

Cyclone Board Meeting
7/2/08 – Plex Ice 8pm

Attendees: James Blake, Paul Erickson, Ryan Petz, Ron Norris, John Robinson, Brian Cronin, Pam Cronin

Not Present: Kevin Traynor

Meeting Minutes from 6/25/08

With one change (added Ryan Petz to provide \$ for purchase of tryout jerseys), meeting notes from 6/25/08 were approved (John's motion, Brian 2nd)

Reports:

Financials – Ron reported that the CPA working on final report for last fiscal year. James requested that Ron submit this report to board for subsequent posting on association's website. It was agreed that the budget numbers (once finalized) for the coming season will also be posted. Ron reported that there were no financial transactions since the last meeting.

Coaching - Ryan discussed the list of potential coaches at each age level. Contacts with several of these coaches still need to be completed to work towards final recommendations and selection. Ryan will work on these contacts before the next meeting.

CAHA/CHL - Brian provided James with an invitation to the CAHA annual meeting in Charlotte in August. This was sent to all association registrars earlier in the week. It was recommended that at least one or more board members attend.

Brian recommended that James be the main contact with the CHL on association issues. This was in response to concerns last year where the board would either have several members respond (sometimes with differing information) and other times the board would not respond at all. The board agreed that James would be the main contact. He will copy requests from the CHL to all board members and copy all board members on any responses.

Brian requested that James submit the list of probable Cyclone CHL teams to the CHL. This was in response to a recent request from the CHL for team census information from all members. James will submit this list promptly.

Finally, Brian noted the upcoming CHL meeting & scheduling session in Charlotte on July 26th & 27th. It was requested that James & Ryan attend this meeting. Brian & Pam will be at the meeting (Brian as the CHL secretary & Pam at the registrar meeting).

Ice Schedule – Ryan noted that the ice schedule for cyclone practices this year are already on the Plex schedule. The ice cost from the Plex was also presented.

Tryouts – The tryout dates were confirmed with the Plex. Pam will send out a mass email out to announce the tryout dates. A response from potential players will be requested in this announcement so that we can gauge interest level. The tryout information will also be posted on the website. Pam will also work on a poster to stage at the rink. The board agreed to have Ryan purchase jerseys for \$400. These will be used for team tryouts, as well as loaned to the house program for its summer league.

Other Items

Letter from Bob Amory – The board reviewed the recently submitted letter from Bob Amory concerning recognition of the CHL Champion Squirts team. The board agreed to formalize its response in a letter to Bob with a recommendation on a resolution to this issue. James agreed to take the lead to draft the letter for a review by the board prior to its forwarding to Mr. Amory.

Team Budgets – Kevin prepared a preliminary budgetary spreadsheet. This was to be reviewed by the board and any questions are to be submitted to Kevin. The option of obtaining a special house rate for mites & squirt select teams will be pursued by Ryan & Kevin.

Future Growth – The future growth of youth hockey in the Columbia area, both for house and travel was discussed. John Robinson agreed to discuss the issue of the second facility at the Plex being hockey capable with the Plex Owners. Brian will forward notes to John on potential addition ice rental opportunities if the Plex had ice on the second facility, at least for part of the year. We also discussed the need to work with the Plex house program and as well as make a request that the Plex management follow through on their commitments to market the facility & its house program.

Sponsorships – John mentioned he had several potential sponsors but was looking for a sponsorship form. James will send John the latest association form.

Website: Paul took the followup to check on availability of domain names for our website.

Next Meeting – July 9th 8pm at Plex.

Meeting Close – Paul motioned to close the meeting, John 2nd.