

## Valley Youth Hockey Association

Work Session 07/08/09

Place: Roanoke County Rescue Training Center

### Members Present:

Rodney Ferguson; Melissa Roberts, Greg Staples; Rick Kelley; Dick Sher; Stephen Esworthy, Robyn Goodman; Tom Gallagher; Richard Cornett;

### Registration:

Registration for VYHA will be 08/13/08 (Thursday) from 6pm-8pm at the Roanoke Civic Center. Another session will also be held 08/15/07 (Saturday) form 10am-12pm.

Alternate dates would be 8/20/09 and 8/22/09 (same times as above).

### Resources/Help with Registration:

Collect \$100.00 per player at registration \*NO EXCEPTIONS\*

Participants for these sessions include-Richard C (both), Tom G. (15<sup>th</sup>), Greg S (13<sup>th</sup>), Missy R. (13<sup>th</sup>), Robyn M (13<sup>th</sup>).

There is a \$30.00 fee to VYHA for each session for use of the Wi-Fi at the RCC.

We will have laptop(s) available to help parents register on USA Hockey but encourage everyone to register and print off the receipt prior to arriving.

An equipment swap can be done between parents. Will request that Jeff P. place a notification on website and suggest them to also use Facebook to communicate about this amongst themselves.

VYHA can provide a letter for verification of donation of equipment for those who request this (for tax purposes).

### Practice Schedules/Team Budgets:

Times are already blocked for VYHA Monday-Thursdays 5:30pm-8:00pm. This includes 1 hour slots of ice time. Saturday and Sunday times will be worked into the schedule. Ice will be available September 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> according to the RCC.

Cost of ice time is increasing this year but only by \$15 per session. VYHA fees have remained the same for many years (\$425.00) and due to increase in cost, we will also slightly increase dues. Player fees will be \$450 per player if paid in full by 12/31/09. After 12/31/09, the total cost will increase to \$500 per player. This is to encourage all participants to pay fees in a timelier manner, as there are numerous outstanding balances this year.

**Hockey Camps:**

VT has offered their goalies to do clinics for VYHA goalies; we just need to determine dates. Rick K. will check with Tom Mullin about goalie sessions and power skating clinics to be done during regular practice times (if approved by coaches).

**Fundraising:**

VA Diner is being handled by Deb Butterworth and we hope to get books out early.

Team fundraising:

This must be approved by Ronda P. before done and 10% of the money earned will go to VYHA.

Richard C. will work on getting committee members (not from the board) to seek collections of monies for VYHA from sponsorships.

Suggestion to do 50/50 type raffles at VT hockey games for hockey memorabilia or other type prizes.

\*Rodney has the framed jersey for Hannabass Rowe\*.

**Budgets:**

Ice cost for this year will be \$230.00 per hour. Administrative costs are increasing in CHL league but will not be known until August 2009. The CHL meeting date for 2009-2010 seasons has not yet been determined.

**Communications:**

Website:

Email (attached) was submitted by Jeff P. with suggestions for communications.

Motion made by Greg S. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard C to engage in suggestions by Jeff P. for the website with amendment for maximum cost to VYHA of \$350.00 per year, unanimous approval.

Parent Meeting:

Rodney will lead a meeting on 9/22, this will be done prior to tryouts and separate from learn to play parent meeting.

Newsletter:

Will continue to use website for updates.

Advertising:

Rick K. reports that he has spoke with representatives of Roanoke City and Roanoke County Recreation Departments about promotion of youth hockey on their websites. Roanoke City will provide this and include information (to be provided by VYHA-Rick K) in the printed community type newspaper for free. Persons will be directed to our website for additional information. Roanoke County could do the same but could also register players but there would be a cost. The board suggested we advertise with them (for free), including links to our website, but not utilize their registration services.

Robyn will check with Botetourt Parks and Recreation Department regarding the same, encouraging link to our website.

Rick K. will write up the information to provide to these recreation departments and then send to Rodney F. to review and approve then send out to all board members as well.

Marquee:

The marquee at the RCC may be available for us to use and Rick K will check on that.

**Yard Signs:**

Need to determine phone number for signs and then to get signs out into the community.

**Newspapers/Radio Ads:**

Rick K. will look into these types of advertisements.

**Coaches and Division of Teams:**

**Player Coach Committee:**

The members are George Fetchko, Steve Kitts, Dick Sher, and Rick Kelly and appointed as chair is Tom Gallagher. Tom will schedule a meeting with all coaches. Coaches will have to attend a clinic if their cards are going to expire. Rodney F. will get the criminal history verification done and sent out to each coach.

**Playing Up:**

Written request from the parent of the player requesting to play on another team must be submitted to the player coach committee. Discussion from that committee will then be presented and reviewed by the board. This may not occur until after tryouts are completed.

**Other:**

Off ice conditioning/practice can occur if the player is registered in USA Hockey and the coach schedules and runs the session.

**Learn to Play:**

Directors are Stephen E. and Dick S. Coaches include Stephen E., Dick S., Rick K., Paul G., Dean W., Steve B. and Mike M.

Stephen and Dick have a flyer in development and will distribute when completed.

The players for this group will be age 4-9.

Cost is \$125.00 if players have their own equipment. \$250.00 if players need equipment.

Equipment: Stephen and Dick will do an inventory and will be ordering additional items that are needed.

Practice Schedule: Tuesdays and Saturdays

Registration will be 09/10 from 6pm-8pm and 09/12 from 10am-12 pm at the RCC.

There will be a parent meeting in October.

**End of Season:**

Rodney F. will do the wrap up session, parent meeting and elections similar to this year as the turn out was very good.

Pictures: Will try to get Kevin Hurley again and have these done in November.

**Safety Equipment:**

Neck guards are optional and are up to the parent if the player wears.

Mouth guards are mandatory for Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget players.

Helmets are mandatory for all players.

**VYHA House and Travel teams:**

VYHA teams (house and or travel).

Mites and Squirts (1<sup>st</sup> year)—House team

Squirts (2<sup>nd</sup> year), Pee Wee, Bantam (1<sup>st</sup> year)—House team

Bantams (2<sup>nd</sup> year) and Midgets (16U, 18U)—House team

Travel teams would be based on CHL standards which are being assessed during the summer meeting not yet scheduled but to be in August 09.

Coaches and the coach committee will review format of house league, including games and practice sessions.

**High School Hockey:**

Ronda P. is working on getting jerseys. Tom G. is heading up this program.

This will be a tournament play as well as some home and away games with Winston Salem and Charlottesville. There will be 18 players on the roster and those players must be in high school, freshman to senior age.

Players and parents will be requested to participate in fundraising activities.

Currently looking at playing in a tournament in Knoxville, TN in January 2010.

This would be another division of VYHA.

**Other:**

Rick K. is checking with the RCC on some type of trophy showcase to display VYHA information including trophies and hockey information.

Referee scheduling format will be determined by Dick Pine.

Future board meetings will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. E-mail to be sent out to all board members with these dates.

**August. 4th**

**September. 1st**

**October. 6th**

**November. 3rd**

**December. 1st**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm was made by Richard C., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom G, unanimous approval.

**Next Meeting 08/04/09**

**\*\*\*Meeting minutes above amended to state NO EXCEPTIONS on the \$100 registration fee being paid at the time of registration, unanimously approved 8/4/09\*\*\***