

CUYHA Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2010

I. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

Present: Pam Appelquist, Tom Grady, Rhonda Proctor, Teri Weems, Martin Wu, Darin Trulock, Mike Evans, Cheryl Black, Ed Deatley, Vaughn Alcorn

Absent: Brian Hannon, Joe Murphy, Duane Setterdahl

II. Approval of December Minutes

Teri Weems distributed minutes for December. Darin Trulock moved to approve December minutes; Rhonda Proctor seconded. December minutes were approved with corrections.

III. Treasurer's Report

Ed Deatley distributed December financial reports. The reports indicate that CUYHA is financially sound at this time. ACH has been an asset in collecting fees this year. There are 3 families behind on payments; Teri Weems and Tom Grady will contact. Pam Appelquist moved to approve the December Treasurer's Report; Tom Grady seconded. December Treasurer's report was approved.

IV. House League Update/ Minor Hawks Update and Promotion

Darin Trulock and Rhonda Proctor reported great numbers for session beginning in January (Approx. 33 HL and 47 MH). January 13, Darin will have a coach asses all MH skaters, place into groups and assign coaches. Darin will concentrate on HL players.

If strong numbers continue with HL and MH, changes to practice schedules may need to be considered. It may be possible for MH players to select a day to attend sessions (Wednesday or Saturday) and have a firm cap on numbers. The idea was suggested to contact Dave Baggar and see if ice could be shared with the Learn to Skate program.

There have been a few older skaters interested in HL. Ideas were discussed on how to make the program suitable for such skaters. Ideas included: organizing ice differently with like age HL and travel teams practicing at the same time, offering summer opportunities and encouraging Stick/Puck sessions to move skaters from HL to travel programs, informing older skaters of roller hockey opportunities to increase skills. These ideas may allow for HL program to grow in older skaters with the possibility of some of those moving to travel program.

Promotion of HL and MH programs was discussed. The Board agreed that a promotion launch plan be in place by June. Rhonda felt it would be important to get MH/HL information to schools in Champaign, Urbana and surrounding areas at the beginning of the school year. Word of mouth and having information posted on the website has been key in promoting the programs, as well.

V. New Board Position Proposal: HL/MH Coordinator

Darin Trulock suggested adding a HL/MH Coordinator position to the Board next year. He explained the amount of work that has been involved with these two programs this year, especially with the high numbers. Teri Weems felt the work could be absorbed by the existing members on the Board. There are a number of Board members that expressed interest in possibly stepping down after this year. The Board will need to begin thinking of recruitment of new Board members.

VI. Chiefs Classic Tournament

Pam Appelquist reported on the upcoming tournament scheduled for January 15-17, 2010. Pam and her committee have tournament details in place. All levels of CUYHA skaters will be encouraged through emails and fliers to attend and support the Chiefs. Pam did express frustration with issues involving one tournament vendor and volunteer follow-through. The Board supports Pam's efforts and is grateful for her hard work and dedication.

The idea of reworking the tournament application was discussed briefly. An early registration fee (\$50.00 discount off regular fee) and a cancellation fee will be added to notes for consideration with future tournaments.

VII. President's Report

Teri Weems reported no ice issues at this time. Teri also shared a Trivia Night fundraising idea she recently received. Information will be forwarded to Brian Hannon.

Teri commented on the recent article appearing in The News Gazette. Pam Appelquist explained that a Chief's article focusing on Mahomet players is expected to be in the Mahomet Citizen on January 13, 2010.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 8, 7:00 p.m., at the Champaign Police Department.

