

Huron Hockey and Skating Association
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2022

Members Present: Mark Ferguson, Matt Buresh, Matt Primm, Katie Binder, Brittany Harrison, and Heather Belanger

Others Present: Mel Rettell and Rob Duncan

Topics Discussed:

- A. Appointment/Resignation: Ferguson turned in his formal resignation to the Board. He felt it would be a good idea to get new people involved and free up his time for other opportunities. Appointment for Marissa Nunn for the remainder of his term. Primm makes motion to appoint Nunn for the remainder of his position, seconded by Binder, no opposition and motion carries.
- B. Team Counts: Reminder that Board needs to complete Safe Sport and Background check by end of month. We talked about having a kiosk for that for people to use and sign up with. Primm's numbers by age are as follows;
 - a. Bantam 11
 - b. Pee Wee 10
 - c. Squirt 17
 - d. U10 12
 - e. U6 18

That is 8% down overall. Men's league has not signed up yet. Sign ups need to be done earlier. Primm and Duncan discussed a new format plan called "Intent to Play". Dasher boards also need to be done earlier as well.

- C. Request for Move Up: District and Board need to agree on these kids moving up. 1st year Pee Wee or Squirt is frowned upon with that two year jump. Duncan said moving up kids doesn't have to do with skill, it's a mental ability. Buresh said the District gave us the blessing to make those decisions. Matt said some of these may be due to numbers. [REDACTED] from Pee Wee to Bantam, [REDACTED] from Squirt to Pee Wee, [REDACTED] Squirt to Pee Wee. It was discussed they won't be moved up until we have Buresh and Duncan watch them and then we can make those moves. We can't allow kids to practice up without approval of Board. MAHA has a form for them to fill out that it is elevating their risk to move up. Harrison has a copy of that. Rob said that responsibility has to be on the coaches as well.
- D. Annual Meeting: November meeting will need notifications in newspaper.
- E. Rink Open/Prep: One inch of gravel put down, decent shape, flooding is happening. Oct. 22 Bishop is coming. The person that was going to paint lines is booked, so we are going with vinyl this year. Projects are still in full swing. Rink manager needed. Harrison said Indeed.com may help with that. Also, look at people that have worked with heavy equipment, Bolen Asphalt, [REDACTED]

██████, that type of work. Primm suggested ██████. Mel said City Water has helped with clarity of ice.

- F. Fundraising: Coaches are asking how much they have to start. Mel said the pop can fund could donate \$400 per team, but that needs to be paid back by end of season. The teams are responsible for paying for District play. Coaches need to be aware that fundraisers need to be presented to Board. Harrison talked about the Red Wings fundraiser that provides us with equipment...we are now in the third round. She also talked about a "Little Wings" program that is for the learn to skate kids. We don't qualify this year, hopefully next year. She also talked about Hockey USA as a source of grant money. Buresh talked about a deal for the teams to go down to MSU for \$10/ticket and they would also be showcased on the ice. We have to decide when and get information to coaches.
- G. Budget: Harrison talked about the budget. The rink ended \$15,000 in the red. We are losing Red Line income. The rink needs to generate their own fundraisers. Mel offered to give HHSA \$15,000 if we (HHSA) promote the pop can fund, go out to Point to collect cans, etc... Ferguson suggested a regular reminder on Face book. The private box and Districts will be great weekend for the rink. The Bantam District will be held at TBIA. Each team should host a tournament. They are big money makers for ice rinks.
- H. Other: Duncan is Bronze certified through USA Hockey in goal tending. He talked about the importance of a goalie needs to at every level. He is volunteering to do that to develop goal tenders and he is working with Brad Johnson on that. Duncan has been a goalie for 50 years.
- I. Free Hockey/Skate Day: Buresh talked about a try to skate for free type of day. That was set for Nov. 5th from 12p-2p. They need a helmet and gloves. Binder will put ads on the radio and emails and notices to school will be sent out.
- J. Annual Meeting Set for November 30th at 7pm at the rink.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm

Minutes submitted by Katie Binder, HHSA Secretary