

IFYHA Board Meeting Minutes
April/May 2009
April 26, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.
Idaho Falls Activity Center, Skyline Drive

Members in attendance: Robert Johnson, Rob Hergesheimer, Bill Combo, Kathy Vernon, Kelley Zagula, George Cole, John Nixon, Nancy Carpenter, Mike Lehto, Rex Andersen, Hal Crighton, Doc Blank, Justin Dobson, Joee Boyd, Stacy Dogal, Bev Hott.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Bev Hott.

Old Business

1. March Meeting Minutes were motion to be approved by Kathy, seconded by Joee.
2. Approval of April 14th meeting minutes. – tabled until next meeting. Val Gardner has minutes and was unable to attend meeting.
3. Figure Skaters and sound system – Kathy volunteered time to run our sound system for the figure skaters during their rehearsals' and figure show. The figure skating club was thankful and paid IFYHA \$125 for the use of the system.
4. 4th of July parade – The Board decided to not pursue the 4th of July parade this year. Volunteers were needed to organize and take on the task and no one had the time to pursue.
5. Olympic Hockey Team speaker – tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

1. Web site person/changes, etc. – George Cole introduced John Nixon as the new webmaster. George will be working with John in the transition. John has already been working on a new platform for the IFYHA website and integration with USA Hockey for our on-line registration process.
2. Discussion item – JV program with Boise/McCall – Mike Lehto introduced an opportunity for our JV high school teams to be in a JV league with Boise and McCall. Games would be played in Boise for 2 weekends and Idaho Falls would have the opportunity to host a weekend as well. There may be up to 16 teams that could play in the league so we would not play the same teams twice. There was an up-front fee of \$5000 to be included but IFYHA could not commit to the league for all games so we will pay as we play. Boise is in the process of putting their schedule together and would like for us to commit by the state meeting, May 16, 2009. After discussion, the Board asked Mike to try to include 1 team to play in this league. The Board felt that we would have a hard time fielding JV teams from our 3 high schools and ask them to travel for 3-4 weekends.
3. Discussion - Travel team implementation - Doc asked that when we field the travel teams next year that the players only are able to play on one team. There were several kids this year played on more than one travel team and it became costly as well as burn-out for the players. This also seemed to cause a conflict of interest between teams. After discussion, it was noted by the Board that there might always be players that may have to be moved for injury or illness to help field teams, but coaches and directors need to be aware of these circumstances and try to keep players with one team. We will still have issues with goalies in the association and goalies may have to play for more than one team as necessary throughout the season. Also – this was a different year as this was the first time IFYHA had 3 travel teams in the midget division and players that normally travel opted not to this year and that changed the dynamics of the teams.
4. Discussion - U16 discussion for next year – Robert discussed the idea of the U16 team again for next season. We are still waiting to see if Montana is going to have the league as last year was the first time for the U16 league. With the projected numbers of players that typically travel next year in the midget

division (34) we will probably only be able to fill 2 travel teams. The bantams have projected numbers of 15 that would only be able to field one bantam travel team. If we decide to do the U16 team again, we could decide if we wish to name the teams Midget Major and Midget Minor in the midget division. We could still call the Midget AA team the same. We will have to hold the same meetings again this summer with all involved to make a decision as to how we wish to proceed. We will have to let Montana know soon if we wish to be involved again (if they still are running that league – Bev is still waiting to hear back from them)

5. Fees for next season: After discussion – it was moved by Robert and seconded by Justin that fees for next season remain the same.

Mites: \$85

Squirts: \$160

Pee Wees: \$235

Bantams: \$235

Girls: \$235

Midgets: \$250

6. Implement registration in July for upcoming season: Bev discussed wanting to begin registration for next season in July this year. This will be closer in line with the registration process with USA Hockey and will allow our membership the opportunity to register one kid at a time to hopefully help with expenses.

7. Risk Manager – help in implementation/guidelines – tabled until next meeting.

8. Update on rink expansion – Bev, Robert, and Bill made a presentation to the City on April 21, 2009 regarding the idea of expanding the warming room. The presentation went well and we are waiting to hear back from them as to the next step in the process. We hope to have the project completed by the 2011 season. IFYHA agreed to try to raise \$100,000 to help with the expansion.

9. Lighting in rink has been upgraded to the ‘eco-friendly’ lights. They are much brighter and more efficient. Also Bev discussed the speakers in the rink. Bev talked with our insurance agent and the speakers are covered by policy. After speaking with Jeff Cook (who installed the speakers) he said that it would take more time to take down and put up and be more costly for the association than to leave them and replace if broken.

10. Bev asked that if Mindy made a travel binder for you to use during the season, please return binders to Mindy so she can use them for next season.

11. Ideas for next season:

*Right now we receive a kickback from The Guesthouse Inn. Bev would like to pursue this concept with more hotels. After discussion – IFYHA would not mandate that teams stay at the hotels, but to have “suggested” the hotels.

*Golf scramble fundraiser – Corey Boyd is working with Pine Crest for a golf scramble in August or September. Joe asked that if anyone had a business that would like to “sponsor” a hole to please get in touch with her or Corey.

*Tickets for a 4 wheeler and /or segway raffle – Bev is going to try to see if we can get either to raffle off during the entire season to help to raise funds for the expansion. We will discuss more at the next meeting.

*Stick with beginning of season meeting - the Board decided that the meeting at the Red Lion went well and would like to pursue again.

*Advertisements went well last year. Bev mailed thank-you letters to those that contributed and asked that they have their commitments for next season in by June so we can pursue working with other advertisers this coming season. Bev will try to get brochures ready for selling to other companies. It was noted that other parties are interested in the zamboni – Mountain View should be getting back with Bev asap on their commitment. Bev did discuss with Mountain View the need to know as soon as possible so she could pursue other interested parties.

*George Cole asked if we should have a “fund-raising coordinator” within the association to track our events so no one overlaps. We have many things going on within the association for fund-raising. Right now, Bev has been doing that to make sure teams are not working on the same projects. We may pursue this position.

*More ideas/changes – Bev asked that if you have ideas or changes you would like to see implemented next season to be sure to get them to her with the idea as well as how to implement the change. Bev would like them in writing.

12. IAHA State meeting 5/16 – Bev and Kathy to attend. The next meeting, probably set to happen in September, we will need to have 4 voting members attend instead of 2.

13. Jerseys and Socks. It was noted that if the membership does not return their jerseys we will implement a charge for the items. Beginning next season we will make the membership aware of that change. House jerseys cost \$35 each and travel jerseys cost \$45 each.

We have enough socks to make it through next year. At the conclusion of the season, we will only ask for the jerseys to be returned. When the socks are returned at the end of the season many of them are not usable. We will pursue a different brand of sock for the 2010-2011 season.

14. Kathy brought to the attention of the Board that there is an impression that the adult league is operating under our 501 3c number. Also – we must when making purchases pay sales tax. This is a new law that has been implemented in the state. Rex asked that when you purchase items, be sure you are paying sales tax. Bev will check with the adult league to make sure they are not using our 501 3c number.

15. Girls' division donation money – Kathy proposed that she use funds donated to the girls program to purchase rental equipment. The cost would be approximately \$70 a set – does not include skates.
- Kathy motioned for 10 sets, Robert seconded.

16. Bill asked if we should have a capital account set up for rink improvements within the association. After discussion – the association has a savings account that our rink improvements are taken from. If the Board would like a separate account labeled “capital account” we would have to do that. We would also like to see the City have a “capital fund account” specifically set aside for the hockey rink. Bev will discuss with the City.

17. Adjournment 8:25 p.m. June Board Meeting- June 7, 2009