

Raleigh Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting
September 24, 2007
7 PM

I. Opening of Meeting

In attendance:

John Lenzmeier
David Wright
Rob Readmond
Todd Phinney
M. J. May
Mark Monroe – late

Absent:

Steve Henley

II. Open Session – No outside attendees

III. Closed Meeting began at 7:11 pm

IV. Review interim actions

Lenzmeier closed loop on a scheduler. Fearn Tyndall accepted the contract position and is currently training with Steve Henley to begin scheduling for Raleigh Youth Hockey. It was discussed how beneficial this relationship will be for both Raleigh Youth and MAOA.

V. Director, Finance Reports

The financial reports were distributed and approved. The Director, Finance facilitated a discussion regarding the Raleigh Youth long standing no “refund no transfer policy” and how that affects season ending injuries. Also discussed were two previous seasons refund requests.

VI. Director, House

House programs and training are beginning. Teams are formed for House. House Select try outs were this weekend and offers will be going out all week.

Steve is trying to maximize the utility of the new scheduling software before it is loaded on our website.

Discussed number of teams and roster sizes.

VII. Director, Travel

Discussed team vacancies and it was agreed that certain positions will be “advertised” as available on the website.

Travel is almost complete with jersey, socks, bag, sweats and miscellaneous equipment distribution. Some teams have had extra problems therefore they have not had jerseys as early as other teams. It has not been an easy process to organize and in some

cases the Youth XL jerseys are too small. Director, Travel will have to order a few larger sizes for players that cannot fit into the XL.

To alleviate this issue for next year, the Board agreed to look at ordering prenumbered high quality jerseys that will be returned to the organization at the end of the season. This will save the members in fees, as all new jerseys will not have to be paid for each year. The teams will be able to have jerseys immediately, and if necessary, name plates can be stitched on the back. Issues are cleaning and storing.

Raleigh Youth teams did well this weekend.

VIII. Director, Fundraising

Summary review of grants. Committee members were consistent in their independent opinion of recipients and awards. One slight adjust in the amount awarded to one program was discussed and approved. Rob Readmond made the motion to accept the committee's recommendations with the one adjustment. John Lenzmeier made the second. Motion carried with one Director Abstaining.

The RBC Center concession booth fundraising programs was discussed in detail. Fifteen volunteers are required for each event. Raleigh Youth is committing to 80 events. Teams that make a commitment and follow through with participation will be rewarded with a direct reduction of the 2007-2008 fees based on the amount of money Raleigh Youth is paid for sales. Also, each volunteer that participates will have a chance for year end drawing participation for reduction of 2008-2009 season fees. The cost and benefit of the program was reviewed. Rob Readmond made a motion to enter into a contract with Hot Tomato Catering (RBC concession company) as long as the potential costs do not exceed the amount presented to the Board of Directors. David Wright seconded. Motion was carried by the full Board of Directors.

Rob Readmond informed the Board of multiple potential donors and events he is in various stages of negotiations. He reviewed the Raleigh Youth donation form and explained how donors were to be recognized.

Rob asked if he could order business cards with his Raleigh Youth title on them and Lenzmeier approved a minimum expenditure.

IX. Director, Girls

Mark Monroe is soliciting and has already generated donations to fund a "special girl's festival" with help from Paul Strand and the Canes. More to come....

Mark Monroe is working on the new Girl's Learn to Play with money from the Kids N' Community funds and will try to supplement with help from our affiliate. He would like for the girls to pay a portion, and receive a jersey and stick.

Mark Monroe spoke with a potential partner that may be open to providing Raleigh Youth some office space. He and John Lenzmeier will investigate if it makes any sense for our organization.

X. Director, Communications/Website

Todd Phinney reviewed two companies' proposals for hosting Raleigh Youth application needs. He will do site visits and get back to the Board as soon as possible with his recommendation and costs.

Todd Phinney discussed a timeline to migrate to a new website but continue to utilize Mystify Your Web's payment tools until December 31, 2007. M. J. May will follow up with Mystify Your Web as the contract is expiring in November, 2007.

Todd Phinney presented information on hardware leases that were tabled until early next year.

XI. President

John Lenzmeier presented the option of VOIP to replace the phone line Raleigh Youth has forwarded to a cellular phone for our main line. This option will allow access to the Administrator and Bookkeeper with a voice mailbox for the scheduler for now. Raleigh Youth has to buy the phones and will have a monthly service fee. All Board of Directors discussed what a pleasure it has been for our membership to be able to call the Administrator and handle business. David Wright brought up what a benefit it will be to the teams for associations outside of our area to be able to reach our scheduler. Todd Phinney made the motion to purchase this VOIP system and pay the monthly service fee. Mark Monroe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

John Lenzmeier facilitated the on going discussion of our rapid growth and business needs to service our membership. All Directors are sensitive to the cost versus pay off of benefits to the membership. It was agreed that this discussion will continue as the needs of the business grow.

John Lenzmeier encouraged all Directors to begin to think of next year. Review pending of how to manage try outs of AA/A/B teams and try out dates are already in the works.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
M. J. May
Director, Finance