

SAN JOSE JR. SHARKS
HOCKEY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2011, 10:00am, Sharks Ice at San Jose

Board Members:

Present: Charlie Faas, Jon Gustafson, Dave Maley, Scott McNealy, Katherine Romanchuk, Curt Wozniak, Tony Zasowski

Absent: none

Others Present: none

- *Meeting called to order:* at 10:05am by Jon Gustafson
- Minutes from 1.10.11 Meeting were approved with one change

Presidents Report, provided by Tony Zasowski

- Team Update
 - o 18AAA won State Championships, 14AAA & 18 AAA
 - o are in Districts, 14AA are in play downs, 12AA are in Nationals, All but 2 travel teams will qualify for Norcal Playoffs, Girls teams advance to districts
- Districts and National Tournament
 - o 14AAA will be parent tournament chairs for Districts, 34 teams will be in Nationals
- Current Survey Update
 - o Approximately 100 people have taken Survey #2 so far
 - o More open ended questions were used
 - o Girls are looking for more structure – similar to travel/tier program
 - o Parents want to develop coaches and players through skills sessions and power skating
 - o SM requested that the HAB review the next survey before it goes out and requested that the general facility questions be removed
 - o SM asked TZ if there is plan to follow up with people that specifically requested to be contacted regarding the survey. He also pointed out that there should be a survey sent to coaches only
 - o CW stated that the survey results should be reviewed with the specific coaches where applicable
- Team structure plan for next year
 - o TZ wants to clarify coaching expectations with applicants before they are hired to coach a team
 - o JG stated that all coaching/team info should be posted on Jr. Sharks website in the summer
 - o (should be moved up to survey results discussion) SM asked if an open forum could be added to the Jr. Sharks Website. CW stated that moderated forum could be manageable. CF and JG added that inquiries could be emailed in with answers posted publicly
 - o Discussion about power point distributed by TZ outlining the team structure for next year
 - TZ would like to put together a true mission statement for the Jr. Sharks based on HAB input
 - SM asked TZ to find out from Norcal what the goal differential is for the Tier II league – is it closer?
 - SM asked what happens when you have an AA team that is skilled enough for AAA, but doesn't want to commit to AAA
 - TZ explained that AA teams can choose to participate in the CAHA league OR Tournaments, which breaks down into 2 expensive trips, or 4 less expensive trips – to be decided by the coach
 - TZ discussed the difference between the Competitive Track and Prep Track based on power point
 - SM stated that in order to have local competitive teams the HAB should reach out to the Blackhawks, Cougars, Tri Valley, etc. so that there is less airplane travel – promote local competitiveness
 - CW pointed out that Tournament Teams can also be created for those that want extra games
 - SM stated that kids should be allowed to play up
 - JG stated that stronger kids should be leaders in their own age level as opposed to playing up and struggling
 - TZ stated that all kids should try out in their age appropriate level
 - General discussion about playing up in practices and tournament teams to expose them to more competitive environments

- DM stated that it may be beneficial to reach out to other local clubs and open a dialogue about fostering competitiveness and growing the sport – JG/TZ will do this
- Coaches Applications
 - Will go out for approximately 2-3 weeks total
 - HAB needs to discuss Applications in April so decisions can be final in May
 - SM would like to see an Depth Chart of TZ's recommendations with a priority list of the others that applied
 - JG asked TZ to provide his recommendations and depth chart to the HAB for review
 - CF suggested that head coaches should rate/recommend their assistant coaches for head coaching jobs if applicable
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Action Plan from 1/10 – Arrival Time & Dress Code, facilitated by Jon Gustafson, Tony Zasowski

- Arrival Time discussion & vote
 - SM – Competitive Hockey should be 30 minutes early, 60 minutes for tournaments, AAA teams and 18's should arrive 60 minutes early, limit of 5 minutes post-game discussion
 - KR – 45 minutes early, 60 minutes for tournaments, limit of 5 minutes post game
 - CW – 45 minutes early, 30 minutes is not adequate
 - CF – people will run late, 30 minutes is cutting it too close
 - DM – 30 minutes is not enough time, depending on age – 45 minutes is the minimum amount of time
- Arrival Time Decision
 - Competitive Track: 30-45 minutes early based on coaches discretion for games
 - Prep/AAA Track: 60-90 minutes early based on coaches discretion for games
 - Dryland & Practices: In the Gym, On the Ice on time
 - On Ice Dress: Black helmet and gloves (same for practices but with practice jerseys)
 - Neck guards are strongly encouraged but not required
 - See SM original recommendations from email conversation
 - Rink Arrival Dress
 - Preparatory Track: Can be Track Suits or Track Jacket with Dress pants (coaches discretion)
 - Competitive Track: Track Suit
 - No flip flops
 - Dryland Dress
 - Preparatory Track: Black shorts and any Sharks t-shirt
 - Competitive Track: Appropriate length shorts and clean shirt
 - Travel Dress
 - Same as game dress based on age/level when flying with team
 - When traveling with parents – parents' discretion

New Business/Open Items

- Review of upcoming Key Dates as provided on the Agenda
- Discussion of Air Quality in Sharks Ice facilities, inquiries can be directed to JG
- Fair vs. Equal Ice will be discussed at next meeting
- Next Meeting scheduled for March 8th at 10am

- *Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm*

Action items:

- TZ will put together a coaching manual for review based on the notes/manual provided by CW
- TZ will put together a Depth Chart of his coaching recommendations that includes the other applicants to the HAB once all the applications have been collected
- TZ will find out the goal differential from Norcal for the Tier II league

- JG/TZ will put a letter together to send to other local clubs encouraging growing the sport and fostering a competitive environment for local players

Notes submitted by M. Taylor for approval