

Hockey Board Meeting
September 14, 2006

Present: Chuck A., Paul A., Joe M., Joe D., Tim C., Tim B., Jeff M., Brian K., Joe W., Al D.

Guests: Marty H., Matt Loen, Altoona Guy, Pat R.

EAU CLAIRE AREA COACHES COMMITTEE

Pat introduced Matt Loen and set up the discussion for the ECACC. Then Matt covered the letter outlining the coaches' recommendations. The following areas are addressed by this letter:

ROSTER SIZE REQUIREMENTS

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

GAME LIMITATIONS

PRACTICE TO GAME RATIOS

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

PUCK TOUCH RATIOS

ECACC EFFORT TO CONTINUOUSLY TRAIN ECYH COACHES

EXPENSE CONTROL FOR VOLUNTEER COACHES

VOLUNTEER COACHES AVAILABILITY AND TIME COMMITMENTS

FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO ALL FOR SHARED ICE PRACTICES AND LARGER TEAMS

The ECYH board would like to thank Luke Strand, Matt Loen, Pat Roebeki, Ernie Chambers, Jeff Schemburger and the rest of the ECACC for all the time and hard work. We as a board value the time commitment and interest these coaches have to improve the hockey program in EC.

The board had a discussion regarding each area. Team size was discussed at length. Two motions came out of that discussion:

Motion: Jeff M.

Travel teams will be required to have 15 skaters and 2 goalies when numbers allow. Second, Brian K., all in favor.

Motion: Paul A.

For B level teams only, additional players will be taken to the 20 team roster maximum when numbers allow, for all B travel rosters. These players will not be eligible for C team games due to being rostered on the B travel team. These players will attend and skate all practices and dry land training. They will not play games. The only instance where they might play games is if the roster is not full and the coaches have determined they are ready. These skaters will pay a fee that covers practice only. If and when they are called to fill the B roster, then they will be required to pay a per game fee and/or a

tournament fee. These kids will be given the choice after tryouts are completed and the 15 B skaters are chosen. The parents of these players must approve this 'alternate player' program for their child. If they choose not to, then the next skill level player will be asked as long as numbers allow, until the roster is filled. The player declining this invitation will then be allowed to participate on a C level rec team.

Second: Brian K.

Yes vote: Jeff, Joe D., Tim C., Paul A., Brian K., Al D., Tim B

No Vote: Joe W. Motion passed.

An Altoona parent petitioned the board to allow his peewee level player to try out for the A travel peewee team. He had permission from the Altoona hockey board to ask for this transfer. In order for ECYH to allow a player from outside the EC school boundaries to try-out and take a spot on the AA team, the By-Laws would have to be changed. Brian K would like to have this happen only when we do not have enough kids to fill a team. No action taken.

WAHA rules allow for up to two kids from a B association to try out for an A association. Brian will submit a request for a change in the By-law. This will require approval by the membership at a future meeting and will require approval of two thirds of the voting members in attendance.

Game Limits:

Motion made by Paul A.: accept as written in Luke's letter. Jeff M second, all in favor, motion passed.

Games will be held to thirty, see letter posted on web site.

The Altoona hockey association made ECYH aware that they had released a player to participate in ECYH. This player is a EC resident.

New Rink

Joe M gave the report – the committee has zero'd in on, and has recommended one of many alternatives. The board agreed that the committee should continue to get commitments in writing regarding all the aspects of this alternative. Once enough commitments are lined up and initial major contributors are approached, the open announcement and fund raising will begin. At this point in time, the ECYH kids will be skating on this ice by fall 2007 provided all funding is in place timely enough to start spring construction.

WAHA

Mike F attended the waha meeting in osseo. Thanks Mike! He talked about the new standards of play. Officials will be calling EVERYTHING. He mentioned a junior Wisconsin game with 28 penalties. He has a video that all parents and players will see at our code signing night. We anticipate a very slow and painful learning curve.

Fund Raising

Joe W was given a green light on his calendar. He received zero quality pictures for the calendar.

Bring a Buddy

Al needs help! Please check the web site for dates.

Coaches:

We have a huge shortage of coaches. Only three committed from last year, the rest of the travel coaches are not returning. In Rec league, we have had only one response to the letter, and phone call follow ups are going on. Paul will get an add in the spectator for both travel and rec level coaches. Paul will also handle the background checks once we get the candidates. Joe D is working on the manager binder, and Wendy will run the orientation meetings for rec teams and coordinate those managers. Thanks Wendy and Joe!!!!

Motion to adjourn Jeff, second Al, all in favor.