

AYHA Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2022

Members Present: Sara Batey, Tyler Heddleston, Becky Royse, Sara Carlston, Jason Stengel, Emily Heddleston, Deb McAvoy, Jennifer McKinney, Brandy Altop, Dustin Altop

Marazon Tournament

- The Marazon Tournament will be held Feb 17-19 and will be 8U & 10U; We will do one age level Fri-Sat and one Sat-Sun
- Jennifer McKinney will chair a committee with Brandy Altop consulting
- Deb McAvoy will recruit teams to play and create a schedule
- \$400 per team entry fee with an option to decrease if we don't have enough teams

First Aid Kits

- Sara Batey reached out to the community to get First Aid kits donated to be able to give each team one to carry

AYHA Night at the OU Hockey Game

- January 6 will be AYHA night at the OU hockey game
- Deb McAvoy will create a schedule to incorporate all teams in the evening
- The OU president and VP of development are scheduled to be at the game and we want to present a united front on how important Bird Arena is to the youth hockey community in the area

Referee Clinic

- On Nov 21 we hosted a referee clinic and there were 34 attendees and harvested 15 referees
- We have started a mentoring program so for the near future we will have 3 refs on the ice for the 8U and 10U games

CBJ Foundation

- Sara Batey attended the CBJ game and ceremony to accept the foundation donation to AYHA
- We have a \$200 Jets Pizza gift card for the association
- We are still in need of more volunteers for our AYHA 50/50 day on April 1 at the CBJ game

Request for a fundraising opportunity for 10U

- Tyler Heddleston brought forth a motion to request approval for a fundraiser selling pucks with the AYHA logo on it for the 10U team to attend the Newark Tournament in March.
- Motion passed

8U Newark Tournament

- We need to pay before Jan 1 for the \$100 discount
- Tournament is March 3-5 and is included as part of the 8U player fee

Learn to Play Hockey Update

- We ran a successful program from Oct-Dec with 44 participants
- We have a second program set up for Jan-Mar
- Kids are allowed to repeat sessions if they wish
- We decided to table a discussion for a future meeting about the half-price discount for Learn to Play kids with a deadline before the last meeting so at a Feb or March meeting

Fundraising

- Let's be sure we all are working together to not ask the same people too many times for donations to the program
- Becky has a list of historical donors from prior to covid shutdowns and will get that out so we can start asking for those donations again
- Pie Peddler fundraiser will start next week and run into the beginning of January. Hope to have each player sell 10 pies. \$7 profit per pie.
- Chipotle fundraiser in Feb. We get 1/3 of everything made that night.
- Kroger – you have to renew your charity each year and we worked to get AYHA back on the list so we want to encourage all AYHA people to pick us as their Kroger rewards charity
- The overstock gear is being sold and bringing in some money

Concessions

- We have now been told we cannot do concessions this year using the arena concession stand
- Becky will reach out to gather more information about this and see if we can set up a table to sell some small items and beverages

Budget

- Update from treasurer: we are currently projected to be over budget by \$15,550
 - Some areas this is coming from: Insurance increase; web page increase; ice time greatly increased as well as the price of it increased; a lot more kids taking advantage of the 50% discount and more goalie discounts; loss of revenue from not having the Marazon Tournament for 2 years; additional ref hotel and fuel fees; ice time longer in March; increase in coaches' salaries
- Nothing was voted on or solved...will look into when each team will end in March; will approve more money for refs when we actually need it; will look into the rainy day fund when we need it; will compare ice time hours historically

Coaching Requirements

- Update from registrar: We have a couple of coaches that haven't finished their USA Hockey requirements that are due by Dec 31. They have been reminded multiple times.

Raymond Frost's Board Position

- Raymond is both the team rep for the high school and the OSHL rep
- Chris Marazon will do one of them but would not like to do both
- Jason Stengel will do the other if no one else steps up

Move Meetings

- There was a motion to move the meetings to the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm
- Motion approved

Email Voting

- It has been determined that we are not allowed to do formal board votes by email

Motion to close meeting