

Cyclone Board Meeting
Plex Ice June 25, 2008

Attendees:

James Blake, Ron Norris, Paul Erickson, Kevin Traynor, John Robinson, Ryan Petz and Brian Cronin

Financial Report: (Ron Norris)

Ron handed out a report for the period of 8/1/07 through 6/23/08. Overall the program ran a deficit of \$2336.85 for this period, leaving the program with a little over \$7000 in the account.

Currently, the program has several individuals still owing fees from last year. Kevin & Paul volunteered to contact several of these individuals. The total amount outstanding is around \$2300.

We have received our 501c3 status, making us eligible to receive charitable contributions.

Ron discussed several options for payments for the coming year including a couple of options around credit card payments. Kevin mentioned allowing people to submit post-dated checks. Ron will investigate several options & report back to the Board.

In terms of collection of player fees, Ron suggested that the association, not the individual team manager's, collect fees. This will be further discussed at upcoming meetings.

Finally, Brian suggested a drop box for the Cyclones at the rink to facilitate financial transactions between each team and the association treasurer. Ryan suggested that could be placed in the office of the Hockey Director.

Board Elections:

Following up from the recent elections of new board members, the board made the following assignments:

President – James Blake

Vice Pres – John Robinson

Treasurer – Ron Norris

Secretary – Brian Cronin

Ace Coordinator – Ryan Petz

At Large Members – Paul Erickson & Kevin Traynor

Projected Teams for 2008-09 Season

Tentatively, the Cyclones plan on fielding the following teams for the upcoming CHL season. Based on actual interest levels, the teams may vary in level and number.

Mites – Rec Select

Squirts – Rec Select or A (depending on PeeWee team(s))

PeeWee – A or Select, depends on potential AA arrangement with Charlotte Flames

Bantam – Rec Select

Midget 16U – A

Midget 18U – concerned with interest level

Ryan denoted expectations to have mites, squirt and possibly bantams in the Plex house program. Kevin will build in cost structure at some levels to have players both in travel and house program together. Kevin will also work up projected costs for each program for the next meeting.

Tryout Schedule:

Tentatively, the Board proposed the following dates for team tryouts:

PeeWees – July 19th

Bantams – July 26th

Midget 16U – August 2nd

Squirts/Mites – August 16th

Tryout ice slots would be 2 hours long. Tryout fees were proposed at \$35. USAHockey registration for 2008-09 season would be requested as well.

Coaching:

A number of coaching prospects were discussed. Ryan & Kevin will be contacting select individuals to gauge their interest level. The Board's goal is to name head coaches for each team at the next meeting.

Team Manager:

The need was recognized for improved communication & cost control between the individual teams and the overall association. Kevin & Brian will work on team manager cost templates & a list of team manager expectations to be provided to each team. In addition, Brian suggested that each team manager should be required to attend a monthly board meeting to provide an update on their individual team.

Jerseys:

The Board discussed the option of having "permanent" jerseys. Brian raised the issue that it would be better if these jerseys were procured through sponsorship or other fundraising efforts and not included in part of the player fee.

The board agreed that each team would have practice jerseys. The details of what color(s) and sizes will still have to be decide.

Ryan requested that the Cyclone Board purchase 2 sets of jerseys. These jerseys would be temporarily used for the summer league and then utilized as tryout jerseys for the travel teams. The board tentatively agreed to this proposal, provided the purchase was under \$400. Ryan will provide the board with a more formal proposal at the next meeting.

Website:

James discussed having someone build a new website. The projected cost would be \$700 to set it up but we would have to update the site. Brian discussed the option of using goaline program that a lot of area teams are using. James will review goaline with this person and get back to the Board. Who would update the website was not discussed.

The Board decided to post meeting notes & financial reports on the website.

List of Topics for future discussion:

- Payment options (credit card options, post-date checks)
- Fee collection (role of team manager)
- Budget review
- Followup on late player fees from last year
- Format & formalize tryout plans
- Coaching selection
- Finalize team offerings

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 2nd 8pm at the Plex Ice – Irmo.