

Capital Beltway Hockey League

Meeting Minutes January 19, 2009

Call to Order: 7:00 PM. Conference Call

December 2008 Meeting Minutes accepted without revision.

Clubs not represented: Chesapeake, Frederick, Harford, Virginia Wild

Secretary/Treasurer:

Check book balance is \$49,421.28.

Unpaid fines are \$220.00.

Statistician:

Need for scoresheets to come in promptly in order to allow time for website updates and playoff rankings to be timely determined.

Scheduler:

Great job by schedulers this season. No fines to assess.

Vice Commissioner:

PVAHA:

Doug Parks has stepped down from the PVAHA Board. Many qualified candidates have been identified to fill the vacancy. A question of increasing the Board size to take advantage of the talent that is stepping forward. In March, 3 Board member posts come up for renewal.

USA Hockey is having meetings in Florida. It is determined that USAH fees will not increase from the current \$30. Affiliates are encouraged to keep fees stable as well.

The hockey year is currently on a September 1 – August 31 fiscal year. There is a motion to change the year to May 1 – April 30.

An effort is underway to change Tier II Nationals competition to include representatives of 48 states in 4 divisions.

February 13-15 is the Hockey Across America weekend. Any Clubs that are doing something special should contact John Coleman for posting to the PVAHA website.

USA Hockey with the aid of grant money from the NHL is proposing to develop a long term performance development program. Programs deemed to be High Performance Clubs will receive grant money. The goal is to increase the USA Hockey fan base. There is a similar effort to grow referee quality. The program has an 8-10 year horizon.

It is a rule change year for USA Hockey. Proposals can be made through the USA Hockey webpage. One effort involves the idea of eliminating the short handed icing rule

based on the rationale that clubs that are a man down should not enjoy the benefit of a free icing.

Officials:

Playoff scheduling continues.

New business

Next season's jamboree scheduling needs to be decided: the weekend before, of or after Labor Day are the options. Other option is to not have a Jamboree.

Opinions from the Clubs were varied:

Greater Hampton will be ready for a per-Labor Day Jamboree

CCC-has a difficult time preparing for the earlier Jamboree schedule.

Hagerstown suggested that the Jamboree be replaced with 3 full pre-season games and use the stats to rank the teams.

Reston prefers a per-Labor Day jamboree.

Navy suggests that whenever the jamboree takes place that the rules be clearly established and use the evaluators' recommendations without continuous re-voting on the rankings.

Decision is postponed until February meeting.

NOVA and Montgomery – the Bob Otte trophies from last year needs to be return.

Need suggestions for the peewee of the month.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 16, 2009 in Laurel.

Meeting adjourned near 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

CRMeloni

Secretary/Treasurer