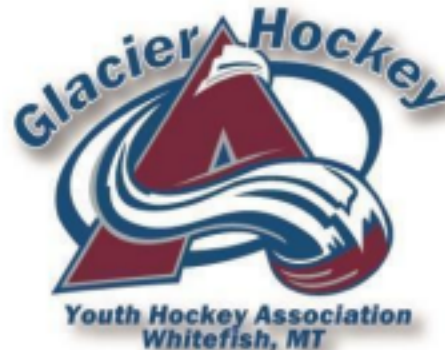


GLACIER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

January Board Meeting Date: January 11, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM Mountain Time

Location: Stumptown Ice Den



Attendance: Christen Nissen, Ashley Larson, Joel Christiansen- President, Ryan Ulvin- Hockey Director, Kate Daniels - Treasurer & acting Secretary, and Matt Schwartz. Not in Attendance: Stephanie Hindzman - Secretary.

A. Public Comment: CJ Clark, Mandy Hayes, and Vanessa Gentry attended the meeting. They wanted to discuss the inequality of the Bantam B team's training compared to the Bantam A team's training. Practicing in Kalispell has been a struggle for parents. New nonparent coaches for both levels, inconsistency with nonparent assistant coaches attendance, and all the parent coaches being placed on the A team with their children has created an inequality of programming product. The A team coaching staff needs to support the B team and help build more community.

A member brought up the question about merging with Kalispell. "Was this just a social experiment that has gone bad or is this the trajectory of the program to come?" Parents want to know so they can plan for their skater's development.

B. Approval of December Meeting Minutes - Christen moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 2022. All approved.

C. . Directors Report:

Due to the public comment, Ryan addressed the inequity in the product the Bantam B team is being provided. The board discussed either swapping practice locations or merging the practices to make them fairer.

Christen Nissen moved to combine the practices and move the Wednesday practice to Stumptown Ice Den. Kate Daniels seconded the motion. All in favor.

Action Item: Ryan said he would send out an email to start practices next week.

Matt Schwarts brought up the point of merging with Kalispell. The board discussed this ongoing conversation.

Pros and Cons of moving forward.

A con was discussed that our product is being diluted due to a lack of skills and development from new players that has had a major impact this year.

We have set the structure and worked for years to create the product that we deliver and are improving on.

Not necessary to start all things over with sanction numbers, EIN numbers, ect.

GHA has no interest in running an ice rink.

We have solid financials and have requested the financials of FVHA but not received them.

Players are welcome to join GHA if they want to participate in EKL or have fall ice. Kalispell players are welcome to be a part of GHA. The same goes for GHA

Continued Discussion on the merger with Kalispell.

Peewee GHA/Kalispell Merged EKL team has a total of 8 games through the season. The EKL Banner tournament is scheduled for the same day as the GHA TSL Peewee Coeur D'Alene Tournament. This will leave the "B" Peewee players with no coaches or enough players to roster a team. Ryan and Dave are working out a solution to this issue of inequality for the "B" Peewee players.

Kalispell had an issue with the Bantam A team. Having more than one player in the locker room without an adult is an issue for longer than 45 minutes. The board decided that it was a parent issue of needing to be reminded of picking up their children. The board decided that it was not an issue.

Fundraising Report

Mites Battle of the Border

Ashley has spent \$6800 on Battle of the Border gear. The tournament has 16 teams coming. There is a lot of excitement surrounding the tournament. \$2800 in cash donations has gone toward putting together baskets. Ashley wants to track what works best with tournaments and edit the tournaments going forward. \$1455. profits in fan gear so far.

Ashley and Ryan will get a report on Battle of the Border revenue.

Financial Report

Current Glacier Bank balance \$108,430.94

Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet to be sent to the GHA board.

There are 3 new board positions open replacing Liz King, Stephanie Hindman, and Kate Daniels. A letter of intent needs to be sent to Ryan to be considered for the position.

The meeting Adjourned at 7:33 PM

