



Portland Jr. Hawks Youth Hockey

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PJH Board of Directors

Approved Minutes from June 9, 2008

Attendance: Board Members - Greg Cheetham, Candace Scott, Jodi Trudeau, Tom O'Connor, Lester Sparks, Justin Rock, Jim Keen, Kristi Ebert, Jason Oliver. Guest – Randy Malin.

Called to Order at 7:00 pm, by President Cheetham.

May 12, 2008 minutes approved as submitted by Secretary Trudeau.

Financials: Treasurer Ebert reports current Money Market balance of \$68,220.50 and a Checking Account balance of \$10,595.65. Still some bills to pay for Sherwood and Mt. View 3v3 program.

2008-09 Board Roles and Responsibilities

Cheetham discussed the possibility he may move to Boston this summer due to a potential work transfer. His house is on the market, but with the current economy and real estate market the transfer is by no means a sure thing. There was discussion that though replacing Cheetham as President would certainly be an issue, a more immediate concern would be filling his spot as Head Coach of the Squirt Rep team. He will keep the Board apprised of his status as the summer progresses.

After a short discussion, there was Board consensus on the following roles for the 2008-09 season:

President – Greg Cheetham

Vice-President – Candace Scott

Secretary – Tom O'Connor

Treasurer – Kristi Ebert

Tier Director – Jason Oliver

Coaching Director – Justin Rock

House Director – Lester Sparks

Director at Large – Jodi Trudeau (assignments TBA)

Director at Large – Jim Keen (Equipment)

A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Scott to adopt the positions for 2008-

00 as listed above. Motion passed 9-0.

Sparks will also serve as the primary liaison with the rinks for ice scheduling. O'Connor will work with the webmaster to manage the web site.

Rep Team Tryout Program Review

All Midget Rep teams and Bantam A teams will be trying out this coming weekend, June 13-15, at Valley Ice Arena. Ice time, equipment (pucks, jerseys, etc.), ice time, and independent evaluators have been arranged. Head coaches are responsible for the on-ice tryout protocol for their team. There was concern expressed that Valley Elite League is scheduled for Friday night – O'Connor and Rock have confirmed multiple times with John McBride that PJH has the ice on Friday evening.

The tryout fee is \$60 and proof of current USA Hockey registration is required – all of last season's PJH players are current, but new players will need to prove their status.

All players selected for these teams will need to pay their full PJH registration payment by July 1, 2008 or they will jeopardize their spot on the roster.

Rep Team Plans, Costs, and Coaching Stipends

For all teams trying out this coming weekend, team overview letter from the Head Coaches and team budgets have been posted on the PJH web site. There was some issues posting the proper info for Bantam A, but the link has been corrected.

Non-parent coaching stipends are as in the policy guide. **Rock will reiterate to Rep parents that these stipends come out of Rep player registration fees and are not part of individual team budgets.** Two non-parent coaches per team can receive stipends. After discussion, it was agreed it was in the spirit of this policy that if a Head Coach is a parent, that two non-parent assistant coaches can receive assistant coaching stipends for that team.

Registration Fees

Ebert distributed a cost-per-player analysis and 2008-09 budget forecast. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding budget details and an appropriate registration fees and the effect of the economy on families' ability to afford hockey. House ice is projected to cost approximately \$132,000 dollars. Discussion about house jerseys being used for multiple years. Possibly we will provide a PJH t-shirt to all players again. It is new this year that players will need to register directly with USA Hockey for USA and Oregon State Hockey Association membership, which is required to play with PJH.

Scott motioned to set 2008-09 registration fees as follows: \$775 if paid my July 31, 2008, \$850 if paid on August 1, 2008 or later for Mites through Midgets. \$475 for Minihawks if paid by July 31, 2008, \$550 if paid on August 1, 2008 or later. Motion seconded by Rock. Motion passed 9-0.

Keen departed the meeting at this point.

Rock stated that in the future we need to move our registration dates earlier to facilitate

planning - there was general consensus on this.

Ebert reviewed payment options for registration fees – credit card, PayPal, or check.
Ebert will develop registration information to be posted on the PJH web site ASAP and will communicate directly with the PJH webmaster.

There was a lengthy discussion about the appropriate amount for the Rep reserve that is refunded at the end of the season if the team is in good financial standing with PJH. It was determined, since Rep teams cover the cost of their own ice and officials, that the actual cost of a Rep player to the association is approximately \$250. What is the appropriate amount above this to collect for future program development, unanticipated costs, and other long-term needs?

Rock motioned to set the 2008-09 Rep reserve at \$425. Seconded by Trudeau. Motion passed 8-0.

Goalie Discounts

Discussion and consensus - due to increased program offerings to goalies and the significant budget implications inherent with the goalie discounts, we can no longer justify offering these discounts.

Rock motioned to eliminate the goalie discount program effective immediately. Motion seconded by Scott. Motion passed 7-1 with Oliver as the dissenting vote.

Scholarships

Discussion regarding Food for Funds participation requirement for scholarship applicants. Philosophy and focus of PJH scholarship program was discussed – no decision. **Item tabled until July Board retreat.**

Robby Glantz In-Season program

Mt. View Ice Arena and the Robby Glantz Power Skating School want to host a PJH mid-season skating camp over the holiday break, and would like to see the cost bundled with our registration fee. Consensus that we will certainly promote this (and other) camps, but will not financially obligate the association to any external program at this point.

Coach and Manager Reimbursements

Discussion regarding how many background checks and required certifications reimbursements PJH will fund. House team managers no longer need to be backgrounded, but Rep team managers do.

Rock motioned that all approved Rep and House coaches shall have their coaching certification fees and background check fees reimbursed, and that all Rep managers shall have their background check fees reimbursed. Motion seconded by Trudeau. Motion passed 8-0.

Ice Time Arrangements

Sparks will serve as the primary ice scheduler with O'Connor as alternate if Sparks is unavailable. Sparks will manage House ice time details and Oliver will manage Rep ice time details.

Valley Ice Arena is holding all of last year's ice slots for us again, plus some additional ice availability when the Jaguars and/or Portland State are not at home. Sherwood Ice Arena times are similar to last year, potential we may get more Saturday AM ice. Last year's ice slots at Mt. View are locked in again, and we may get more ice on Wednesday PM and Saturday AM. It is unlikely we will be offered the 10% discount we received last year at Mt. View for prepaying our ice for the season.

Concerns were voiced regarding the condition of Valley Ice Arena – **will be discussed more at the Board retreat.**

Sparks will push forward with finalizing ice time contracts with all three rinks.

Dates

Board meetings will generally be the second Monday of every month. An additional meeting has been scheduled for June 23, 2008. There will no regular meeting in July due to the Board retreat, and we will meet twice in August on the 11th and 25th.

The 2008 Board retreat will be on July 10th & 11th, starting at 6:00 pm on the 10th.
O'Connor will confirm a location.

Sparks will confirm Squirt Rep and Pee wee Rep tryout times on August 23rd and 24th, and will look at adding a weeknight tryout session that following week at the suggestion of Cheetham.

House evaluations will be on September 7th and 14th, Mites will only skate on the 7th.
Sparks will make facility arrangements.

There was a discussion regarding B team and Select team concepts. No decision or action.

House Program Ideas

Sparks brought forward several ideas for discussion:

Possible interlocking schedule with the Eugene and Medford associations including some games in Eugene.

Using older players to mentor younger players.

Mid-season skills competition.

Possibility of a House tournament over Thanksgiving break.

What is the appropriate number of coaches per House team? Consensus was three.

Different approach to the skills clinics this year – details to be discussed at the Board retreat.

Other Items

Trudeau stated that Brett Eichenberger has offered to manage the Host Hotel program this year. Thanks to Brett – this is an important revenue source for PJH.

The Mite program was briefly discussed, including the concept of a rink based program. **Mite Director Chuck Ross would like to be placed on the agenda for the Board retreat.**

Sparks and Oliver will discuss potential dates and age brackets for PJH Tier and House Tournaments and report back to the Board.

3v3 Update – There will be no more punch cards as the program is drawing to a close, but players can drop in for a fee of \$20. There have been issues with players skating out of their age group, which needs to be readdressed with the participants. There was discussion regarding how the 3v3 sessions are being handled on-ice, plus some equipment issues. **Scott will send out an e-mail to all participants clarifying expectations so the program finishes on a successful note.** All in all, it has gone very well.

Girls' hockey ideas for the coming season will be discussed at the Board retreat.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 pm.

-Submitted by PJH Secretary O'Connor