



SPARTANS HOCKEY CLUB

BOARD MEETING via Webcast Tuesday, August 11 @ 6:00pm CST

ATTENDEES: Johnny Contreras – President
Dave Grachan – Vice President
Danielle Drebing – Treasurer
Angie Pape – Media & Public Relations
Stephanie Kula – Secretary
Jim Belczak – Registrar
Bernadette Petrovic - Rules & Ethics
Karl Hamann – Rules & Ethics

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion to approve minutes from May 19, 2020 meeting/webcast were approved via online.

CALL TO ORDER / UPDATE(S) FROM THE PRESIDENT:

- President's Notes and League Meetings
 - Reviewed the different sports levels by the IDPH / Governor's Office
 - State of Illinois has only sought feedback from IHSA. AHAI and USA Hockey have not been contacted.
 - AHAI has put together a special committee to work solely with the IDPH / Governor's office. Their goal is to try and get hockey to a level 2.
 - AHAI is thinking no out-of-state tournaments if / when we have a season
 - AHAI will be certifying rosters. All rosters need to be in by September 1, 2020.
 - AAA and AA are putting rosters together; possibly starting season later. There situation is more difficult as their travel schedule is more intense.
 - Catholic leagues will follow the rules and cancel the season if need be.
 - South Suburban leaning most likely to not playing
 - Relationships with the rinks will be critical; for the Spartans Hockey Club it will be Rocket Ice Arena and Canlan Ice Sports. No Darien this year.
 - Chicago Blackhawks will be an advocate of AHAI this year.
- Try-outs
 - Rosters and teams will be decided by August 30; again, rosters due September 1, 2020.
 - Varsity tryout to take place at Rocket Ice Arena on August 24
 - There will be no double rostering – see Registrar section of minutes
- Registration
 - A nice number of new players have registered; Good to see returning players.
- Practices
 - Practices will start August 31 with the intention to play at any given time.
 - The Spartans Hockey Club will only be contracting ice from Rocket Ice Arena and Canlan Ice Sports.
 - Off-ice program will remain the same as last year. Two slots on Wednesday and one slot on Thursday have been contracted.
 - Teams will be able to use Canlan locker rooms starting August 31, 2020.



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- Safety
 - Safety is of the utmost importance this year.
 - You must wear a mask – all Board Members will lead by example.
 - We will follow the CDC and IDPH guidelines.
 - Rules and Ethics committee (Karl & Nada) should draft a letter/email about hand washing, if illness should occur, you must stay home, outcome of coming etc... In addition, note should include how the Spartans Hockey Club will handle anyone testing positive with COVID-19.
 - Board agreed communication with Spartans Hockey Club parents will be crucial
 - Johnny requesting Karl and Nada to be frequently updating Spartans Hockey Club website with any pertinent information or changes /updates from the CDC.
 - Code of Conduct for COVID was included in the registration form.
- Games
 - This season will be about the kids; not the games
 - Game ice will be a separate contract
 - Book the game slots if we don't play, other ideas will be presented. Goal is to make it a fun season for the players no matter the outcome.
 - No out-of-state tournaments only in state – possibly considering January or February.
- Fees
 - Discussion took place on fees; specifically, how they breakdown
 - Player contracts will need a clause in them in case we are forced to cancel the season. If this should occur, payments will cease, and no player will be responsible for whatever remaining time is left in the season. Any player paying in full will receive a prorated refund for the season.
- Parent Volunteer
 - Parent volunteers will not be paid this year

TREASURER UPDATE:

- Financial update
 - All bills are current
- Uniform orders
 - Order were placed with Greg on August 10, 2020
- Contract(s) with ice rinks
 - We will move forward at this time. If anything changes, we will adjust.
 - Johnny and Danielle will get together and go through budget over the next couple of weeks

MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Just Crush Sports
 - If games happen, interns will be needed
 - Just Crush Sports asking Spartans Hockey Club to advertise amongst high schools and community colleges
 - Advertisements / sponsors can be shown during games – Board Members approved Neves Nutrition to be highlighted



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- Live Barn is being instilled in Canlan Ice Sports
- Discussion took place on live watch parties for parents / families who are not allowed inside the rink
- Parent Meeting – what format?
 - Discussion took place on possibly an informational video like last year.
- Amazon Smile account has been created for the Spartans Hockey Club
 - Angie will get information out to the parents
 - Amazon logo was shared with Board Members
- Picture night
 - Still moving forward with October date.
 - No club picture this year as we can only have 50 players on ice at a given time
 - Ice will be reserved but for locker rooms so players can spread out

RULES & ETHICS:

- Safe Sport
 - All Board Members need to take the course or the refresher by August 15, 2020
- Masks
 - Karl has a supply of masks that he will be donating to the club
- Community outreach / Charity / Fundraising
 - Start early – begin to think of ideas

REGISTRAR:

- Recap of AHAI registrars meeting
 - Rosters must be turned in September 1, 2020
 - Board Members need to register with USA Hockey as a Volunteer
- New AHAI Rule: Dual Rostered High School Players
 - New 10 up rule – a player will be allowed to move up one level and play 9 games before they are rostered and locked-in. This includes the State Tournament
 - No more moving down
 - How many kids on a team can move up – are you limited to 7? In the past, a team couldn't roster more than 50%. Jim will seek clarification.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING / WEBCAST will be scheduled for September.

**Due to CDC / IDPH / Governor's office restrictions changing frequently, a meeting / webcast may be called to order sooner than the next monthly meeting.*