

## FYHBA – BOD Meeting 4/12/16– 6PM

### Fremont Recreation Center

**Board Members Present:** Andy Genzman, Jessica Warner; Mel Covell; Jody Solomon and Connie Wilson

**Non Board Members Present:** Dave Pulaski, Tony Franks and Gina Carlson

Meeting came to order at 6:05PM

### **Treasurer's Report:**

No report was presented at the time of the meeting

**Motion 04122016-1** - Motion by Mel Covell, to accept the Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2016; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Warner, Yes – Jody Solomon, Connie Wilson, Andy Genzman

### **Coaches Report sent by Dave Pulaski and Presented at Meeting:**

We have confirmed that Sean will return as the head coach for the high school team with Coach John Martin and James Carlson assisting. James will be the head coach for the bantams. Tim Dickman may assist with Jason Deel and Ed Adams – either way, we do not anticipate any issues at this level. Randy will be the head coach for the PeeWees assisted by Matt Turner and Bob Eaton. Gina Carlson offered to coach the Squirts if we cannot find anyone else to do it. She indicated she would need some help in covering during conflicts and would use some of the high school players to also help with drills at her practice. Gina's offer was greatly appreciated and informally approved by all attending the meeting.

### **League Report:**

At the HS level, St. Ignatius is out and the Freeze is back in. Two other new applications for the league from Harbor Creek (Near Erie, PA) and V.A.S.J. playing out of Euclid. In short, Sean and I discussed this at length and communicated the following to the league rep. and will discuss at the May meeting:

We believe that rules should be enacted to **help guarantee a sustainable and competitive USA Hockey HS Div. 2 league.** Our league needs to focus on stability and competitiveness more so than growth **in the short term.** We need to end the revolving door of teams entering/departing this league and some the cannibalistic environment that can exist if not structured properly. (The Columbus League provides an excellent example of this).

Key components to help accomplishing this are:

1. We need formulate and/or enforce rules pertaining to league expansion that are designed to protect existing member programs and make sure any newly proposed member does not **impair or impede the long-term viability of any existing member in good standing.** (i.e. the Strongsville/Baron's example). This is a very simple & common sense objective.
2. We need to make sure the applying member can "sustain" itself long-term. The documented support of a youth program and/or a different home rink than any existing program would go a long way in helping meet this burden, but certainly **we should not be waiving any probationary period to enter the league.** (i.e. the St. Ignatius failed example of a waiver)
3. **Any proposed new member should be born of the same goals and objectives permeating those of the majority of existing members. They should not look to use our league as a feeder system for any other team or program or a stepping stone to any other league. The team should have no other objectives other than being a long-term NCHSHL member that can ultimately meet the criteria of eligibility in qualifying for a USA Hockey High School Div 2 National Championship.** (No Federation teams, Midget teams, JV or USAH Div 1 teams, etc

At the youth level, the Barons were looking for admission to the league. After doing some research, we will not support this petition in order to better protect the existing Strongsville youth program which is already feeling that need at that rink and have similar thoughts regarding expansion programs and player movement as we do for the high school league.

Player movement rules between teams were eliminated from the league about 6 years ago, but they will be reintroduced and we are in favor of some common sense limitations or restrictions.

### No Committee Reports were presented

**Jerseys:** Discussed getting the jerseys that need to be corrected, corrected. The High School and Bantam teams that were ordered last year needs the patches, name and numbers corrected; Squirts and PeeWees need only number and names corrected. Connie offered to collect the jerseys and deliver to R&R for the families and will email the families to coordinate. Connie is still waiting on details regarding measurements/details of the jerseys.

### New Business:

<b>Approval of non-Board positions for the 2016-2017 Season all were presented and approved</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>2016/2017 Approved</b>
Registrar	Dave Pulaski	<b>Motion 04122016-2</b> - Motion by Mel Covell; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Andy Genzman, Yes – Jody Solomon, Connie Wilson, Jessica Warner
CSHL Youth Rep	Dave Pulaski	<b>Motion 04122016-3</b> - Motion by Mel Covell; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Andy Genzman, Yes – Jody Solomon, Connie Wilson, Jessica Warner
HS League Rep	Angelo DeBlase/ Sean Moir	<b>Motion 04122016-4</b> - Motion by Mel Covell; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Andy Genzman, Yes – Jody Solomon, Connie Wilson, Jessica Warner
Referee/Ice Scheduler	Mel Covell	<b>Motion 04122016-5</b> - Motion by Andy Genzman; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jessica Warner, Yes – Jody Solomon, Connie Wilson, Mel Covell
Social Media/ Webmaster	Christine Elder	<b>Motion 04122016-6</b> - Motion by Mel Covell; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Andy Genzman, Yes – Jody Solomon, Connie Wilson, Jessica Warner
Jersey Manager	Connie Wilson	Approved Nov 2015 - Motion: 1122015-2; still need info from Zach and Andy regarding logo size; artwork; etc
<b>Board Officers presented and Approved and effective immediately</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>2016/2017 Approved</b>
Treasurer	Jessica Warner	<b>Motion 04122016-7</b> - Motion by Mel Covell; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Andy Genzman, Yes – Jody Solomon, Connie Wilson, Jessica Warner
Secretary	Connie Wilson	<b>Motion 04122016-8</b> - Motion by Jody Solomon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jessica Warner, Yes – Andy Genzman, Connie Wilson, Mel Covell
President	Mel Covell	<b>Motion 04122016-9</b> - Motion by Jessica Warner; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jody Solomon, Yes – Andy Genzman, Mel Covell, Connie Wilson, Jessica Warner
Vice President	Andy Genzman	<b>Motion 04122016-10</b> - Motion by Andy Genzman; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jessica Warner, Yes – Jody Solomon, Connie Wilson, Mel Covell

Next, Accounting Software options (cloud based) were discussed as well as the possibility of obtaining a FYHBA debit card/credit card and some benefits there would be if there was one available.

**Motion 04122016-11** - Motion by Mel Covell, to allow Jessica Warner, Treasurer, the approval to purchase Accounting Software of her choice; 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Genzman, Yes – Jody Solomon, Jessica Warner, Connie Wilson

**Motion 04122016-12** - Motion by Mel Covell, to authorize Jessica Warner, Treasurer, the approval to obtain a FYHBA debit card; 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Genzman, Yes – Jody Solomon, Jessica Warner, Connie Wilson

### Adjournment