

South Shore Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 16, 2023

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Present: Amanda, Paul, Andy, Jenn, Steph

Regrets: Justin, Brad

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm

Previous meetings minutes were not available for approval, they will be reviewed and approved at next meeting.

Merchandise

- **Motion:** Steph motioned, seconded by Jenn. All in favor. Make an announcement on Facebook and website that we are looking to establish a merchandise supplier agreement and encourage applications.
- Our old Headline Promotion webpage is still live. There may be funds that are owed to SSMHA. Jenn will email them to find out.

Secretary

- Melissa Spitzig is going to work with board reps to complete some of the secretary duties while we do not have an official secretary. She is set up with HCR admin access. She will not attend meetings and will not vote.
- This was voted on by email. All were in favor.

Tickets for registration offset

- **Motion** made by Jenn. Seconded by Amanda. All in favor. Draw date: Dec 22nd tickets due Dec 8th.
- **Motion** made by Jenn. Sonya second. All in favor. Give each kid 15 tickets. \$10 each ticket. 3 prizes. \$1000 \$500 \$250.
- Steph will do lotto license.
- Approx 251 kids registered.
- Amanda will order tickets and pick them up and meet Coordinators and get them handed to managers. She shared printing pricing over email. Approx \$320.
- We will discuss kids who are fully funded and how we will coordinate getting tickets/money back from them. Andy will take a look at those and report back.

Coordinator Information meeting

- Jenn will organize it. Virtual would be best. Justin, Paul and Melissa will attend. Jenn will send email out. Looking at getting it on the go next week. Justin may have some input as well, Jenn will reach out. We will vote by email for details about this.

GrayJay App

- Andy was talking to Chad from GrayJay about the app this summer. He (Andy) tested the app a bit and it seems to work well.
- We are a bit behind on getting info about the app out and some teams have already purchased another product.
- **Motion** made by Jenn. Andy seconded. All in favor. Do not pursue group pricing with GrayJay this year and allow teams to use whatever app they want. Jenn will send an email to let Coordinators know we are not pursuing it this year but will get organized for next year.

Dressing room policies

- Jenn had forwarded info from Hockey NS re: arriving in base layer or changing in the closed bathroom if you must change at the rink.
- It is a recommendation at this point but coaches could face a 5 game suspension if they do not follow the recommendation.
- Jenn will reach out to our rep, Vanessa for some more answers.

Managers Meeting

- A meeting to give info about managing a team.
- Vanessa Bolivar is interested in helping. Jenn will help. Jenn will Reach out to Vanessa and then they will Coordinate with managers to see what works best for them.
- Paul noted that managers need to be aware how to use GrayJay for the games.

GrayJay Access

- Sonya to email Brad to ask him to ensure that all managers/team reps have the access they need.

Pucks/Tires/Whistles etc

- can we buy some supplies for some coaches?
- can we send a message to coordinators to ask coaches what is needed - no promises but we will see what we can do?

- Amanda has tires she will take to Lburg rink.
- Talking about some shooter tutors, will discuss further over email.

Scheduling

- Amanda has everyone's scheduling done, but there were some additional blackouts that came up so she needs to do another edit. Amanda will get in touch with managers this week to let them know what their schedules are.
- Scheduling emails will include: Level Coordinator, Coach, Manager, Paul, Jenn, Justin and Brad.

Finance

- registration is down by 10 kids
- We could be looking at a deficit of about \$14k for the year. We have surplus to cover and we have some fundraising happening (GW tournament, grant app, team fundraising 10%) which will offset that deficit.
- We may be looking at implementing another registration cost increase next year. There is talk about expanding the pre-tryout ice times, which will generate some revenue.
- If we shut down ice after Dec 17th we will save some funds - everyone think about it and Paul will circulate an email to ask for vote tomorrow.

Fundraising

- Gary Wentzell is on
- 10% back from teams: will go in the email that Jenn is going to send to Coordinators

U7 and U9 jamboree - Dec 29th and 30th ice time set aside. Jenn is working on organizing.

Goalie development - Jenn is talking to a couple interested parties to bring goalie development back to SSMHA. To be discussed at next meeting.

Discussions about tryout feedback, timeliness of responses, communications within board and decision making process should happen in person fairly soon.

Wait to make decision on jersey announcement when Justin can be there.

Meeting ended at 8:59 pm. Jenn motioned. Sonya seconded.