

Jan 13, 2010 Elmira Jackals Youth Hockey Board Meeting Minutes.

President called meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Present: Todd Brost (President), Adam Gee (Legal Counsel), Katie Lowe (Scheduler), Mark Callahan(guest), Michelle Sullivan (Fund Raising), Kyle Krawczyk (Travel Rep), Scott Merrick (SB Rep), Michelle Fabian (Equipment Manager), Renee Davis (Registrar), Dan Sincock (Treasurer), Jere Robinson (PR/Web), Mike Dimon (Head of Coaches) @ 6:20.

Absent: Rick Janowsky (VP) , Harry Edwards (Secretary).

President's Comments for opening of meeting:

Due to the absence of Harry and the Lack of minutes fro last meeting a vote cannot be held to approve the meeting minutes.

House program appears be doing better [last meeting some time was spent discussing the lack of cohesion in the House Program. The course of action included a coaches meeting and follow on]. Head of Coaches and and President called a meeting and sat in on a practice and there's been no reports of complaints since.

Opened floor to guests:

Mark Callahan spoke and is looking to potentially be the Secretary Position and explained his hockey background. Has coached for four years. Works sales, from home most of the time, and is pretty familiar with word processors and documents, etc. Has a son in the organization. Believes he can add value. Would like to have a voice in the decisions made in the board meetings.

Round the Table:

Michelle S (fund raiser): The mandatory raffle went off well.

Gave Dan Sincock (Treasurer) Mite Mania money. The date for the tournament is Feb 5-7th and she's still looking for volunteers to help run the tables and 50/50 etc.

6:18pm Michelle S leaves due to illness.

Michelle Fabian (equipment manager): The Jersey count is done. Wants to start looking into jerseys for next year. With possibility parents buying and owning them. **Todd- Need to revisit in summer.** Would like to reuse the younger one's as long as possible. Missing jerseys [4 sets from house program] still haven't shown up.

Adam Gee (Legal Counsel) passed out the bylaws last month and needs updating in the following ways:

- Todd Brost would like some language to soften and emphasize *fun* in article III.
- Todd Brost has been in confusion about the executive committee as the bylaws states. Article VII paragraph D.

Original term lengths only for the first term of the corp. After that 3 years for all. Set up that way to stagger replacements. Language will be made more clear.

- Need a 30 day period for proposed updated bylaws before they can be ratified by board. Need to be changed as proposed and posted to the internet for comments.

Katie Lowe (Scheduler): Teams and managers should know there's 0 ice time until the 20th of Feb. No postponements allowed because they can't be made up due to lack of ice time. IP is done March 1st. House done March 5th.

New scheduling app on the way potentially. Jere and Katie working on it.

Mike Dimon (Head of Coaches): There were Midget altercations over the weekend. Our two SB teams playing each other. One skater has quit due to lack of ice time.

Kyle (Travel Rep): Adult education forms were mailed out with plenty of time. 180 kids represented. That's not all the kids. Next year will have the dvds copied and have the managers/coaches show present and have [all guardians] sign.

Scott (Snow Belt Rep): The issue with a midget skater: The SnowBelt board is likely to suspend. Minimum to have to sit out is 1 midget(EJYH) game and a high school game. The SB board will usually do two more on top of it.

Renee Davis (Registrar): Receivables from last month is down but still significant. Had issue with snow belt rosters... resolved. Some concern about forfeits, but it was worked out no problems. No instructions were given to the TM/Coaches that there's parents with fees outstanding [the prior month it was discussed that the coaches be informed of the parents with outstanding balances to have the coaches notify them they should pay asap].

Discussion points: We need to have coaches notify the parents that their kids will be benched if not paid in full by next board meeting. Then, if not, we vote to bench for the remainder of the season, including post season play.

Renee thinks online registration would help for next year.

Dan Sincock (Treasurer): Running a small deficit of the month. Year to date: Still fine.

Has a bounced check from someone but doesn't recognize the name or know who the kids are. Renee will check to see who it might belong to in the organization.

Jere Robinson (PR/Web): Working with Katie to define new scheduling tool and data design for the web site. Getting into the role of PR. Need to contact Dawn Dimon (previous PR Rep) to find out her contacts for fliers/news outlets/etc. Would like to find the banners so they're available for events and parades [Todd thought he or Mike should be able to locate them]. Would like to print super simple fliers to put out on rec rink bulletin board (which needs refreshing). Finally, would like to schedule a community service activity for every month to benefit the area, help build a sense of responsibility for community for skaters, and create a buzz about the organization. Wife is currently trying to work a canned food drive in coordination with the arena, but they're not answering emails. Listed other potential activities for other months.

Adam moves to adjourn at 7:21 – Jere seconds and all are in agreement.

Katie and Jere stay behind to discuss scheduling needs.