

Raleigh Youth Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes May 22, 2011

Attendees: David Wright
Lori Parro
Andy Thomas
Vinnie Barresi
Paul Strand
Clay Cotie
Todd Phinney
David Laszlo
Andy Haldane
David Laszlo
Tom Keefer

Staff: Steve Henley
Jenny Kosnik
Jean Rogers
Brenda Struder - Absent
Colin Muldoon
Rick Daniels
Richard Shulmistra
EJ Stern
Steve Sabo - Absent
Steve Stephenson - Absent
Doug Sans - Absent

I. **Meeting Called to Order:** David Wright at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken to confirm appropriate quorum. Quorum was established. No attendees for open session.

II. **Board Positions:**

- VP of Fundraising: Andy Thomas stepped down due to personal reasons. Vinny Barresi has been named VP of Fundraising in a temporary position. Open elections will be held this Fall.
- Director Upper House: Craig Sullivan has stepped down.
 - a. Kurt Voss nominated for this position, no other nominees.
 - b. Hockey experience and organization is needed for this position.
 - c. Motion was made by Steve Henley, seconded by E J Stern and carried unanimous
- Director Tier I: Need to replace current director due to lack of participation. All agreed. Clay Cotie to fill role until another candidate identified.

III. **Upper House:**

- Student Coaching – Craig Sullivan will continue to administer the Student Coaching program.
- Director of Upper House – needs to put together an Organization Instructions/Policy
- Tryouts should be all the same – policies needed. Will work with Kurt so every level is consistent. Suggest full implementation of a model similar to A team selection process.
- Lower House Policy – need coaches training manual for Lower and Upper House. Need to work with David Laszlo.

IV. **Board Meeting Schedule**

We discussed Board Meeting schedule through next year. The dates are July 24th, Sept 25th, Nov 20th, Jan 8th, Feb 19th, Apr 8th and May 20th. These dates will be posted on the Master

Schedule. Question arose as to open Board Meetings. We allow the first 30 minutes for an open forum. The remainder of the meeting is closed to discuss board issues, keep closed to public.

V. VP of Hockey Operations:

- AAA Tryouts went smoothly and evaluators were good.
- Stretched out too far. Allocate same amount of time.
- Separate 1 – 1 ½ hour practices with fewer kids.
- Overall the numbers are holding steady to 150 players.
- Sign-ups: last minute and walk-ins – discuss this next year.
- AA/A/B tryout registrations are open. Send reminder email out for these tryouts. Reminder sent.

V. Executive Director:

- CAHA Ballot – JV is on the ballot, no one else is on Ballot. Steve to submit JV's name and vote on behalf of RYHA.
- Jason Daw- lives in SC and may not be able to be on Board of NC. Need to live in NC. Paul noted that this was crazy not to allow a formal NHL player to participate due to geography.
- CAHA Grant Applications – Money for girls, new members and coaching education due at the end of June. Tom Keefer to work on application for Girls Program; David Laszlo to submit application for Coaching Education program funding.

VI. President/Director of House-ADM Development

- Southeast District Tier I Tournament – the 2011-2012 Tier I District tournament will be hosted by the CAHA Affiliate. RYHA would like to have the tournament here in Raleigh. It was noted that the Southeast District may not award Raleigh the tournament as the only twin sheet facility is the Polar Factory Ice House and they do not have their men's league registered in USA Hockey.
- David and Steve to have a call with Jessica Westphal and Kevin Universal about this.
- Polar challenged history, hosted USA Nationals.
- Jessica sends bid forms; does she send them to Polar?
- We want to get the bid, not the rinks.
- Invitation goes to facilities from USA Hockey.
- We need to speak up – go to USA Hockey.
- District or CAHA would not award to Polar since they are not USA Hockey.
- If we get Invitational the rinks need to have extra equipment, they need to be prepared.
- Rinks need their experienced employees working.

VII. Equipment Manager:

- Equipment returns – selling jerseys for fundraising.
- Would like to sell at tryouts – need to speak to Hurricanes legal department for approval. David to handle this.
- \$5640 from Jersey sales – 400 left to sell.
- We had 3 missing first aid bags – need to restock

- We are no longer using water bottles
- Coach's boards, pucks, and puck bags need to be ordered.
- Storage units now consolidated in one location on Durant road

VIII. Executive Director:

- CHL Meeting Review
- Pressure from CAHA on the way CHL is handling some situations.
- Worked through by-laws
- Addressed team census issues in by laws. Associations need to be ready at specified times to declare teams and schedule. Placed rules forcing A tryouts to be held and teams formed in June/July.
- Pushing for consistent ADM – rule set compliant – may tie requirement to national bound status.
- Super Sites for CHL Tournament discussed and approved. Raleigh would be a candidate site.

IX. U8/Mite Program Discussion

- ECE wants to have travel Mite team. RYHA wants CAHA to step in and be address compliance. Several U8 coaches recruited to the Eagles program.
- Need to have CAHA enforce by- laws on ADM.
- EJ to have discussion on U8 program for non ADM compliance.
- Suggested that non-compliant programs be blocked from Nationals – need to punish if you don't comply.
- We need to go directly to Scott Polach, not go through CAHA on ADM U8 program.
- Discussed perception that RYHA program not fully compliant. Our approach was discussed with Scott Polach of USAH. It is our intention to bring program into full compliance in phases, although U8 Advanced may remain part cross/full ice.
- Kevin asked where we are heading on this. We need to lay out a 2 year plan. Andy Haldane to write up plan to get us there and review with CAHA and USAH.
- Intermediate all cross- ice and Advanced a blend.
- Scott wants all cross-ice games for U8.
- Have we polled Mite parents? Yes, Andy Haldane had all the emails to show.
- Have CAHA poll all parents on Mite Program.

X. VP Finance:

- Spring issues – feedback and refunds discussed. Refund policy to stand.
- Scheduling has resulted in number issues with participation. Have an average of 5-6 players on bench of every session.
- We need to be a stand-up organization.
- Lack of planning/communication.
- Last year we had Friday and weekends for spring.
- This year – wanted week nights. Received complaints on conflicts with camps/clinics.
- Given reaction this year we plan to return to weekends next season.
- Suggested going back to traditional 5 on 5. 3 on 3 for the Squirts still seems to work well. Possible 5 on 5 (PW & Bant).

- Discussed the drop off in PeeWee/Bantam Spring registration – suggested intro of Middle School Program next season. This is hugely successful in inline hockey.
- Plan earlier for next spring. Scheduling was a problem during the week.
- Customer Service – PeeWee & Bantam: need to take care of our members. How many people were affected? Should have a tournament for them

X. VP Fundraising:

- RYHA Carnival – Need to find location – possibly downtown, this worked well 2 years ago.
- Merchandising - Can't sell Jr Hurricanes Logo merchandise but can sell RYHA Logo merchandise.
- Golf Tournament – need to plan, location and date.
- Financial Aid – Need to continue to refine guidelines. Need to make criteria for aid per level. Lori to review and make recommendations.
- Car Raffle – Did not raise enough money for raffle. We raised \$2450 and will have 50/50 drawing. David Wright drew ticket and Tim Boyer was awarded \$1225.

XI. Executive Director:

- The RecZone is Bankrupt and on June 15th the Bank will take over the rink or possibly by May 31st.
- We have ice through May 25th and will be fine for the spring program.
- Conference call set with Polar Ice House.
- We need a contingency plan if the RecZone is not there.
- We can run program without them, travel will be fine.
- House program – can we still maintain current program, can't add kids – will force U8 to half ice.
- "B" Program – we may not be able to have now, possible tryout in August.
- Have 760 hours, 200 surplus, down 500. There will be 150 short hours without the RecZone.
- We may not be able to accommodate Hillsborough in the House program.
- Polar Ice House – unless it is an attractive deal they will not buy RecZone.
- Meeting with Cindy at the IcePlex for picking up more weekend ice. Will be proposing they merge their house program with ours. This will help with our situation by providing access to Saturday ice.
- Triangle Special – weekend ice time needs to be covered.
- Capital City Club – move to 1 hour on weekdays instead of 2 hours provided last season.
- Need to pull all our equipment from RecZone. Steve to take care of this in the coming week.

A motion was made by Richard Shulmistra at 9:00p.m. to dismiss the Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Paul Strand, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean Rogers, Administrator RYHA