

Raleigh Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting  
April 3, 2007

Attendance:

John Lenzmeier  
Andy Trione  
Jerry Magin  
MJ May  
Steve Henley  
David Wright

Absent:

Bill MacClurg

A motion was made to amend the meeting minutes from the last board meeting to change the meeting date from March 26 to March 25. Motion seconded by Steve Henley and approved unanimously. David Wright will amend and repost the meeting minutes to the website.

**Resignations and Board Appointments:**

The following resignations were submitted and accepted as of 3/29/07:

Mary Beth Pearson	Administrator (contract position)
Deborah Beeler	Director at Large, Girls Program
Dan Hurley	Director at Large, Corporate Sponsorship and Fund Raising

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Rob Readmond to fill the Director at Large, Corporate Sponsorship and Fund Raising position. An on-line vote was taken on 3/30/07. Voting in favor were John Lenzmeier, MJ May, Steve Henley, Jerry Magin, and David Wright. Andy Trione and Steve Allen deferred to the majority. Bill MacClurg was not present. The motion passed. Mr. Readmond is currently out of town. John Lenzmeier is working to contact Mr. Readmond to formerly extend the offer. If he accepts, he will fulfill the responsibilities through the end of May 2007 and the current year's election.

Steve Allen's resignation as Director at Large, Travel Program was submitted and accepted on April 2, 2007.

The current By-Laws were reviewed to ensure a voting quorum exists in order to continue operations until board elections are completed in April/May 2007 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year end.

Six of Seven seated voting members are present. Under the current by-laws a voting quorum exists.

**Ice Contracts:**

Steve Henley and John Lenzmeier provided an update on their negotiations with the ice providers and implementation of a standard three year ice contract.

- Ice time contracts are mandated by the by-laws. A newly constructed ice contract was implemented following USA Hockey guidelines.
- Three year contracts are in place with the Garner, Cary, and Wake Forest IceHouse (2007-2008 through 2009-2010 seasons);

- The IcePlex has provided a written commitment for the ice for the 2007-2008 season and are reviewing the terms of the three year contract with their management.
- The agreements are for the current ice requirements and provide the ability for the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association to secure additional ice time as required and as it becomes available.
- The RecZone is reviewing the contract and requested ice times.

#### **CHL Meeting Update:**

- John Biedermann announced his resignation as CHL President at the Spring Meeting on Saturday 3/31/07.
- Wayne Stella from Charleston was nominated and elected President. Wayne, as current VP, will assume the responsibilities of President.
- Fayetteville has expressed interest in joining the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association House program for 2007-2008. Steve Henley is in contact with the Fayetteville group to discuss. Steve Henley also noted that Hillsborough and Greenville NC groups have expressed the same interest.
- The CHL membership present agreed that there will not be a Midget 18U B division based on current census information.
- John Biedermann and David Wright provided an update on the Travel program changes for next season.
- David Wright requested that the Director of Lower House also serve as a representative of the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association to the CHL to represent the House Select programs.
  - Andy Trione made a motion to remove John Biedermann as the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association representative to the CHL and appoint the Director of Travel and Director of Lower House as the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association representatives. The motion was seconded by Jerry Magin. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **Payments Requiring Board Approval:**

- Notwithstanding his resignation of 3/25/07, John Biedermann has requested that the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association pay him his monthly salary of \$1583 for both April and May, or a lump sum payment of \$2,500. In return he will continue to act as Scheduler for the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association through the end of May and continue to provide access to the UNO Scheduling system.
  - John Lenzmeier made a motion to enter into an agreement with the following separate and divisible components: 1) Mr. Biedermann will continue his duties as Scheduler for the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association through May 31, 2007 (end of Spring season), 2) Mr. Biedermann will provide continued access to the UNO System Scheduling software to the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association. In return, the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association will pay the lump sum of \$2,500 to John Biedermann. The Raleigh Youth Hockey Association will request that Mr. Biedermann sign a termination and release agreement. The motion was seconded by Andy Trione. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1.
- Andy Trione made a motion to approve the Director of Finance to retain and pay reasonable fees to the firm of Poe, Hoof & Hughes, P.L.L.C to guide the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association Board through the transition process. Steve Henley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- David Wright motioned that the Director of Finance be authorized to retain and pay reasonable fees to Stancil and Company to continue with the ongoing maintenance of Quick Books to ensure that the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association is in accordance with US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and tax return preparation for the fiscal

- years ended May 31, 2007 and May 31, 2008. John Lenzmeier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- John Lenzmeier motioned that the Director of Finance can authorize the use and payment of a book keeper and administrator on a temporary hourly basis until the Board defines specific staff requirements and the position(s) are filled through a formal recruiting process. Andy Trione seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Letter to the Board:**

Mr. Esqueda's letter to the Board requesting the Solicitation of Nominations and Deferment of Bylaw Amendments dated April 2, 2007 was reviewed and discussed.

- In regard to the request that open Board positions be filled by an open election by the membership, under the current bylaws, "replacement of a Board member due to resignation or removal prior to the end of their term requires nomination of a potential candidate and a 51% affirmative Board vote with a 2/3 voting quorum present or the Board may elect to hold an open special nomination and election to the membership as a whole in order to fulfill the vacated terms." Due to the fact that the 10 attending board members approved the reduction of the number of board positions to seven at the March 25, 2007 meeting (as noted in the meeting minutes) and the Board is working to nominate and backfill the open Director of Girls Programs and Director of Corporate Sponsorship and Fund Raising positions for the remainder of the current terms. As consensus was reached in the prior Board meeting on the reduction of Board positions, the Directors will move forward with implementing the agreed upon changes,
- Regarding the request that the Board refrain from amending the bylaws, the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association Board has agreed to continue to work on amendments that have been under discussion since November 2006.

#### **Elections:**

- The Board agreed to move forward with the use of the online survey tool to solicit nominations the positions up for election. The online tool will be posted by Monday April 9 and nominations closed on April 16. Nominees will be contacted and bio solicited for each. The nominees' names, bios, and position responsibilities will be posted to the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association website for member review. The election will be opened from April 17. The specific method for the final vote is under review. Both an online electronic voting tool and in person/paper ballots are under consideration for the final elections. The election results will be announced no later than April 30, 2007.

#### **ByLaws:**

- Jerry Magin made a motion to accept the revised comprehensive bylaws with the addition of the USA Hockey/CAHA pre-eminence clause and other discussed changes, subject to review by legal council. Steve Henley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- MJ May reported that CAHA approved and sent a check for \$1,000 to support the Pepsi Gold Pee Wee team at Nationals. The monies will be used to help defray the travel expenses for Coach Sabo.

Meeting was adjourned.