**STATE OF THE LEAGUE 02/27/2017**

**State of the League CHA meeting**

**Planning for Summer/Fall Season 2017**

**2/2/17**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**LEAGUE OVERVIEW:**

1. Adult league has 415 players and refs (361 distinct players)
2. Kids programs have grown (need small gloves, skates)

 Instructional has 36 registered

 House League has 28 mites and mini-mites; 20 Squirts and above

1. Have about $2000 in the account.
	1. **INCOME**

$2 from every adult game played and $2 per youth player (each 2 month session)

AmazonSmile (1/2 of 1% comes to us when you use Amazonsmile)

United Way (around $500 each year)

Donations

* 1. **EXPENSES**

$50 donation to Curlers for Nationals

Jersey purchases…have 7 complete sets of jerseys for teams and for summer

Stamps/Ink/paper/ID tags/laminating pouches…this is like $100 a year

**OLD BUSINESS: How are things we changed working out?**

* Outside sub rule
	+ *Everyone agreed this was a great way to not only address drop-ins like kids home from college who’ve previously played with us, but also a good way to intro the league to players who might join but are hesitant. Heather would like to have authority to add players visiting the area (i.e. interviewing at Rockwell) if appropriate. This has only happened once, but she doesn’t feel that should be counted in their “two”.*

* 11 + a goalie for a full team
	+ *This seems just right. There are still a few teams that are perpetually short. All but 3 teams have 11 or above on their roster.*
* Ref Issues? Calling enough? Too much? Just right?
	+ *Refs should call MORE, if they don’t games tend to get a little on the physical side, and especially at the lower levels, players are uncomfortable with that level of play.*
* Players/teams at the right level?
	+ *Andrew Hamm was brought up as needing to move up: he is starting a B- team next fall, so that issue will solve itself.*
* Scheduling
	+ *Heather apologized for some of the crazy scheduling and pointed out that as the travel season ends, the games will be earlier on weeknights.*

**NEW BUSINESS: How can we improve our programs?**

* KILL THE KEG May 6-7
	+ We should have playoffs the two weeks after Easter and finish April 29th
	+ *Cody Simpson pointed out that there are difficulties having the playoffs on Saturday nights. Heather will work out the schedule and send it to captains. Maybe tailgaiting in the parking lot during the finals instead of a party at the Stadium?*
* INSTRUCTIONAL HOCKEY FOR ADULTS
	+ Preferably for C and BC players
		- *Heather has gotten the initial ok for this, now just negotiating a time. Likely Thursday evenings*
* ANYTHING ELSE??
	+ Kids stick time/Family Stick time?
		- *Parent of a 6 yr old expressed concern about B players taking slapshots with small people on the ice, but parents can’t skate with kids during kid’s stick time.*
			* *Heather will discuss this with Dave to make the kids stick times family friendly.*
	+ *Why is stick time so expensive?*
		- *Players expressed that other arenas charged the same amount for stick time as they do for open skate. Heather checked with Ames, IC and Waterloo and that does seem to be the case. She’ll take it up with Dave.*
		- *First 2 goalies should be free. This would encourage goalies to come, which would encourage players to come if they knew goalies would be there and a game would likely take place.*
* *Why is Heather so amazing?*
	+ *No one knows the answer to that question. It remains a mystery. It was agreed that all players wish their wives understood their passion for hockey the way Heather does, but wish she would just let them have beer in the locker room. They also agreed that, in fact, the Penguins are the best team in the NHL hands down.*