K.Y.H.C. Executive Board Minutes

01/09/24

1. Call to Order
* Call to order: 6:05
* Present-Sarah Williams, Lisa Paschall, Jen Adams, Mike Bleyle, Todd Johnson
* Absent-Andy Gonzales, Kelly McCully
1. Reading of proceeding meeting minutes
* approved
1. Financial Report
* Approved
* All tournaments have been paid for
1. Coyote Committee Report.
* Current record
* Mites 4-1-1
* Squirts 0-4-0
* Peewees 4-1-0
* Bantams 3-3-0
* Injury update- Alex Lewis, the bantam goalie, has been cleared and is back playing with the bantams.
* Tournament update
* Mites- December 29-31, Elf games, South Bend, IN-Came in 3rd place

 February 17-19, Chicago Skyline Cup-registered and paid

* Squirts- December 29-31, Elf Games, South Bend, IN-came in 3rd place

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* Peewee-Jan 12-14, Windy City Classic Hybrid-registered and paid

 February 17-19, Chicago Presidents Day Cup-registered and paid

* Bantam- Jan 13-15, Great Lakes Midwinter Classic, Holland, MI-registered and paid

 Feb 17-19, Chicago Presidents Day Cup-registered and paid

* Our 8th grade night would either be Saturday February 3rd at the Bantams 4:30pm game vs the Ice Bears, or Saturday February 10th 7:30 pm game vs Rangers. Discussion will be had with Bantam coaches to decide what date would be preferred.
* Coyotes end of year banquet is currently set for Friday April 5, 2024 in the Cameo Room at the Knights of Columbus in Kankakee. More information to come so be on the look out for additional communication and opportunities to help out.
* House plus teams are still in discussion and more will be known by the end of the week. If we do move forward with this, the additional tournament will be the weekend of March 15-17 and will be at the players expense.
1. Irish Committee Report
* Prep is currently 7-0-0 in league play and 12-2-1 overall
* Varsity is currently 8-0-0 in league play and 15-6-0 overall
* Varsity tournament fees were set at $65.22 for any player that played in either of the November tournaments. Prep tournament fees were set to $93.33 per prep player. It was asked that these payments be made by check to KYHC by the end of January, but that other arrangements could be made by speaking to a board member.
* Prep is scheduled for a Chicago Hybrid tournament this weekend and one more in February.
* Varsity was able to take advantage of an offer for a free tournament for this weekend in the same tournament that Prep is participating in. The director needed one more varsity team and we were able to jump on the offer.
* Since the last board meeting, Prep has had two scrimmages cancelled against Crown Point and one league game vs Suburban. I was able to schedule Lincoln Way JV 1 to take the place of the home Crown Point game. We contacted several teams to try to fill the Suburban game, but it was short notice and we were not able to find a team to fill the spot. Additionally, East River’s developmental team told me they would be cancelling their next game at IVC on 1/28. My understanding is because it was a certain loss for them.
* I notified my concerns of excessive game cancellations on the Prep side to LLPHL and inquired what would be done in the event of game cancellations. I was told it would be brought to the rest of the LLPHL board. I was told that the league president spoke with East River about the importance of completing scheduled games and that they responded that they would complete the rest of their schedule. I’ve yet to hear how or if the Suburban game cancellation will be handled.
* It is my opinion that the Irish need to start looking into options other than LLPHL for the future. While LLPHL has served us well when Hayes folded and gave us a place to play with very little, to no notice, I do not believe it serves the club well into the future. I’ve sent an attachment with some options and my thoughts on each to Sarah to review.
* I asked for volunteers to help plan Senior Night this year and have had a small group of senior parents volunteer so far. If anyone else is interested in helping, please let me know! Senior Night has tentatively been set for the 2/24 game vs Glenbard HS. We will need to advise IVC and possibly ask for an additional half hour of ice time for that game so we have time to do all the extra activities for that night as well as ask for the upstairs party room.
* I’m also looking for volunteers to help plan the end of season Irish Banquet. At this time there is no set date or location, but we are looking into possibly being Friday April 12th. If you would like to help plan this event, please let me know as well!
1. IVC report
* No further updates from IVC
1. Fundraising Committee Report
* Ad book is in production. Should be completed by the end of this month.
1. Marketing and Promotions Committee Report
* No new updates at this time.
1. Unfinished Business
* House plus tournament teams still being discussed as mentioned during Coyote report.
* We are continuing talks with IVC regarding an end of season “Skate with the Coyotes” for the current academy attendees.
* Board positions that will be up for election at the March annual meeting are: Secretary, Registrar, Coyote Chair, and Treasurer due to either their terms ending or their player “aging out” of KYHC. Letters of interest are being accepted until February 2nd and we ask to please send them to the registrar: kyhc.registrar@gmail.com
1. New Business
* Andy Gonzales has submitted his resignation of the Irish Committee chair position effective at the end of this current season. While we understand his decision, we are very thankful for all of his hard work and dedication to the club during his time with the club and while in this role. Letters of interest for this board position are also being taken and will be voted on at the March annual meeting.
* Senior night is set for February 24th. Andy has been working with a committee of parents to prepare for it.
* We are beginning talks regarding Spring season and how that will look. Jen and Andy will be communicating with parents to evaluate numbers of interested players for Spring, so that we can decide on set up and fees.
* End of season banquets are being decided. Coyotes is set for Friday April 5th at Knights of Columbus, and Irish is possibly Friday April 12th with location TBD.
1. Public Comment
* Parents brought concerns on doing “cuts” for the tournament teams that are being discussed for March. It is feared that while our numbers are already on the smaller side, doing “cuts” for an additional tournament may deter some players from continuing with the club. The board will discuss the concerns further during executive session.
1. Adjournment/Next meeting
* 7:13pm/ February 5th, 2024 6pm