



Valley Youth Hockey Association
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Minutes VYHA ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

*Tuesday, May 6 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.
Sprint Store by CellCom Conference Room; Roanoke, VA*

Members Present: S. Boylan; S. Brandnter; T. Ellexson; S. Esworthy; K. Gilkeson; R. Grant; P. Haskins; R. Howard;
K. Jensen; C. Kenney; J. Pollard;

Members Not Present: B. Caldwell; J. Fuller; T. Smithson; R. Travis;

Meeting Called to Order at 6:35pm

- I. **Approval of Board Minutes (April)– S. Esworthy**
Approved with no changes. Motion S. Boylan. 2nd – K. Gilkeson. Unanimous vote.
- II. **Treasurer’s Report (April) – S. Boylan**
Treasurer’s report was offered by Treasurer and reviewed by Board of Directors.

Committee Reports

Hockey Development - No report offered.
Hockey Operations - No report offered.
Marketing/Outreach – No report offered.
Long Range Planning – No report offered.
Finance/Fundraising - No report offered.

Old Business

None

New Business

BoD Committee Assignments

- Committee assignments were delivered for the 2014-2015 session of the VYHA Board of Directors. Committee assignments can be found on the attached document presented by VYHA President J. Pollard.

BoD Board Responsibilities

- Functional responsibilities for the 2014-2015 session of the VYHA Board of Directors were discussed and assigned. Functional Responsibilities can be found on the attached document presented by VYHA President J. Pollard.

2014-2015 VYHA Registration Dates

- The following dates were selected for VYHA 2014-2015 Registration:

Saturday, August 9, 2014	10am-12Nn
Tuesday, August 19, 2014	6pm-8pm
Saturday, August 23, 2014	10am-12Nn

2014-2015 House League Format Preliminary Discussion

- VYHA President J. Pollard led a preliminary discussion of the format for the 2014-2015 season. While a final decision cannot be made until the completion of registration, the Board thought it wise to have a structure in mind based on expectations for returning players based on the 2013-2014 census. It is the Board’s sense that we would like to try to have the following house leagues for 2014-2015:



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- Mite House League 4 teams
 - Squirt-only House League 3 teams
 - Middle House (Peewees & 1st year Bantams) 3 teams
 - Upper House (2nd year Bantams & Midgets) 2 teams
- This structure assumes a significant degree of flexibility for coaches to assign players based on relative skill level and also offers parents a great degree of flexibility to make requests as to the level played by their children with the advice and consent of the House League Director and the appropriate House League Coordinator(s).
 - If the House Leagues take this format, there will likely be no need to purchase new house league jerseys with the exception of the third middle house league team.
 - It is expected that there will be no VYHA/RVAHA partnership for the midget level during the upcoming season.
 - Mite House will continue on Saturday mornings after LTP.
 - VYHA will explore taking over the Friday afternoon slot from RVIA stick and puck for some house league games. RVIA would receive a Saturday morning time slot for stick and puck.

Appointment of Player/Coach Committee

- VYHA President J. Pollard appointed members to the 2014-2015 Player/Coach Committee. Appointments for the upcoming season include:
 - K. Jensen, Chair
 - P. Haskins, Vice Chair
 - E. Caldwell
 - D. van Osten
 - T.J. Smithson

Fee Structure

- Assuming no major changes to the rental agreement between VYHA and the Roanoke Civic Center, it is the Board of Director's intention to maintain the current fee structure for the 2014-2015 season.

Learn to Skate Outreach/Partnership with YMCA of Roanoke Valley

- The Board of Directors has tasked the Marketing/Outreach Committee to explore the steps necessary to develop a Learn to Skate program in partnership with the YMCA of the Roanoke Valley. It is the Board's desire to initiate an outreach to underserved populations in the Roanoke Valley. At this point, the Marketing/Outreach Committee will need to conduct exploratory conversations with the Roanoke Civic Center, the YMCA, and USA Hockey to determine the feasibility of a program of this nature.

Committee Meetings

- VYHA President J. Pollard urged all standing committees of the Board of Directors to meet during the month of May to begin to address important summer priorities for the Board. He reminded the Board membership that summer is the time when all the work is done to lay the groundwork for a successful season.

Motion to adjourn by S. Brandtner; 2nd by K. Jensen. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm by J. Pollard

The June **Board of Directors Planning Meeting** will be held at the
Sprint Store by Cellcom; Conference Room
Next Meeting Date: **June 3, 2014 @ 6:30pm**