

# BCHSHA Meeting

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:45 pm

## In Attendance:

**BOD:** Bill Mizera, Mike Cerasaro, Melanie Wagner, Jennifer Stevenson, Fritz Hust, Ann Bello, Diane Kelly, Tom Kutz

**Reps:** **BHS:** Absent; **CF:** Renea O'Brien, Jim Brewster; **CV:** Jean Botting; **E/HH:** Absent; **JC:** Jeff Espe, Danielle Gray; **ME:** Joanne McVannan, Brent Dyer; **UE:** Thuy Cataldo; **VHS:** Jim Sabitus, Chris Kelly

**Coaches:** Brett Peterson (E/HH), Doug Jacobs (E/HH)

**Absent:** Scott Marean (BHS), Mary Ellen LaBadie (E/HH)

### 1. Call to Order: 7:25 pm

### 2. Review and Acceptance of April Minutes:

- Fritz reported that the Ranger Raffle totals in the April minutes are not accurate. These totals were preliminary, and they will be update when Ann gives the actual report at the August meeting. A motion to accept the minutes without out being read aloud was made by Brent Dyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Sabitus. Vote: Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-0 (**Motion Passed**)

### 3. Treasurer's Report:

- Reps are reminded to send End-of-Season Financial Reports to Fritz so he has them if an audit ever occurs.
- Report for May was submitted
- Checking Account Balance: \_\_\_\_\_; savings account balance: \_\_\_\_\_; CD account balance: \_\_\_\_\_; accounts payable: \_\_\_\_\_; accounts receivable: \_\_\_\_\_
- There was a deposit of \$3,700 from last season that was not taken into account
- Preliminary figures show a possible surplus of \$17,000 once all bills are paid. This will be taken into consideration as fees are set for next season. Some of the surplus will be used to absorb future costs. Another possible idea for next season is to create a scholarship for players with financial hardship. Uses for this money will be voted on.
- A motion to accept the April Treasurers Report was made by Brent Dyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee O'Brien. Vote: Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-0 (**Motion Passed**)
- If any teams have players still owing fees, let Bill know. The league and STHA will be working together to help each other recoup fees owed.

### 4. President's Report: Nothing at this time

### 5. Committee Reports:

- Executive VP's Report: Nothing at this time
- VP Report: Nothing at this time
- Secretary's Report: Jen would like to wish the players, reps and BOD well as they move forward. It has been a pleasure serving the BCHSHA for the past five years as secretary.
- Registrar: USA Hockey has begun registration for next season
- ACE Coordinator: Nothing at this time

### 6. Old Business:

#### A. Numbers for Next Season:

- There were 36 graduating seniors at the end of this season. We are not sure how many players will be coming up.

#### B. Central Section Meeting:

- There is a team from Ithaca contacting other teams in our area to play them. Be aware that this team is not insured under USA Hockey.
- A group from Lansing applied to Central Section to return and go back under USA Hockey after leaving and going to AAU. There was much discussion at the Central Section meeting, and it was determined that this team would not be allowed to return at this time.
- The U16 and U18 teams will not have Sectionals next season. Instead they will be playing a qualifying schedule and regular season games will rank teams to determine who will move forward to States. STHA will not be having a Statebound U16 next season.

#### C: Scheduling:

- Bill is hoping to condense the schedule for next season to minimize conflict with spring sports. Bill told Chris Novitsky at BCC that if the league could get another game slot on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, we would take it.
- Reps should let Bill know if there is a night that is not good for games or practices. He will work to make accommodations if possible.

### 7. New Business:

#### A. Elmira/Horseheads Vote:

- A motion was made by Jeff Espe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brent Dyer to make E/HH team a permanent team in the BCHSHA, but limit the E/HH team to only players for Elmira High School and Horseheads High School (with players from first year grandfathered).
- Vote: BHS-Yes  
ME-Yes  
VHS-Yes- with comments made regarding behavior. Bill explained that the BOD has more authority over a permanent team than a probationary team, and that he will work to ensure that all teams exhibit appropriate behavior (players and fans)  
UE-Yes  
JC-Yes  
CV-Abstain  
CF-Yes  
**(Motion Passed)**
- E/HH addressed the league and expressed that they would work hard to respect the history of the league and are very appreciative.
- Bill would like to do something with all the players prior to the start of the season to help bring all teams together.

#### B. 4-Ref System:

- Bill is working to get prices. He is guessing that to go to a 4-ref system, fees per player would increase approximately \$40. The thought was to possibly go to this system the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of playoffs.
- Bill will be working with Fran (head of the Officials Association) to have more of a say over the refs officiating playoff games. He is also thinking about implementing an internal rating system for the refs

#### C. Increasing Gate Fees:

- Based on the end-of-season balance, there is no need to increase gate fees at this time.

#### D. Items Held Over for Next Meeting:

- Draft Re-Vamp
- Playoff Overtime Rules

#### E. Disciplinary Issues:

- Central Section ruled that the league will have the jurisdiction to decide how the outstanding issue w/ JC player will be handled. Bill will form a committee and set a date to meet regarding this matter.

#### F. Summer Rep Training: Will be held in June or July. Diane will send out an email regarding.

#### G. Elections:

- There were no additional nominations or letters of intent.
- Brent Dyer made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Sabitus to elect Fritz to the BOD and keep him as the league treasurer. The motion further included electing Diane Kelly to the BOD and placing her in the position of secretary. Vote: Yes: 7, No:0, Abstain: 0 **(Motion Passed)**
- A motion was made by Joanne McVannen , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brent Dyer to elect Ann Bello and Tom Kutz into the positions of Members at Large.

#### H. ByLaw Motion:

- A motion was made by Joanne McVannen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Espe to make an addition to the By-Laws to make the registrar an official position on the BOD with a 2 year term. Vote: Yes-7, No-0, Abstain-0 **(Motion Passed). This will require a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote at the August meeting**

### 8. Next Meeting Date and Time: August 3rd

9. **Special Topics:** A benefit for Eric Breed will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Jim Sabitus will send info electronically.

10. **Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made and passed.