



Valley Youth Hockey Association
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Minutes
September 2015 Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 31, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
Board Room; Sprint Store by InPhase

Members Present: S. Boylan; S. Brandtner; N. Devlin; S. Devlin; T. Ellexson; S. Esworthy; J. Fuller; K. Gilkeson; R. Grant; P. Haskins; C. Kenney; J. Pollard; TJ Smithson; D. Tidrow

Members Not Present: K. Jensen

Meeting Called to Order at 6:35pm

I. Approval of Board Minutes (July 2015) – S. Esworthy

Approved with no changes. Motion – K. Gilkeson. 2nd – T.J. Smithson.

II. Treasurer’s Report (July 2015) – S. Boylan

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

III. Old Business

- Review Summer Work List
 - Girls Hockey Day
 - Raffle / Skate-a-thon
 - Dasher Boards
 - Kroger Cards
- VYHA has been awarded a 2015-2016 Crerar Grant to support the VYHA/YMCA Learn to Skate program for the upcoming year. Thanks to VYHA Vice President Dr. Richard Grant for his work securing this grant in the amount of \$2660.
- Significant discussion was held regarding numbers in the Learn to Play program. As of this meeting, the LTP program was oversold with a lengthy waiting list. Two reasons seem to exist for the current status of LTP: 1) Significant numbers of newly registered LTP participants for the season; and 2) LTP has not been efficient in moving participants from LTP into the VYHA House Leagues. It was decided that LTP could accept participants from the waiting list if a concerted effort was made to move some current LTP registrants into the House Leagues. LTP program was reviewed a tentative list of players ready to move out was created. Target number for LTP for this year and moving forward will be 50-55 players on the ice at the maximum.
- Current numbers as of 8/31/2015:
 - Mites – 23
 - Squirts – 16
 - Peewees – 29
 - Bantams – 12
 - U16 – 11
 - U18 – 5
- VYHA still hopes to field CHL Travel teams at Squirt, Peewee, Bantam, U16 and U18 levels. Numbers are low for U16 and U18 as of this meeting, but that has been the case historically. We are hearing of players from Lynchburg, Winston-Salem and Greensboro who are looking for travel hockey homes. Sense of the Board is to hold off on making a final decision regarding the U16/U18 until more information is received. Executive Committee of the Board will be tasked with making a final determination as one will have to be rendered before the October meeting.
- All members of the VYHA Board of Directors, All Coaches, and All Team Managers are required to register with all the necessary paperwork before working directly with any VYHA players. This includes USA Hockey, Valley Youth Hockey Association, Safesport and PVAHA Background Check. In addition, all coaches must complete all necessary USA Hockey CEP clinics and age-specific modules by the end of the calendar year. This has been communicated to all Age Group Coordinators and Travel Head Coaches. They are tasked with communicating this to their assistance coaches and managing compliance.



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- VYHA has some outstanding equipment needs as we get closer to the start of the season. We recently received a donation of a variety of equipment from Travis Pierce. The equipment is like new and spans the full range of sizes. We need to coordinate with Dave Shinault to make sure all skate needs are taken care of prior to the start of the season. Shipment of socks is coming from Harrow and all LTP and Mite House jerseys will be delivered from Press Press Merch.
- The following “Play up Requests” were received and the Board took action:
 - Mougín – Bantam Age Group to Midget Age Group – Approved
 - Valentine – Bantam Travel to U16 Travel – Tabled awaiting completion of registration
 - Smithson – Mite House to Lower House – Approved
- SportsNGIN Travel Registration – J. Pollard and K. Gilkeson continue to build and troubleshoot Travel Registration. Goal is to have travel registration live by the last week of September. This will allow travel coaches to direct players to the registration site as soon as tryouts are completed and teams selected.
- Team Managers:
 - Mite – C. Kenney
 - Squirts – C. Kenney
 - Peewees – D. Esworthy
 - Bantams – A. Howard
 - U16 – TBD
 - U18 – S. Jensen
- LYHA Partnership – VYHA will continue to partner with LYHA to facilitate rostering and play of travel teams at the more advance age divisions. The following is currently the status of these partnerships:
 - Pee wee – LYHA has asked VYHA to consider directing any players who are not chosen for the Roanoke Express Pee wee A team to LYHA to fill out a CHL Pee wee B roster. We have agreed to recommend this to parents whose children are not selected.
 - Bantam – We currently have no LYHA players who have indicated interest in Bantam travel. Bantam Travel Coach H. Heerens continues to reach out to S. Turner with LYHA to secure names of interested players. If we cannot secure commitments from LYHA, we will have to look at alternate arrangements for Bantam travel practices based solely in Roanoke.
 - U16/U18 – There appears to be very significant interest in continuing the relationship as it has existed in recent seasons. Final numbers are still being worked out, but this partnership will be vital to any Midget travel teams and will help determine the possibility of U16 and U18 operating independently.
- Concussion Study – VYHA has been asked to participate in a concussion study in youth sports. Details of the study will be communicated to the Board of Directors as it becomes available.
- Raffle / Skate-a-thon – Additional details were given to the Board of Directors regarding the planned Raffle and Skate-a-thon planned for fall 2015. The major change in the plans revolves around our inability to allow credits from the fundraisers applied to the 2015-2016 dues. Limitations of the SportsNGIN platform prevent us from having the flexibility to apply these credits to this year’s dues. While this was deemed a significant issue, the sense of the Board was to move forward with the fundraisers and have credits be placed toward 2016-2017 dues.

IV. New Business

- Motion to allow D. Tidrow to spend up to an additional \$1000 for the purchase of various equipment necessary to start the season for the Learn to Play program and other needs of the VYHA.
Motion – T.J. Smithson; 2nd – N. Devlin. Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to move forward with the Raffle / Skate-a-thon fundraisers for Fall 2015 with all credits being made to dues for the 2016-2017 season.
Motion – J. Fuller; 2nd – S. Devlin. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by J. Fuller; 2nd – D. Tidrow. Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.
Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm by J. Pollard.

*The October Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the
Sprint Store by InPhase; Board Room
Next Meeting Date: October 6, 2015 @ 6:30pm*