/7 to set expectations.
 - Food: Pepsi secured for water/soda. An 8U parent may help with Pizza. Zac Pearson and the Blaze may be able to help with food connections. The committee has backup ideas based on parents/connections. The Civic Center has coolers that DYHA can use and usually allows use of the kitchen area.
 - Donations: Requests have been distributed. USAH, Blues, and Blackhawks are sending items. Rob Lipic is donating foam pucks, Play It Again is donating small plastic sticks. More donations are being arranged already for next year with bigger companies like Disney that require 6 months' notice. Next year will be 30th year – so next year is already being prepared for.
 - Shift work: Using Signup Genius to do shift coverage; plan is for 8U to cover 10U game shifts and vice versa.
 - Schedule: Rearranged so fewer 8U gaps, though will back up closer to Blaze game so locker rooms will be something to manage. Hibbit sports is willing to donate balance bike. Dr. Eric Wherley is contributing. More donations are expected to arrive shortly.
 - Budget: Discussed budget relative to prior year. This year is less cost with fewer ice sheets and no refs needed for 8U.
 - Medals: Decision needed if necessary for 8U (depending on skills competition).
 - Consensus reached that 8U would participate in competition so medals will be necessary.
 - 8U: not keeping score, no refs decided after discussion.
 - Baskets: Raffle basket organization hasn't been finalized yet; will be based on donations received.
 - Referees: 8U will not keep score or have referees. Todd Kellermann recommended rules be sent to all teams. Bill Franey will lead this effort.
 - Clock: Mark Birch volunteered to do clock and scoresheet for entire weekend.
 - Skills competition: The competition format needs to be decided still.
 - Steve Mixell will facilitate competition.
- Referee Request from floor (Burt Roulinson, Todd Kellermann):

- Coaches/Referees locker room has issues with crowding and lack of privacy. A larger room, removal of half of the lockers, addition of a bench (replacing the chairs), and/or addition of coat hooks would all help.
- Jared made motion to form committee to decide how to rearrange locker room for refs and coaches alike with Steve Mixell in charge. Brandon seconded. Unanimous vote in support.
- President (Jared Broderick)
 - Pictures: There have been complaints with washed out colors, off center framing, and advertisements in background. Jared has asked parents to contact photographer but a retake day may be considered.
 - Bulletin board and trophy case keys: Lock boxes and photo cases have been rekeyed. There are now 3 sets of keys. Jared has one set. DYHA-HS President Kim Taylor has one set. The Civic Center has one set in their vault (that can only be released to the DYHA President). The photo box was discussed; Dawn Kramer has updated the pictures in years past. Jared will check with Dawn to see if she would like to update them again this spring.
 - THFF (Try Hockey For Free) Scheduled for Feb 23, 8-9 AM. This is a qualifying activity for the USAH 2&2 Challenge.
 - Player illness - dues reduction: One player has been out over half of season; is getting some clearance to resume on-ice soon. Following discussion of the player's illness duration, a motion was made by Brandon Ellison to reduce the player's dues by 50% immediately with a further adjustment based on the total percentage of consecutive time injured once complete. Mark Birch seconded; motion passed unanimously.
 - Student Coach dues: Combined Flames coach Steve Mixell asked how a HS age student coach that has been providing student coach assistance would be billed/registered if the person decides to play on the upper house team. Treasurer Blayne Mathis shared that standard policy is to prorate from time start as a player so if person goes from coach to player he should pay from that point forward and be rostered as a player, not coach. Alternatives were also discussed with Board and Steve will discuss with the student coach.
- Hockey Director/ ADM Director (Frank Earl)
 - Players moved to 6U/ 8U: 8U coach Blayne Mathis has reported success in players moved up at the start of 2019.
 - Parent communications – Code of conduct: Certain parents, especially at 6U and 8U level, have gotten aggressive and profane. Board consensus was reached following discussion that Frank will send out a mid-season reminder about Parent Code of Conduct to organization. The Discipline Committee is expected to uphold the CoC.
- Treasurer (Blayne Mathis)
 - Report of finances:
 - General account \$120,331.40
 - Bingo 19,668.28 + December's undeposited bingo checks
 - CD 1 4,937.61
 - CD 2 10,902.27

- Past due players: Will be discussed in closed session. There are only a couple in the entire organization.
- Tournament fees: Tournament budgets were initially communicated to team managers based on spend from prior years. Budgets are actually based on \$200 from each travel player's dues going to tournament entry fees. Board discussed this and decided to maintain this \$200 per player maximum allowance; no vote was necessary.
- End of year award budget – HS trophies: DYHA-HS President Kim Taylor has asked DYHA to cover the cost of HS Senior trophies this year. Last year the HS budget paid for them but it was DYHA the year prior. They are approximately \$65 each, which is considerably more than the usual player allowance. Blayne made motion for \$65 per graduating player and \$12.50 for each other player to be allocated for year-end trophy and/or celebration. Jared Broderick seconded. Brandon, Frank, Jared, Blayne, and Bill voted in support with Mark abstaining. The motion passed.
- 2014 refile: IL State Attorney rejected our 2018 filing on the grounds that the 2014 filing was missing. Upon contacting the state office, they explained that they notified DYHA in November of 2014, sent a warning letter in December of 2014, and moved us to “not in good standing” in January of 2015. Every year since our filing has been rejected, though they kept on file so refiles will not be necessary once we return to good standing based on the 2014 filing. This will take about \$400 in fees and documents to be refiled; Blayne will pursue.
- Equipment Manager (Brenten Minick, absent)
 - One-Goal sets received – Cage cleaned: Blayne arranged for 28 sets of gear to be transported from the Chicago suburbs to Decatur. Blayne and Jared cleaned and straightened the cage for the sets to have room.
 - Consider additional quick change goalie sets: Jared: We need more quick change sets. Blayne: Quick change sets cost around \$260. Jared made motion to buy 2 new sets. Frank seconded. All voted in support and the motion passed.
 - Goalie clinics were discussed. Frank will send email of any ice sheets available, in case a clinic can be organized.
- Registrar (Brandon Ellison)
 - New registrations: Brandon: Players have moved up. Few new registrations have occurred. Jared: 2 players so far have taken advantage of holiday deal. Brandon: total player count is around 180 right now which is at/above last year's number.
 - Discussed player count per team. 6U and 8U pipeline looks very healthy. 12U team for next year is at risk; will need to circle back and review numbers.
 - Travel Permits & Tournament Registration : We need to make sure travel permits are being filed, including for TOF.
- Other
 - Spring Hockey/alternatives: Last year, spring hockey was successful. For 10U (spring starts the new season, meaning winter's 1st year 10U and 2nd year 8U will make up the 10U spring team). Board consensus is to have another 10U spring program, to be planned during next board meeting.

Motion to close regular meeting 7:36 by Brandon, seconded Michelle, motion carried unanimously.

Closed session began 7:42.

- Plan set for addressing delinquent players

Closed session ended shortly thereafter.