



SPARTANS HOCKEY CLUB

BOARD MEETING via Conference Call Tuesday, May 19 @ 7:00pm CST

ATTENDEES: Johnny Contreras – President
Dave Grachan – Vice President
Danielle Drebing – Treasurer
Stephanie Kula – Secretary
Jim Belczak – Registrar
Karl Hamann – Rules & Ethics
Bernadette Petrovic - Rules & Ethics
Angie Pape – Media & Public Relations
Lisa Ewers, Consultant
Doug Bosse – Hockey Director

APRIL MEETING:

- The minutes from the Board Meeting/Call in April were approved.

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

- This will be our last Board Meeting until August; however due to the pandemic a call or meeting may be called.
- North Central League President's Meeting
 - Moving forward this meeting will now be done virtually.
 - Hot topic of the meeting were the fans, coaches and players loss of self-control
 - A Rules & Ethics Committee has been created – will consist of 4-5 President's
 - Coaches to enforce the idea of "arriving together, playing together, leaving together"
- The 2021 Season
 - At this time AHAI is following the Governor's plan and no hockey is being played. However, once Phase 3 and Phase 4 are established some rinks will open and we will begin to have hockey again in IL in some capacity. USA Hockey, AHAI and the North Central league will work together in the next coming months with the CDC, the rinks, and government officials to determine if a Fall 2020 - 2021 season will be played. Several scenarios are playing out between IHSA, AHAI, USA Hockey
 - IHSA is considering possibly no sports for the 2020-2021 season
 - If IHSA doesn't have a season, some clubs may go independent
 - Discussion took place on having a shorter season
 - Discussion took place on if the season starts in August/September, what's the risk to coaches, players, and families if another outbreak were to occur
 - Concerns were shared on the safety and health of our families going forward
 - No cutting of the ice during a varsity game
 - One parent for each player would only be allowed in the rink during game play.
 - Doug mentioned water bottles would go away and players would have to supply their own. Spartans Hockey Club considering inclusion in their uniform package.



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- A new stats page for the North Central League has been created for the 2020-2021 season.
- Goalies will be a problem for the upcoming season. Concerns shared that some schools won't have any on their roster(s).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Financial update
 - No bills to be paid – nothing outstanding.
- Fall Season - uniform fittings
 - Uniform company turnover time for the jerseys is 6 weeks
 - Company exploring additional bag options. Spartans Hockey Club received negative feedback on the bag quality from this past season.
 - Fitting will be virtual – measurements will be done online and through our website. *Danielle will submit the order on behalf of the Club.*
 - Sticks will again be an option to purchase as well as personalized Spartans gloves. *Danielle will ask Greg for options.*

REGISTRAR

- USA Hockey credentials
 - *Jim will review for the coaches*
- The SafeSport and Refresher Training
 - *Jim will review who needs training and completion dates*
- Coaching Modules
 - Coaching modules should be completed by end of year. *Jim will send out reminder.*
- Applying for Combination Status opens June 1-30
- Tournaments
 - When reviewing tournaments, the Board leaned towards States that have eased restrictions and opened back up.
 - *Board agreed to include a tournament question in the upcoming Spartans Hockey Club Survey; Angie will draft.*

MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Picture Day has been pushed to October.
- Just Crush Sports game broadcast proposal
 - Angie reviewed proposal
 - No cost to the club – at this time, only Varsity games will be broadcasted
 - Need subscriptions from families for company to continue
 - *Board agreed to proposal. Please include Johnny on all email's / correspondent's moving forward.*
- Banquet "Plan B"
 - Board has given a deadline of June 30 to decide on how to move forward with honoring our Seniors and players for an incredible season of hockey.
 - If large groups are not possible, Board will explore other ideas for a celebration.
 - Angie reviewed a virtual banquet – similar banquets are being orchestrated by the school's in the local area for graduation. More to come.



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- Angie shared a hockey survey recently done.
 - *Board agreed to create one for the Spartans Hockey Club and distribute to families around mid-June.*
- Rules & Ethics - Karl & Nada
 - SafeSport for next Season
 - *Karl and Nada will work with Jim.*
 - *Karl will send an email on who needs to get it done using a report recently drafted.*
- Hockey Director Update
 - No news from the rinks – Canlan Ice Sports remains closed as do many others in the State.
 - Additional conversation took place on cleanliness of rinks and what scenarios would take place for the 2020-2021 season.
 - Indiana is open and ice slots are available.
 - *Doug to create a distribution list of spring players, 8th graders, new players to keep them all in the loop.*

NEXT BOARD MEETING / CONFERENCE CALL is scheduled for August.

**As State restrictions ease and rinks look at potentially opening, this meeting / call date may change.*