

Raleigh Youth Board Meeting  
Board Meeting Minutes March 27, 2011

Attendees: David Wright  
Lori Parro  
Andrew Thomas  
Todd Phinney  
Clay Cotie  
Steve Sabo  
David Laszlo  
Paul Strand  
Steve Stephenson  
Andy Haldane  
Tom Keefer

Staff: Steve Henley  
Brenda Struder-Absent  
Jenny Kosnik  
Jean Rogers  
Colin Muldoon  
Richard Shulmistra  
Rick Daniel  
E J Stern

Visitors: Terri Reichert  
John Krzywicki  
Karen Widas

**I. Opening of Meeting:**

- David Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken to confirm appropriate quorum. Quorum was established.

**II. Visitors:**

- Terri Reichert – Shared concerns/frustrations between distribution of skill and ice time in reference to house and travel teams. Refereeing was a problem this past fall. Suggested parent involvement and how to get involved. Indicated that current communication from RYHA is not sufficient. Need better and more frequent communication. For example, what volunteer opportunities exist to engage more members, board meeting schedule, etc. Also suggested member surveys to get feedback. Terri willing to assist with format/questions for survey. David W. noted that RYHA has used surveys in the past but has been inconsistent in conducting them. Will work on better consistency. Also noted that regular Board meetings for coming year will be established and dates/times posted to the RYHA site.
- John Krzywicki – Planning for fall season. Do a survey for fall organization and get feedback from this fall season. Possibly have 3-4 coaches meetings before season/evaluations. Communication needs to be better. Have training clinics for coaches/managers in August.

**III. VP of Finance:**

- Financial Reports
  - i. Reviewed Actuals
  - ii. Reported Cash Position, Income Statement, Future Cash Projections
  - iii. Working Session – Budget versus Actual
- Lori/Jenny continues to work on updating Payment System Policies, Procedures for Refunds and Automated Recurring Billing. Karen Widas spoke on automated recurring payments through League Athletics. Issues raised in that League Athletics has not agreed to programming changes to support full automation. This will need further investigation including possibly looking at other web site capabilities. Have the ability to implement without automation through LA, but will require initial/manual setup. Not ideal.

- Motion was made by Lori Parro for Board to approve automated payments. Motion second by Andrew Thomas. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- General comments/issues raised regarding the RYHA website. Has become difficult to navigate and not useful. David noted that a project will be undertaken over the summer to redesign and update the website.

IV. **Director of Lower House:**

- Discussed fall season with no complaints, smaller rosters worked well and coaches were involved. Discussed the referee concerns and practice formats.
- ADM U8 training went well, but discussed off ice training to further comply with ADM recommendations. Andy recommended looking into off ice facility to accommodate off ice training in bad weather. Board said it would review any recommendations.
- Discussed that ADM putting pressure on coaching ranks. Practice formats require more coaches
- Some issues raised regarding scheduling specifically with regard to distribution of games across divisions. Discussed that Executive Director review draft schedules with each program Director before it is posted.

V. **Directors of Travel:**

- Discussed the Storm teams were equal in all divisions. Scoring system from tryouts worked well and teams were balanced. Discussed practicing together during the season.
- Discussed having better communication and meetings for expectations for coaches.
- Discussed the U16 and U18 teams going to Nationals.

VI. **Director of Girls:**

- U16 Girls going to Nationals. Discussed that the girl's teams are grew to 30-40 this year, possibly 60 next year. Would like to see more girls in program. Discussed U10-U12 meeting for the fall and U12-U14 part-time travel.

VII. **Executive Director:**

- The Spring Program is going well with 3 on 3 Pond Hockey play. The registration is good with U8/High School up from last year, Bantam/PeeWee down and Squirt stayed the same.
- After discussion of Banta/Pee Wee numbers suggested that next season we go back to 5v5 for Spring and consider adding Summer 3 on 3 Pond Hockey program.
- Discussed that weeknight scheduling was not as well received as thought. Next Spring will likely return to weekend scheduling.
- Distributed current schedule for Travel tryouts and Girls evaluations.

VII. **President:**

- Reviewed program proposals for 2011-2012 Season.
- Discussed that teams would be Jr. Hurricanes top to bottom across the board. Working with Carolina Hurricanes regarding rules for jerseys (such as logo use, sponsors logos, etc.).
- Discussed that this year we will be purchasing new Travel Jerseys. They will be the Canes white for home and Canes black/third jersey for away. With the purchasing of new Jerseys, the old jerseys are for sale. Approximately half have been sold.

- We will have new vendor for bags for travel players - cost included with fees; warm-up suits will not be included. Parents can elect to use last year's warm-ups or purchase new as an add-on to fees.
- Discussed that player development will be added to Bantam and PeeWee House programs.
- Discussed hosting a Girls Invitational in Raleigh over Thanksgiving or Christmas break.
- Discussed hosting a House Skills Competition Event in House Division during Canes Cup. We need to inquire about location. Each level will compete and medals awarded. Feasibility will have to be reviewed.
- No objections raised to overall program plan for 2011-2012. David to finalize budget and documents the coming week and send out for review. Goal is to post in early April.
- Discussed that Directors of each programs must get involved in tryouts. Organization of respective divisions is their responsibility. We will need to start coordinating evaluators, volunteers for evals, etc. Paul Strand recommended organizing a meeting of Directors, Executive Director, VP Hockey, and himself to start planning. Paul to organize.

A motion was made by Paul Strand at 10:30 p.m. to dismiss the Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Andy Haldane, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean T. Rogers, RYHA Administrator