

KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY January 15, 2024

President Clement called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Minutes recorded by Secretary Galloway.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Clement, VP Popma, Travel Director Vedder, Secretary Galloway, Girls Director Wainwright, Mini Mite Director Schulz.

ABSENT: House Director McFall, Treasurer Dougherty, Rink Appointee Sokol, Learn to Play Director Whitbeck, , Social Media Manager Michalak

STAFF: Office Manager Christ

MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:

OPEN CALL: Limit to 5 minutes per person, no discussion (for timeline sake)

MINUTES: Review October minutes. **Motion to approve October minutes made by President Clement, 2nd by Vice President Popma, YES votes from All, NO votes from none: PASSED.**

Review November minutes. **Motion to approve November minutes made by Girls Director Wainwright, 2nd by Travel Director Vedder, YES votes from All, NO votes from none: PASSED**

FINANCE/BUDGET: Treasurer Dougherty reported balance within expected range. Expense credit card purchase update.

TEAM FINANCIALS: Treasurer Dougherty reported no late payments. Initial budgets due. Many budgets are still outstanding.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Jerseys – Nothing to report
- Discipline – 09 Knights player for kneeing. 09 Rebels player for fighting. 2010 Rebels player for 4 penalties in a game. 2013 Rebels player for fighting. 12U B Destroyers player for ongoing incidents.
- IT/Communications – Social Media Manager Michalak not present to report.
- Election – Office Manager Christ – John, Josh, and Pat are up for re-election.
- Finance – Treasurer Dougherty not present to report.
- Coaching Selection –
 - House Director McFall: not present to report
 - Travel Director Vedder: a few coaching applications have been received.
 - Girls Director Wainwright: Many returning coaches have applied.

- Charity Event – Committee temporarily inactive.
- House Evaluation/Draft – House Director McFall not present to report.
- Arena/Ice Conditions – Rink Appointee Sokol reported an issue with the outside lights not working at Hartland. This was corrected and Rink Appointee Sokol did reply to the party who was fell and sustained minor injuries.
- Ice Scheduling – Rink Appointee Sokol not present to report, everything is on hold due to sale.
- Alumni – Vice President Popma – trying to arrange trip to watch K-Wings. Made in Michigan may play at different rink this season, will still run summer camp.
- Grow the Game – House Director McFall not present to report.
- House Development: Nothing new.

DIVISION UPDATES:

- Learn to Play: 3 and 4 stars kids merged with squirt level kids.
- Mini-Mite/Mite: All is going well, some players could move to Brighton Ice
- House: Ongoing issues with 12U team
- Travel: Nothing to report.
- Girls: Nothing to report.

TRAINING/SKILLS:

- Try Hockey for Free event January 6. 25 skaters attended.

MAHA / USA HOCKEY:

- MAHA summer meeting (minutes not yet published)
- USA Hockey announcement on 11/3/2023 regarding neck laceration protectors – nothing new announced
- USA Hockey announced 11/11/2023 that its Board of Directors voted unanimously to request that the Safety and Protective Equipment Committee begin the process of changing its rules regarding neck guards
- MAHA ambassador Rico Phillips. Courageous Conversations/Empathy is a Superpower. Rico can be contacted for speaking engagements at (810) 513-0189 and rico.phillips616@gmail.com
- MAHA 2023 Presidents Meeting 2023-2024 Focus Points
 - Areas of importance and opportunity for KVHA
 - Association of the Year contest: Points for obtaining membership growth, Points of other initiatives the will provide growth, Awards \$7,500 for 1st place, \$5,000 for 2nd place, \$2,500 for 3rd place.
 - As of 11/19 KVHA is in 9th place with 328 points (leader has 467 points)

PAST BUSINESS:

- MAHA D4 Grant

- District playoff registration was due on 11/1
- No non State D4 Tournament this season. Last season was a test run and D4 opted not to run one this year due to timing constraints.
- KVHA is hosting D4 Hockey Day in February
- iPads for scoring games – consider purchasing two refurbished iPads at a cost of \$70. Not purchasing at this time. Variables need to be worked out regarding use and protection.
- Wi-Fi extenders would likely be needed from KVIH in order for iPads to work at scoring table
- The Coaches Site vs Ice Hockey Systems. Subscription service for coaches? Will consider in the future for House. Travel Coaches/Teams can put this in their season budget.
- 12U Destroyers player incident
- 16U Rebels player release request along with complaint filed by 16U Rebels to D4 regarding tampering complaint against Novi Youth Hockey Association Coach/Team for tampering
- Neck laceration protection: For several years KVHA has required the use of neck laceration protection for all players while on the ice. Following the recent tragic death of Adam Johnson two announcements went out, one to KVHA Membership and one to all KVHA coaches, reiterating this requirement. If coaches are not enforcing this how should KVHA leadership monitor/address?

NEW BUSINESS:

- Forthcoming sale of KVIH
- Memorandum of Understanding between KVHA and Mark Schaffer
- Pinckney donation request
- Livingston Classical Academy fundraiser request
- D4 Hockey Day costs and planning
- Hockey Challenge Camp – Sarah Dunkel-Jackson – Fact finding meeting on Jan 29th

REQUESTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Updated 1/15/24.