

BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2006

Attending: John Biedermann
Deborah Beeler
Steve Allen
Jerry Magin
Danny Hurley
Steve Henley
John Lenzmeier
David Wright
Mike Verbic
Andy Trione

Absent: MJ May
Bill McClurg

Minutes: Minutes are approved as amended.

Player Payments:

- Final payments will be run once travel player equipment rebates have been reconciled.
- A travel player dropped off a team in October, is requesting a release from the Team Roster he signed, but has not paid RYHA. Player fees must be received prior to releasing the player.

Fundraising:

- Truck Raffle: 65 sold to date. 85 more needed to break even
- T-Shirts: Sold 70 out 144 – will sell at House Team Picture Sessions
- Golf Outing: Two no shows on last day – going to invoice the no shows \$400.00/ team \$1,000 made – eight foursomes.
- Butter Braids: final delivery on 12/16/06 - fell 200 braids short of last year's sales and \$3,000 short of RYHA's Student/Athlete Scholarship Goal of \$10,000.

Finance:

- The Finance Committee will continue to meet in an effort to streamline RYHA's Bookkeeping function
- Policy Manual has been updated with required attachments, additional financial procedures will be added when needed
- Ice Reconciliations are done for the CHL, CHL will owe RYHA approximately \$25,000.00 for ice time and officials cost. Mid-season Travel Team Reconciliations are done for RYHA Teams. Need to meet with the travel teams to manage their schedules/ season ending costs.
- Reciprocal Ice – how is this managed? The CHL Reconciliation takes care of League and Non-League Games. Other exhibition games are accounted for as

RYHA games hosted vs RYHA games played away, but this can be a problem if teams do not notify the RYHA Scheduler of games that they book on their own.

- RYHA needs to come up with a standard form to reconcile the teams on a team by team basis. This will be addressed by finance committee and scheduler.

House:

- Game and practice schedules are loaded through the end of the regular season
- Although better than last season, team balance still is a problem in a few areas. RYHA will continue to work on this and use the evaluation process for setting Spring Teams.
- Minimites should play all their games cross ice.
- Good feedback on Player Development sessions run by Ryan Schmidt.
- Girls house: when the 14U team is in town all works well for two teams. RYHA will continue to promote a Girls House and LTP in January.
- Spring program, budgets, and online application need to be finalized before the end of January.

Website:

- RYHA will schedule a session on how to work the website functionality.

Travel Teams:

- Player trades- the Travel Committee will establish a set of guidelines to address this for next season
- Director of Coaching has started to get out evaluating the coaches and has been asked to work more with teams needing additional skills training.
- 07-08 Travel Program costs were reviewed. Ice Time Costs will be increasing 10% next season. Travel program costs will be finalized for the January Board Meeting.

Travel Committee Report: Meeting was held with Paul Strand, CAHA representative, and Jeff Maness, from the Foundation.

- Intent to put forth an application to CAHA in January for Tier 1
- Look at independent game and tournament based schedule for Tier 1
- Minor Birth Year teams would be registered Tier II, AA district bound w/ similar practice, game, and tournament format to Tier I Major Birth Year teams
- In addition to the Minor Birth Year teams, RYHA will offer a Tier II mixed birth year team based upon interest level.

A motion was made that RYHA apply for Tier 1 status for the January, 2007 CAHA meeting. Motion was seconded all in agreement. There needs to be a committee (travel advisory Board) to put the application together. A motion was made to empower a Steering Committee of John Biedermann, Steve Henley, David Wright to put the application together for Tier 1 status. Motion was seconded. This needs to

be presented to the CAHA Board by the president or the director of travel. All in favor, no opposed.

Travel Select:

- New name for Independent Program
- Structure a more uniform program offering
- Pee wee through midget
- Playing in the CHL B league
- Majority of parent coaches
- No squirts in the select teams. Start select teams at pee wee level
- Program Model and cost will be prepared for January Meeting, based upon input from RYHA Independent Teams.

Motion made to:

- Travel Select has a standardized model, compete as Rec B level program, Pee wee through Midget 18U, not district bound, required to play in the CHL; Motion was seconded and unopposed.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 7th at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned