



Valley Youth Hockey Association
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Minutes December 2014 Board of Directors Meeting

*Tuesday, December 9, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.
Berglund Center; Staff Conference Room; Roanoke, VA*

Members Present: S. Boylan; N. Devlin; K. Gilkeson; R. Grant; ; R. Howard; C. Kenney; J. Pollard; TJ Smithson

Members Not Present: S. Brandtner; T. Ellexson; S. Esworthy; J. Fuller; P. Haskins ; K. Jensen; R. Travis

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03pm

I. Approval of Board Minutes September) – R. Grant

Approved with no changes. Motion – C. Kenney. 2nd – K. Gilkeson.
Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

II. Treasurer’s Report (September) – S. Boylan

Treasurer’s report was offered by Treasurer and reviewed by Board of Directors.

III. Committee Reports

Hockey Development

- No report

Hockey Operations

- No Report

Long Range Planning

- No report

Finance/Fundraising

- No report

Marketing/Outreach

- No report

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business

Player Injury

- U18 player R.E. injured in CHL U18 game. J. Pollard to check on player and possible proration of dues.

New Travel Player

- New player interested in joining the Squirt travel team for the remainder of the travel season starting in January 2015.
- Board approved proration of fees to \$225. J. Pollard to inform family.

Berglund Center Issues

- J. Pollard to have conversation with Berglund Center management about some areas of concern. Topics of discussion to include:
 - Dangerous / ineffective use of the Olympia
 - Event Managers and youth locker rooms
 - Sub-standard condition of some locker rooms, esp. LTP



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Coach Certification

- Deadline for CEP, Age-specific modules and Safesport in December 31. All certifications need to be completed if coaches are to continue participating in on-ice or behind-the-bench activities.
- J. Pollard to speak to Southeast District Coach-in-Chief about potential for Level 3 clinic in Virginia or North Carolina. Alternatively, is there some way to get a waiver for coaches who were unable to complete their requirements for CEP due to travel issues.

VYHA Photograph

- Completed prior to Thanksgiving. Photos are expected for delivery to families prior to Christmas.

VYHA Equipment Manager

- TJ Smithson to look into possibility of placing an order for 8U straight bladed sticks for LTP.

Learn to Skate

- Program serves approximately 22 children, both boys and girls. Participants will be bussed from Fairview Elementary School.
- Positive feedback received to date.
- Appreciation expressed to coaches who have stepped up to make the program a success so far.

Skate-a-thon Fundraiser

- On behalf of the Finance/Fundraising Committee, Rich Grant presented a template for a skate-a-thon event.
- After discussion, the decision was made to table the skate-a-thon until next season and to have a plan in place to conduct a skate-a-thon during the first part of the 2015-2016 season in conjunction with a raffle.
- Proceeds to largely benefit individual VYHA families based on their participation in the fundraisers.

Financial Aid

- Increasing available funds for financial aid was discussed at length. More families have applied this year for financial aid than in past seasons despite steady dues over the past 3+ years.
- A variety of ways to raise funds for financial aid were discussed including continued availability of Tenneco funds, Kroger Community Rewards money, proceeds from skate-a-thon and raffle, and others.
- Work to be done by Finance and Fundraising Committee to study this matter.

Motion to adjourn by C. Kenney; Second – S. Boylan. Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.
Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm by J. Pollard.

*The January **Board of Directors Planning Meeting** will be held at the
Berglund Center; Staff Conference Room
Next Meeting Date: **January 6, 2015 @ 7:00pm***