



Minutes of Clinton Youth Hockey Board of Directors Meeting

June 2, 2009 – 8 pm @ Altieri's Restaurant

Meeting called to order at 8:07 pm

Directors present: Todd Saunders, Mike Seakan, Chris Carr, Dave Barrett, Todd Jury, Matt Fletcher, Chris Houle, Eric Bremer, Chris Militello, Mike Perry

Directors Absent: Bill Foote, Harris Frank, Jeff Corigliano

Guests: Julia Roach

President's Report: Mike Perry gave a President's report:

- Discussed the topics of interest from the NYSAHA annual meeting, which he attended May 29-31 on behalf of CYH. In particular, he advised that a proposal to raise the entry fee for state tournaments was defeated. Also discussed possible rules changes that are currently under review by USA Hockey committees.
- Mike also noted the awarded bids for 2009-10 Central Section championship tournaments. CYH was not awarded any sectional tournaments.
- Advised the board of the resignation tendered by Todd Saunders as a board member. Motion by Chris Militello to accept the resignation of Todd Saunders as a board member, but remain as Association Treasurer, 2nd by Chris Carr. Eight (8) votes in favor, one (1) vote opposed, one (1) abstained, motion carries.
- Mike then advises the board that, per the bylaws, the vacancy created by Saunders' resignation is filled by the non-elected candidate receiving the most votes at the most recent election, which is Bert Mandia. Motion by Chris Carr to accept Bert Mandia as replacement director, 2d by Chris Houle, unanimously passed.
- Finally, Mike addressed the subject of USA Hockey's American Development Model Program. After discussion, no action was taken.

Secretary's report: Chris Militello presented the minutes of the May 2009 meeting for review by the board. One correction was noted by Chris Houle to the Amendment of bylaws section. After correction, motion to accept the minutes by Matt Fletcher, 2d by Mike Seakan, unanimously passed.

Treasurer's report: Todd Saunders gave a treasurer's report:

- He reviewed and discussed balance sheet
- Advised of proposal to move CYH checking account from NBT bank to Access Federal Credit Union. After discussion, motion to authorize the move of a portion of the funds contained in the CYH checking account from NBT Bank to Access FCU, with a balance retained in NBT account to cover outstanding checks, by Chris Militello, 2d by Mike Perry, unanimously passed.
- Todd also discussed the negotiation of the ice contract with the Town of Kirkland. A copy of the Town's initial proposed rates was distributed to the board. After discussion, board authorizes without a vote for Todd to make a counter proposal.
- Motion to accept treasurer's report by Mike Seakan, 2d by Dave Barrett, unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Learn to Skate program 2009-10: Dave Barrett introduced Julia Roach to the board. Julia presented a proposal to the board to direct CYH's Learn to Skate program for 2009-10. Her proposal included coordinate registration with Clinton Figure Skating Club, which would allow participants to skate Wednesday nights w/CFSC and Saturdays with CYH. Julia discussed the need for CYH to provide staff during its Saturday sessions and proposed several possible sources of such staffing. More details of program would be forthcoming.

- Motion to accept Barrett's report on Learn to Skate by Chris Carr, 2d by Todd Jury, unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising: Eric Bremer addressed the board regarding the possibility of conducting a fundraising event. After discussion, Bremer determined to obtain more details and report back at a later date.

- Motion to accept Bremer's report by Chris Carr, 2d by Mike Seakan, unanimously passed.

Coaching/ACE: Todd Jury reporting from the coaching committee:

- Regarding selection of coaches for 2009-10, Todd has obtained contact info for all who coached in 2008-09. He will also place an ad in the Courier calling for coach applications.

- Todd also addressed the need to select a Mite Coordinator for 2009-10 and advised that he will look into possible candidates.

- Regarding a coaching selection committee, Todd suggested a panel of non-board members to review candidates and make recommendations to the board. He will select committee members and advise the board.

- Motion to accept Jury's report by Eric Bremer, 2d by Chris Carr, unanimously passed.

AEP: Chris Houle reported on the Adult Education Program for the upcoming season. He suggested that the program would be similar to that used in 2008-09 and advised that more details would be forthcoming.

- Motion to accept Houle's report by Todd Jury, 2d by Dave Barrett, unanimously passed.

Tournaments: Matt Fletcher reported in tournaments. He stated that he needs an ice schedule so that he can assess the possibilities for hosting invitational tournaments in 2009-10.

- Motion to accept Fletcher's report by Dave Barrett, 2d by Mike Seakan, unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaw revision: Chris Houle distributed revised bylaws per the voting and discussion at the May meeting. Discussion was held and the following revisions were proposed:

- revise voting eligibility provision to reflect "one vote per member"

- change wording at Section 6.0(c) from "member" to "Association"

- revise special meeting procedure to require meeting to be held within seven (7) days of request.

- Motion to adopt revised bylaws as presented and amended by revisions from the floor by Chris Houle, 2d by Matt Fletcher, eight (8) votes in favor, one (1) abstained, motion carries.

Board meeting schedule: Mike Perry addressed subject of the meetins schedule for the upcoming year. No action taken.

Projected numbers: Mike Perry distributed enrollment projections – 221 players if all who played last season returned, including Learn to Skate.

- Hamilton college men's team will play a regular-season game against Trinity College in the Clinton Arena on November 20, 2009. Tickets will be sold for \$5 and portion of proceeds will benefit CYH. Access Federal Credit Union will also be a sponsor. The Hamilton team will hold a 50-50 raffle as a fundraiser during the game. More details to come.
- Hamilton will hold "Hockey day on the Hill" on a date TBA. Day will consist of CYH games at Sage Rink during morning & early afternoon and Hamilton game at 3 pm. May also include HS game to follow college game.
- Hamilton coach Norm Bazin wants to institute program of introducing CYH players at home games as well as a good will program where community families "adopt" a Hamilton student-athlete.
- Todd also noted the June 12 fundraiser golf tournament to benefit Hamilton's men's hockey and football teams. Motion was made to sponsor the entry of one foursome into the tournament and tee signs, up to a maximum of \$850, made by Todd Jury, 2d by Dave Barrett, unanimously passed.
- Motion to accept Jury's report by Dave Barrett, 2d by Matt Fletcher, unanimously passed.

Street hockey at the Arena: Todd Jury reported that there will be open street hockey at the Clinton Arena throughout July and the first week of August. All children are welcome to participate and there is no cost. It is noted that this is not a CYH-sponsored event but rather a Town of Kirkland program. Chris Carr agreed to produce an information flyer and distribute in schools.

- Motion to accept Jury's report on this topic by Chris Carr, 2d by Matt Fletcher, unanimously passed.

Guidelines and procedures manual: Mike Perry noted the need to produce a procedures manual and distributed a list of possible subjects. No further action taken.

Newsletter: Chris Militello volunteered to produce the newsletter that communicates details of registration and other information about upcoming season, for distribution in August.

Fourth of July Parade: Todd Saunders is coordinating CYH's participation in the annual parade.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm by unanimous consent