

Cyclone Board Meeting
Plex Ice 07/09/08

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

Not in Attendance: Kevin Traynor, Paul Erickson

Last Week's Meeting Notes: James motioned to approve the meeting notes; Ron 2nd.

2nd sheet of ice: John noted that he had forwarded Brian's report on the need for a 2nd sheet of ice to Dr. Eckman. Ryan reported that the new facility will have a gravel bed for soccer, not concrete as initially reported. Ryan will followup with rink management on option for a sand bed that could be used for hockey as well as other sports.

Financial Report: Ron reported no expenditures since the last meeting. The CPA continues to work on last year's fiscal report. The board reviewed Kevin's proposed budgets for each team. Assignments were made to review the data for each team, with the board targeting completion of these budgets for July 16th. Ron will post the budgets on the google site & send out instructions on how to access them. The ice schedule for the Cyclones will also be on the site.

If we have a AA team, depending on number of teams in that division, there will be a play-in tournament. Brian will ask the league about a cost for this event. Also, all AA teams must register for Solbeich tournament. This needs to be included in the cost as well. At the midget level, the cost for the high school program will be removed since the two teams may not have the same cost structure and not all players do both programs.

Brian noted that we owe CAHA a fiscal report for last year. Ron reported that he expects the CPA to be complete within the next two weeks. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting, I received the instructions that CAHA will send a request when the report is due, so we need to wait until this request is made before forwarding it).

Ron noted that the projected overhead costs (website, CPA, office supplies, etc) for 2008-09 season are included in the team budgets. Brian noted that CAHA requires general liability insurance & recommends director & officer liability insurance. Brian will contact USAHockey about the cost of each as well as contact Dan Settana for more input on coverages.

There was a discussion about sponsorships and potential incentives for families to obtain these funds. It was noted that the sponsorship plan needs to be revised, however no followup was assigned.

Coaches:

Ryan made the following recommendations for coaches:

Midget 16U – Danny Powell
Bantam HS – Dennis Alexander (with Ryan & Scott Foy assisting)
PeeWee – Ryan Petz (with Scott & Dennis assisting)

Several potential coaches for squirts, mites and a potential 2nd peewee team were discussed but a final selection is not complete. Ryan will followup to set coaches at these levels.

CAHA/CHL

The CHL annual meeting is July 26th at Extreme Ice (Charlotte). James, Brian & Pam will attend. The CHL scheduling meeting is July 27th at Extreme Ice. Ryan & Brian will attend. Brian earlier forwarded the CHL team census to date to the board.

The annual CAHA meeting is August 16/17 at Extreme Ice. James will attend.

Communication with Plex

Ryan noted that there was an interest for Bob Beesburg to be involved with the Cyclone program. It was suggested that Bob serve as a non-voting member as a Plex Liaison. This role is to provide improved communication on short and long term planning issues between the Plex & the Cyclones. Ryan will approach Bob with the idea.

Website

James is working with a consultant on a new webpage. She is reviewing goalline, league lineup and a design of her own. She will develop a cost & feature comparison and James will provide this to the board for discussion. She is also looking at potential domain names.

Tryouts

There was a request to move the bantam tryouts, since Dennis will be out of town on the original date. Ryan will review with Danny Powell to see if we swap the bantam & midget tryout dates or do something else.

James will send Pam & Brian the proposed tryout forms. Pam will review to compare to the new USA Hockey forms & Brian will review the player information form, including adding a line item about whether a player is in good standing with other associations.

It was decided that there will be open spots each team after the tryout date. Players who can not attend the tryout date will be asked to pay the tryout fee and skate with the team at practice(s) for evaluation. Each of these players will then be informed by the program on their individual status and the roster will be updated.

A tryout poster and flyers were setup at the rink. Brian will contact the The State newspaper about inclusion in the Thursday neighbors and Sunday Sports section.

James will make a signup sheet for various positions needed at the tryouts and send it out to the board.

By-Laws & Constitution

Brian reviewed the latest versions of both documents sent out by Paul and compared it to the previous version & CAHA requirements. A list of clerical corrections & updates were presented to the board for review. These changes, per the document requirements, will be voted on at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 16th at the Plex at 8pm

Ryan motioned to close the meeting, James 2nd.