



Yale Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting - Summary September 19, 2016

Present: Charlie Andriole, Sarah Fraser, Simon Gore-Grimes, Dave Henderson, Jess Kane, David Loomis, Jonathan Macey, Patrick O'Neill, Andrew Plano, Dan Tinson, Michael Ursini, Lydia Williams Keller, Robert Zyskowski, Melissa Minickene, Mike Henrici (via phone)

Absent: Ryan Hardy

The following is a summary of the discussion and the decisions reached.

1. **Disciplinary action.** The board entered Executive Session to discuss a disciplinary action.
2. **New board members.** The board welcomed new members Sarah Fraser and Dan Tinson.
3. **Scheduling.** The board discussed the status of scheduling on ice time. Scheduling is always a challenge as our ice slots are dependent on the schedules of the college teams. It was proposed that the board send out a communication at the start of next season to explain the scheduling process to parents to avoid frustration and confusion. Dan Tinson is working with coaches and team managers to familiarize everyone with the new tier system. He also expects practice schedules to be mostly consistent.
4. **Grow the Game.** Jess Kane reported that the Grow the Game/Try Hockey for Free event will be held on November 12th. Charlie is collecting skates and equipment.
5. **Tournaments.** Andrew Plano, Tournament Director, reported that three tournaments have been schedule and others are in the works as well as a mite jamboree. The board discussed the practice of families paying for the coaches' hotel rooms for tournaments and that this should be communicated to parents via team managers.
6. **YYHA Board Room at Northford.** Michael Ursini reported on our new boardroom at Northford behind the blue rink near the Zamboni. Mike will decorate the interior of the room. We will store cones, pucks and nets. There will be an area where supplies can be signed out. Players and coaches will be able to use the room. Coaches can have a parent meeting in the room. There will be a television so games can be viewed. Northford will be installing Live Barn. Andrew Plano suggested we use a keypad for people to access the room so we can keep track of who's in there. It will be painted tomorrow and finished in a couple of weeks.
7. **Lincoln-Bassett Community School Toy Drive.** We will once again organize a holiday toy drive and add a coat drive for the school this year.

7. **YYHA Car Raffle.** Robert Zyskowski proposed that team managers distribute raffle tickets to team managers for families to sell. The board passed a motion to have YYHA pay the taxes on the care at a particular tax rate.
8. **Communications.** The board discussed social media accounts and agreed that Charlie is handling the Twitter account and Lydia Williams Keller will handle Facebook. Lydia would like to update the images on the YYHA website. The board also discussed the idea of starting a newsletter. Sarah Fraser and Lydia will follow up.
9. **Ingalls Rink.** Pat O'Neill, Yale University Liaison reported that there have been complaints by the university about kids shooting pucks in the halls and entering the press box. The board agreed to send an email to the membership reminding them to be respectful of the rink and abide by the rules.
10. **Concussion training.** The board discussed various opportunities for concussion training, including a training being offered at the Shelton rink. A member suggested that each team be issued a First Aid kit.
11. **Goalie Coaching Initiative** – Charlie reported that Jared Wayman of ProCrease will work with coaches to give them some training for goalies.

Respectfully Submitted by Melissa Minickene, YYHA Secretary