

Raleigh Youth Board Meeting
Board Meeting Minutes February 7, 2008

Attendees: John Lenzmeier
David Wright - absent
Mark Monroe
Rob Readmond
Todd Phinney
Andy Trione

Staff: Brenda Struder
Dayle Lynt

Visitor: Dan Hurley, U16 Renegades
Ginny Ellis, U16 Renegades
Paul Strand, Carolina Hurricane Rep

I. *Opening of Meeting:*

- John Lenzmeier called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Role call was taken to confirm appropriate quorum.

II. *Open Session:*

- Dan Hurley, questions and or comments in reference to next year. Communicating forward for next year, what comes from Board is not what is out on website. Missing Board Minutes, questions on CHL status for '08-'09 season. Meeting in Charlotte in March 29, '08 with CHL to discuss next year, true AA, true A, home and home and make it a regional hockey league. Steve Henley, noted issues this year with scheduling, working around teams and a need to manage them better. We currently are not getting a lot of cooperation from the CHL; we do not have someone on the CHL Board. The entire CHL board is up for re-election this year, RYHA needs to have representation. John encouraged Dan to reach out to John Stella to encourage a RYHA representative. Paul Strand, advocates the need for better representation on CHL/CAHA. Dan Hurley asked would RYHA/Board support John Biedermann to represent. Dan asked specifically on 18U teams for the 2008-2009 Season, how many teams (1-3). The Carolina Hurricanes would like to see an 18UAA team in the mix and then an 18U Storm team. This would give a viable alternative to the players that don't want to do the ECE Junior Program. Supplement all travel teams with the High School Programs. Suggested High School games be during the week versus Sunday afternoon. John was willing to look at, issues being Coaches availability, and ref availability. Storm, no grandfathering, team formation to include determining skill appropriate players with a cut line and a process to evenly distribute talent.

- Paul Strand, after the CarolinaEagles announcement sent email to Columbia, Charleston, Greensboro, Charlotte, RYHA AA including Kevin Universal, All Star Team (top 3 or 4 individuals), Tier I exhibition teams, rostered as a Rec Roster. Game/Exhibition every 6 weeks so that you don't take away from the original teams. Can either do a tryout or the Coaches can recommend. We can roster four (4) Coaches so each Member can participate/provide a Coach. (Squirt – U16 Midget).
- Paul Strand, Carolina Hurricanes will continue to support a CYAH league (two conference/regional).

III. *Review and approve Minutes:*

- Via Email December Minutes have been approved and posted. September and October Minutes have been posted. January meeting minutes were voted on via email, approved by David Wright and Todd Phinney.

IV. *Review interim actions: No Action*

V. *Director of Finance (reported by Dayle Lynt):*

- a. Financial Reports
 - i. Reviewed Actuals
 - ii. Reported Cash Position
 - iii. Spring Registration is still open until 3/2

VI. *Director of House:*

- Spring Registration still open. Spring Pee wee is wait listing
- Fayetteville will register with RYHA and then RYHA will forward funds CFYHA to schedule their practice ice.
- '07-'08 Fall House Season will start after Labor Day. Steve presented preliminary program for Mini Mite – Bantam. High School program is still being finalized.
- RYHA discussed tournaments to fulfill ice contracts
- Banquet. Paul Strand is looking at new dates, possible new location. Need to finalize details soon

VII. *Director of Travel: No Report*

VIII. Director of Girls

- Looking at 3 teams, 16U District Bound. Tryouts the 3rd weekend in June, 16U will be a tryout team. Tentative schedule to play against Boys Bantam, District Bound Home and Home, 5 potential teams in category.
- 19U if we have will be CBHL based.
- 14U will be CBHL based.
- 12U, possible house team, tournament team

- March 8, girl's weekend. Need to get Ice Purchased. Kim Antilaso, Cornell University and Colin Muldoon will be doing Girls Event. Ice in PM on 3/8, dinner, Hurricanes Game and then ice Sunday a.m. Invite will go to all the girls in the CAHA district
- Girls Program Grant to CAHA is still under review with award due in March '08

IX. Director of Fundraising:

- RBC center yielded 10 events, Jr Hurricanes PeeWee A 3 events, 16AA 1 event, 16AAA 2 events, Squirt AAA 2, Bantam Thunder 2 events.
- Expenses of \$2105.46, income \$3006.83 distributed among the five teams, \$49.45 per player on PeeWee A, \$17.02 on U16AA, U16 AAA \$35.92 per player and Squirt AAA \$34.23 per player and Bantam Thunder \$34.16 per player.
- Rob made motion to make payment as details by 2/15/08 pending financial validation by Dayle Lynt. Motion was 2nd by Todd Phinney. Steve Henley abstained
- Preliminary discussion on Kids & Community Grant which is due 3/1/08 with decision made April 1st. Grant will include both financial scholarship as well as funding to the house program to purchase Jersey's.
- 2008 Sponsorship Donation structure. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum/Club Level. 10% of all donations identified to a specific team will be deposited into the Raleigh Youth scholarship fund, as required by the Raleigh Youth Hockey Association Policy. Sponsors page on the website. Sponsor Year. Rob made a motion to support this Sponsorship Structure, 2nd Steve Henley. Unanimous
- Proposal to Business to sponsor All House Team Jersey's, along the Bottom or above the numbers as a Platinum or Club Level Donations. Use the original Carolina Hurricane grant letter as the basis to model this offer. Rob made a motion to support this proposal, 2nd Andy Trione. Unanimous
- Confirmed that Jr. Hurricane and CYAH Apparel to be sold at Sizing
- Rob questioned could we set up a Fundraiser Line Item specifically as unrestricted funds that could be used as general funds if needed.

X. Director of Communications / Website:

- Todd made a motion for any Letter Donation of \$1,000+ would also include an appreciation Plaque. Suggested 5Awards.
- Get estimates from 5Awards for Board Service Appreciation plaque.
- Update on RBC Fundraiser Tickets scheduled to be turned off 2/12 for the 3/6 date. Hurricanes need check for on line funds on 2/15.
- Table Skirt and RYHA Banner for Youth Amateur Hockey Night in 2/21, will give out RYHA Magnets

XI. President:

- a. Brief discussion about Carolina Eagles announcement, no RYHA thoughts/comments.
- b. Scheduler has resigned effective immediately (2/7/08). Going forward John would like to see an Executive Director, who would be responsible for the majority of the day to day issues, including; schedule reconciliation, develop/monitor the Ice Model and inter association ice reconciliations. This would be a long term solution. RYHA recognizes the need to have a set schedule, with little or no changes in the schedule. Balancing ice assignments across the board will be very important. John acknowledges that regarding scheduling, RYHA needs to substantially improve this key area.
- c. Nominations flyer mailed and posted on website, Brenda to take lead on Nomination process.
- d. Brenda to ask MJ to review an employment arrangement with staff.

Next board meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 13th, 2008 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda J. Struder
RYHA Administrator