

# Jacksonville Storm Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

MINUTES

02/04/10

6:00 PM EST

IN-PERSON

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	JSYHA Board
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Special Session
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	John Morley (President), Rob Dentel (Vice President) phone-in, Laurie Davidson (Treasurer), Rick Larson (Registrar), Denny Tehan (Secretary)

**Agenda Topic(s): Presidents' Day Tourney**

**Spring Travel Hockey**

**Spring Tryouts for Fall 2010-2011 Teams**

**Board and Appointed Positions for Next Season**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Presidents' Day Tourney – Status, Rules, Saturday Evening Festivities, Trophies and Awards
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p>Status on Presidents' Day tourney issues was provided by the two tournament coordinators, JD D. and Jonathan M., as well as Carrie Z. anchoring the merchandise issues. The tournament itself appears on track with no major issues to speak of. The teams are set with 4 each of Squirts and PeeWees. The ice has been reserved and schedule has been disseminated along with rules. The hotel accommodations at the Embassy Suites have been set up and a block of rooms reserved for the out-of-town teams. Other details including awards and trophies are set to go. The logo was agreed upon for the shirts to be sold at the tourney. Contact and arrangements to get the shirts completed by tourney day have been made. Saturday evening festivities still need help. The basics are set up but Jonathan M. still needs volunteers to coordinate the different activities such as kids' games, food etc. He will be blasting an email to all Squirt and PeeWee parents for sign-up to activities and for donation of prizes. If parents choose not to sign up, there will be a charge associated with tourney participation. Discussions were held on the topic of expanding the tournament in future years. Suggestions included announcement of tournament earlier in the year as well as posting it on Puckhub.com. Denny T. will send the tournament announcement poster to 1010 XL Jax Sports Radio to request promotion on the radio. The poster will also be sent out to the local papers.</p>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Spring Travel – Status of Cuda Teams Participating in Spring Travel Hockey
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p>The Board looked at the available options for Spring Hockey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CFHL will be \$3K for Mites and \$3.5K for all other age groups. Includes 10 games. There is currently not a lot of momentum for this option.</li> <li>- The Space Coast Hurricanes' management has proposed the forming of the Florida East Coast League to include 4 teams and rinks including Jax. The basis of this league is that it will be done at cost versus for profit and will include home games for all 4 teams. The scheduling is favorable and traveling costs will be minimized to the greatest extent possible but with all teams sharing the load. The Cuda Mite team has</li> </ul>

	<p>given this a thumbs-up as well as it is a good fit for the PeeWees. The Squirts will weigh in shortly. This program appears to be the best suited for our organization so we are planning to go with this league. Discussions will resume once the plans for the league are solidified.</p>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Spring Travel Practice – Establish a Plan for Spring Travel Practice
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p>Proposal includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spring Travel practice consists of one hour of skills practice once a week done in two sessions. Session 1 will consist of Mites &amp; Squirts and Session 2 will consist of PeeWees, Bantams &amp; Midgets. Team practices are tentatively set for one night during the week prior to the game weekends.</li> <li>- Individual teams may organize additional team practices as they see fit.</li> <li>- Laurie D. will work up a budget for this proposal.</li> </ul>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Spring Tryouts for Fall 2010-2011 teams – establish a timeline for tryouts and implement required changes
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p>Details include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eligibility for Spring tryouts begin in May (Rick L. verified)</li> <li>- Midgets will assume the Barracuda name for Fall 2010-2011 season</li> <li>- Rick L. will run rosters with birth years in order to assist with outlook on future team rosters</li> <li>- John M. will work with House league on transition of players</li> <li>- Coaches will now be required to request to coach the Cuda teams. By submitting a written request, all members can be considered for the coaching positions of the teams. Denny T. will send out email announcing the new policy with instructions for the coaches to submit requests to coach the Cuda teams.</li> <li>- Required jerseys will be ordered for the Fall season</li> </ul>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Board and Appointed Positions for Next Season
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p>We have one Board member who will likely not run for re-election due to schedule conflicts. It was suggested that the organization attempt to get a Board member from the Mite age group to gain an equal representation throughout the age groups.</p>
<p><b>NOTES:</b> Additional Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Banquet: John M. and Derek Dafoe are working on some preliminaries for the end-of-year banquet.</li> <li>- Goalie Development: The org is not healthy with goalies as it stands now. A forecast of next season's teams shows that we are slim at best with goalies and some age groups preliminarily have none.</li> <li>- Locker Boxing: An incident of locker boxing occurred with one of our teams. This issue was</li> </ul>	

approached earlier in the year and the word was put out that it would not be tolerated. Organization President John Morley has made a personal visit to those involved to handle the situation. All other coaches will again be required to discuss the issue with the players to prevent this from occurring again.

- Treasury set up for the 2010-2011 Fall Season. The Board would like to adopt a financial system whereby each team would appoint a treasurer for that team. The vision is that the organization Treasurer (and Board Member) would remain in place but would handle only the league fees for all the teams. The Team Treasurer would be responsible for handling the financial transactions with regard to paying for uniforms and logo merchandise items as well as tournament fees. All of our teams vary in the number of tournaments they attend as well as the amount of uniform and logo merchandise they purchase. Details will be forthcoming as a plan is developed.
- Practice Plan proposal for 2010-2011 Fall Season was submitted by Denny T. to include one night per week for team practice as has been the plan plus one hour once a week for skills practice to be conducted in 2 sessions. The first hour would consist of Mites and Squirts and the second hour would consist of PeeWees, Bantams & Midgets (no checking drills). The main selling point is to establish the skills time for basic hockey skills such as skating, passing, shooting, puck handling etc... and allow the team practice to focus on positional play and game scenarios.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Actions: Jonathan M. will email SQ and PW parents regarding volunteering for tourney requirements. Denny T. will send tourney announcement to 1010XL Jax Sports Radio for announcement coverage. Laurie D. will work up budget for Spring practice proposal. Rick L. will research eligibility dates for Spring tryouts. John M. and Derek Dafoe are working the EOY banquet.

Submitted By: John Morley, President JSYHA