

Canton Pee Wee Association
Board Meeting Minutes: April 19th, 2007
CHS Cafeteria 7:00 P.M.

Board Members:

Present: Dave Bradman, Lisa Elliott, Lisa Gollinger, Mike Levato, James Mattice, Mark Mende, Kirstin Newman, Rob Newvine, Darlene O'Connor, Matt Randi, Carla Wentworth, Wes Zeller

Quorum Present? Yes

Others Present: Loretta House, Kelley Glasgow, Donna Reed, Elliott Rodee, Lori Tiernan, Bill Watson

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 7:03 p.m. by Pres. Matt Randi
- Last meetings minutes were accepted and approved. 1st: M. Randi, 2nd: M. Levato
- *Program Coordinator's Report:*
 - L. House presented the financial report for the period from March 1st through April 19th, 2007.
 - More donations to the general fund have been received including donations from McCarthy's, Ostrander's, LeBerge & Curtis, and Corning.
 - The Hunt/ Ayrassian/Christy Fund donated \$1000 that is designated for scholarships only for non-hockey programs. Commissioners are asked to contact L. House regarding any scholarships so payment can be made into the general fund from this scholarship fund.
 - The wrestling program raised \$3, 716 through the annual candle fundraiser and another \$300 from the tournament.
 - Bills paid totaled \$3, 518.34 with current funds available as of April 19th as \$5,459.08.
- *Scholarship Waivers:*
 - K. Glasgow approached the board regarding the possibility of allowing her to write a scholarship waiver for players who could not otherwise afford to participate in CPWA sports programs. The waiver would entitle the parent/guardian to sign up a player at the time of registration with the cost covered by the CPWA scholarship fund. The board agreed to allow the Canton School District guidance counselors to complete scholarship waivers that would be given to qualified individuals for the purposes of participating in sports programs run by CPWA. Motion to approve: 1st- M. Randi, 2nd- M. Levato; All in favor, none opposed.
- *Amendment to the By-Laws:*
 - A discussion regarding the proposed change to the by-laws, which would alter the language of Article IV, Section 2 was held. The board agreed to change the language of Section 2 to "Officers shall be elected at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the association during the school year before the summer hiatus." Motion to approve: 1st- D. O'Connor, 2nd- K. Newman; All in favor, none opposed.
 - A discussion was held about the proposed changes for Article 4, Section 4 of the bylaws, which limits the number of terms that elected officers can serve. Following discussion, the board agreed to eliminate term limits for officers on the governing board. The board decided to vote on this proposed change to the by-laws at the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 31st, 2007.

- *Registration Form:*
 - Following discussion, the board agreed to update the registration form and have the form reprinted as duplicates. The proposed changes will be made to the form and emailed to the board for review. Following which, price quotes will be acquired for review before printing.

- *CPWA Student Award:*
 - Following discussion, the board agreed to grant the CPWA Student Award to Brittanie Taillon, based on her dedication to CPWA through her participation in Pee Wee Sports Programs throughout the years and her service on the board as a student member and as a volunteer coach and umpire in the Pee Wee Softball Program. Congratulations Brittanie.

- *Commissioners' Reports:*
 - Hockey – R. Newvine
 - Several parents of CPWA hockey players, D. Reed, E. Rodee, L. Tiernan, and B. Watson, were present to express their concern regarding the upcoming 2007-2008 season in particular for the Pee Wee level. At this point, the numbers for the Pee Wee level look low and there may not be enough players to field a team. The parents wanted to know what, if any, steps were being taken now to try and resolve the issue. R. Newvine informed the parents that if there were not enough to form a team in the fall, that he would do everything in his power to help them find a place for their children to play hockey next season including a possible merger with Potsdam Minor Hockey at that level. A discussion regarding the new hockey handbook and Canton Minor Hockey's policy regarding resolving hockey related issues was reviewed, namely that concerns should be addressed first to the commissioner, then the Hockey Advisory Committee, and then finally to the CPWA board if resolution is not achieved.
 - R. Newvine presented a financial report for the 2006-2007 season. Revenue for the season totaled \$55,426.61 with expenses at \$51,943.85. Current balance as April 19th: \$21, 049.83.
 - Canton Minor Hockey received a donation of \$1500 from the Hunt/Ayrassian/Christy Fund designated for hockey scholarships.
 - A draft of the Hockey Handbook has been completed. This draft will be sent to board members for review. The handbook may be also put on the website following the review.
 - The handbook calls for regularly scheduled meetings of the Hockey Advisory Committee, which will be open to the public. These meetings will be advertised on the website and will allow a platform for discussion of hockey-related issues.
 - The Golf Tournament will be held on June 8th at the SLU Golf Course. A tournament meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30 PM.
 - James Mattice will take over as registrar for the 2007-8 season. Pam Mahoney will coach Cub Club next season, as D. O'Connor will not return. The next coach's meeting is scheduled for September 2007.
 - An application for the St. Lawrence County Youth Grant has been submitted for this year.
 - Northern Zone League will hold its annual meeting on April 28th, 2007.

- Baseball/Softball- W. Zeller/C. Wentworth
 - W. Zeller presented a report detailing information regarding registration to date for this season. Revenues totaling \$2,015.00 has been received so far from registration and team sponsorships. An estimated \$1500 has been spent for expenses.
 - Coach's meeting will be held on April 26th at 7 PM at CHS. At the meeting, a clean-up day will be set.
 - Official season start date will be May 22nd. However, a clinic will be held for boys ages 8-14 yrs beginning May 8th where players will rotate through stations to sharpen skills before the season.
 - C. Wentworth informed the board that she will be stepping down as Softball Commissioner at the end of this season.

- Lacrosse- D. Bradman
 - Sign ups have been completed with 85 boys and 77 girls participating.
 - Due to unfavorable weather conditions, the season's official start has been pushed back to Saturday, April 21st.
 - The lacrosse checking account will be transferred into Lisa Gollinger and Mike Mahoney.
 - The 9/10 and 7/8 tournament is scheduled for May 19th with Den Bleyker set for June 3rd.
 - The league has met and the schedule for this season is out. The schedule will appear on the website again this year.
 - There will be a boys referee clinic in Potsdam on Sunday, April 22nd. The clinic has a \$20 fee. The board agreed to refund the \$20 fee for any player who wants to referee this season (similar to the way it is currently done in the hockey program). Motion: 1st-D. O'Connor, 2nd- K. Newman

- *Old Business:*
 - None
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- *New Business:*
 - The board decided to invite Bill Lemieux from Clark's Insurance to the next meeting on May 31st so that the board can become better informed about the current insurance policy covering CPWA sports programs.

- *Next Meeting will be held* on Thursday, May 31st, 2007 at the CHS cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- *Meeting adjourned* at 8:58 p.m. Motion to adjourn: 1st: K. Newman, 2nd: D. O'Connor

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa F. Elliott