



Portland Jr. Hawks Youth Hockey

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MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 10, 2007

President Cheetham called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Members present: Jodi Trudeau, David Lawrence, Jim Keen, Randy Malin, Lester Sparks, Bev Puncochar, Keith Bemis, Ron Monteferrante, Tami Walsh, Greg Cheetham, Lisa Rosetty, Kristi Ebert, Jodie Spooner.

Minutes from the November 19, 2007 were approved.

Introductions were made for all those present.

U16: (Tim Moran and Steve Fry) Tim explained that he was the past president of PJH for 6 years and is now the current head coach of the U16 A team. They chose to become a part of the Southwest League as they offered a set number of tournaments for our team since we are no longer a part of PNAHA. Their dues are about \$750 a month. Their budget is \$123,000 for the season. The parents are paying their dues without complaint but feel that this organization could help them out.

U16 had a tournament over Thanksgiving weekend without the help of PJH. They had to book their own ice and were told that PJH would not help them. They put on a golf tournament that 5% went back to the organization.

U18: Keith Bemis spoke about the U18 and the Hotel kickback program. Budget is about the same as U16 only they don't include the airfare in their budget.

Both teams play in Southwest, play PNAHA teams have teams here as well. They are not playing in Canada.

Candace asked why we should give to them and not the other rep teams. Tim answered that they should if they played in the Southwest League. In this way, they would be encouraged to become a part of the Southwest League. Candace pointed out that it was a two part request 1-the money to help 2-show that PJH is endorsing the Southwest League as the organization we want to play in.

What was the hotel kickback program put in place for? Tim answered that it was for support of the PJH as a whole. Nothing was ever ear marked for rep or house.

Justin made a motion to give \$1500 to both teams as support to play in the Southwest League. Jim seconded. Motion failed as 4 people abstained.

Candace made a motion to approve payment to the U18 and U16 of \$1500 each in post tournament earnings from PJH's host hotel program commissions. Justin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tim made the comment that he was really pleased to see members of PJH there at their games. They appreciated the show of support.

Frozen Rose report: Ron Monteferrante reported that each age group was all filled up. A few issues. Need to post to the website that we are full. Need the PJH squirts to report. McBain and Rodgers haven't responded. They were given a deadline and it has passed.

Pee Wee House: a player was involved in an issue this weekend. Justin will follow up with the coaches and find out what the actual call was.

David Lawrence came as a concerned parent with a separate issue regarding pee wee player conduct. The player in question is suspended at this time, not allowed on the ice or at any PJH activity until review before a disciplinary committee. David also expressed concern with the referees this season.

Referee concerns: Teams have been concerned with the quality of the refereeing this year. It seems that 2 young inexperienced refs have been assigned to ref together. This can lead to some confusion during games. Tom will follow up and see if we can get a inexperienced ref assigned with a more experienced ref.

Financial Review: Financial review is on file. Kristi has moved the PJH account to a money market account. Kristi is also researching the information needed to sign new lease.

Goalie discount review: In the past all goalies have received a 50% discount on their registration fees, meaning that goalies pay half of the registration that skaters pay. In past years this refund was paid out to the goalies in December. It was decided not to hand out this discount to the goalies until the end of the year. Tim explained that the discount was originally set up to encourage kids to become goalies, to help offset the expense of the goalie gear and because with 2 goalies to a team, they only played half a game. A discussion ensued regarding the validity of the discount. It was suggested that the goalies need to pay for themselves just as the skaters do. The goalies have clinics and most teams only have one goalie. The Board agreed to look into the future of the goalie discount.

Jodie Spooner asked if she could respond to the whole cost of hockey issue and rep teams asking for money. Jodie explained that she has a son on the Bantam A team and a son in house. She explained that both she and her husband work in the Foods For Funds program to help offset the costs. It was agreed by the Board that more people should take advantage of this program. Hockey is expensive but there are ways to help cover the costs if you are willing to put the time in.

Justin made a motion not to refund Gilmour any money because they quit their team and has not maintained their financial commitment to their team. Jim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Canned Food Drive: Nancy will write up a quick note to send to Greg about donating food this upcoming weekend.

Policy Guide: minimum suspensions need to go

Justin made a motion to remove pg 28 from our policy guide and follow only USA hockey. Jim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49pm