

**Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 2, 2009**

Those in attendance: Hal Crighton, Robert Johnson, Rob Hergesheimer; Liz Branter, Rick, Lisa, and Garrett Wheeler, Greg Thomas, Kelly Zagula, Joee Boyd, Jim DiSanza, Kathy Vernon; Doc, Bill Combo, Mike Lehto, Nancy Carpenter, Valerie Gardner.

Bev Hott presiding.

Approval of July meeting minutes: Robert made the motion to approve; Liz second; motion carried.

Golf Scramble cancelled; had sponsors but not enough help – will try again next year and start earlier.

**New Business:**

- Greg Thomas: In order for the girls to be able to travel they have to be on a house team. Question: if they play on a high school team do they have to play on a house team? Kathy offers explanation of concern for “cherry picking” for a team and what that would mean for the development of the girl’s teams. Kathy expressed strong opposition to the proposal. Part of the concern is that it would dilute the girl’s house team. Motion made and carried to deny Thomas’s request. The board agreed for the girls to travel they must play on a house team.
- Rob Hergesheimer questioned policy changes and why they were not sent out; Bev explained they were sent prior to the Board meeting as well as following the board meeting for comments.
- Garrett Wheeler, in attendance with his parents, requested to play on IF house team and travel with Boise Steele Heads. Mason Durfee, not in attendance; however, sent his request to play on IF house team, travel with IF, and play travel with Boise Steelheads. Garrett’s parents stated he won’t play at State. Discussion of IFYHA rules that state a player won’t be allowed to be registered with two teams. Mike offered history of the decision. Issue came to a head 12 years prior when the scenario of players from IF played for IF and a Sun Valley team; at the time of a tournament the players switched teams which made for “bad hockey”. For the past two years two young women have asked to play with other out of state travel teams but not to play on IFYHA travel teams. They only wanted to play house hockey which wouldn’t end up as a direct competition against an IF team. Conflict with girls may be seen but it falls under “grow the girls hockey” a movement supported by USA Hockey. There was discussion around the State Tournament and IF teams playing Boise teams. A Boise coach told the Wheelers Garrett would not be playing IF teams. Some board members disagree. Motion was made and carried unanimously that the board deny the request from Garrett Wheeler and Mason Durfee. The board stands by their policy and procedure for players not to be registered with two teams.

- Girls Tier II – Kathy pends the discussion until she has more definitive information
- Registration and medical waiver – now open and on line
- Grants – Ann O’Brian assisted Bev with the CHC grant for \$150,000. Interviews will occur in September. Nancy Carpenter & Bev applied for New Comers Grant. Other grants will be applied for as they come available.
- Fundraising underway. Bev encouraged board members to follow up with their contacts. Bev met with the Chamber of Commerce for support. City had to submit plans to the architect, Kurt Karst. Bev has the master list for the fundraising. Bev sent 424 letters out last week in addition to the list she has already sent out. Bev wants each board member to tell her of any contact we’ve made.
- Figure skaters and fundraising. They did a rummage sale. They have requested to use our non profit status.
- Jim presented Season Information. Should we continue with the three on three tournament? Do we want to continue with Glantz clinics? New clinicians proposed are Sean Skinner and Brittney Salmon out of Salt Lake. Their focus is more on stick handling and their fees are about half of what Robby Glantz was charging. Concerns were expressed that if we don’t have Robby back could we ever get him back? Response was that if we couldn’t get him we could find someone else. Robert offered that after 8 years many of our coaches are aware of Robby’s teaching skills. Motion carries to have new clinic with Skinner and Salmon.
- Jim related he would like to dedicate the next three years to goal tending and proposed we give trophies to those players that played goalie five times or more. This would be seen as a motivation to get players in the net. Additionally Jim would like to offer goal tending coaching for a certain number of hours per month.
- It was agreed to have a 3 on 3 clinic at the beginning of the season with coaches picking the teams.
- Bill asks about a level 4 clinic. Still pending.
- Review of Season Dates – refer to sheet – discussion of schedules
- Skate swap discussed; Liz asked if we, as an association, take a % of what is made. Concern of the administrative time; Mike suggests we do the swap the same night as the parent meeting. That could happen with a lot of help.
- Black out date of Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> for Player Development camp---pending
- Next meeting September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00, I.F. Activity Center.