

February 8th, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tom O'Connor, Lester Sparks, Jason Oliver, Donna Goddard, Keith Wiencek, David Rosenberg, Phil Hatch, Greg Cheetham, David Ross; Also present: Randy Malin, Jodie Spooner, Nikki Givens, Bruce Pritchard, Tom Quirk, Bev Punchochar, Tim Moran, Jill Boeschstein

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Sparks to approve the minutes from the January 14th meeting. Second by Oliver. For: 7; Opposed: 1; Abstain: 1 (Hatch) Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial support of PJH rep teams going to nationals: The board considered a request from the three rep teams (PeeWee, Bantam, U18) going to nationals for financial support in the amount of \$5000 per team. This is the first year under USA Hockey's new system, which eliminated regional tournaments and instituted a system whereby teams would be placed in a single pool based upon the size, rather than the location, of the organization. Tim Moran opined that one of the reasons that PJH currently has \$60,000 in reserve is the result of years of rep families paying into the program in addition to paying for their own ice. Oliver commented that 95% of the rep money is used to pay coaching stipends. O'Connor suggested we look for matching funds from OSHA.

Motion by Rosenberg to fund each team \$5000 to defray costs of attending nationals, which action is not to be considered a precedent. Second by Hatch. For: 7; Opposed: 2; Motion carries.

OSHA: OSHA is claiming that PJH owes them \$18 per each player who resides in the State of Washington. During the registration process, USA collects \$18 from every player whose address is in Oregon, and \$9 from every player whose address is in Washington, but, apparently, has not disbursed any of the money to OSHA. Tom will follow up.

Valley Ice Arena: The Zamboni at Valley broke on Saturday night, February 6th during the Jags game. Apparently, they finished the Jags game without an ice cut between the 2nd/3rd periods, and then had a public skate, and that's the way it sat over night. The first two PJH games (6:30 & 7:45) on Sunday morning were played under somewhat challenging conditions, before the coaches determined the conditions were not sufficiently safe to continue. The 9:00, 10:15 and 11:30 games were cancelled. PJH has made clear its intention not to pay for ice times, retrospectively or prospectively, that were or have to be cancelled.

Retention of tournament proceeds/Host Hotel: Rosenberg reviewed what he understood was adopted at the January board meeting (that rep teams hosting tournaments as a fundraiser can keep the net profit with a 5% contribution to the organization) and raised some issues that he felt were not clearly dealt with: the organization had negotiated a deal with the host hotels that were now unilaterally modifying; the modification was retroactive, thereby "penalizing" teams that did not hold a tournament – would we be able to purchase enough ice should every rep team want to host a tournament, and who decides who does and who doesn't get that opportunity? Rosenberg then asked whether the policy shouldn't apply to hotel revenue generated by the visiting rep teams during regular season play, not just tournaments, and that the entire host hotel policy needed to be reviewed and explained during the manager's training next year.

Motion by Rosenberg that beginning with the 2010-11 season, all hotel revenue generated goes to the individual team for which the event is associated, less 5% to PJH. Second by Cheetham. For: 8 Opposed: 1 Motion carries.

Former coaches' reasons for leaving the program: A simple questionnaire went out to non-parent coaches who had not returned to the program asking the reasons why. The coaching director's prior email containing the remarks of four former non-parent coaches was discussed. It was decided not to expend any additional effort in this regard.

WAHA Update: a Jr. Hawks night at the Winterhawks game of February 28th is being planned.

PJH Board Elections: Ross reported that ballots were either out or going out to team managers as we speak. Ballots are due back to the managers by February 21st, and must be turned in by the managers at the box in Valley by February 28th. Ross noted that he personally handed out the ballot packages to the PeeWee managers and, over the course of the weekend, sensed a fair amount of anger and discontent from many of the PeeWee parents, and wondered whether this was representative of the entire organization. Hatch indicated that he thought that it was, and Rosenberg asked why that was the case. Hatch responded that he thought there was a lot of misunderstanding and distrust surrounding the select program. There was more discussion which included an explanation of how the select program was working at different levels and why, with the conclusion that, at a minimum, there needs to be better communication relating to parent's expectations surrounding the select program. This topic will be placed on the retreat agenda.

Harrow apparel discussion: Tabled

Long term strategic planning:

- a) ice rinks – Tabled
- b) fundraising – Tabled
- c) scholarships – Tabled

First Aid/CPR training for PJH coaches: Tabled

Planet Hockey: Ross had questions about the process by which the organization determined to pay for ice in order for Planet Hockey to promote its program, and how it was decided that Planet Ice would be on the front page of the website noting that its program was 'in partnership' with the Jr. Hawks, since it was discussed by neither the full board nor the executive committee. Cheetham explained that it was basically the friend of a friend who volunteered to put on the program since they wanted to come to Portland this summer, and that he, Sparks and O'Connor thought it would be a good break from the daily grind for the kids, and as long as PJH kids got a \$50 discount, nobody else, apparently, had a problem with the use of the phrase "in partnership with the Jr. Hawks." Ross objected to how it was done. **Board Roles and Responsibilities (Executive Session):** Tabled

REPORTS:

Treasurer: a detailed financial report was distributed, but due to the late hour it was determined to postpone the detailed look at the budget, with real, current, numbers, until the next meeting.

House Director: playoffs coming up at the end of February. There was a discipline issue in the PeeWee division that was being investigated.

Tier Director: no report

Coaching Director: a coaching clinic with Mike Johnson was upcoming.

FFF: there was an issue with people signing up for the OLCC class but then not attending; the \$25 registration fee would be forfeited.

Equipment Director: some of the jersey sets are in need of "refreshing."

Fundraising: no report

OPENS: none

Next meeting: March 1st at **7:30** PM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Ross, Secretary