

PIHL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
4/3/08
KITCHEN & BATH CONCEPTS

In attendance: Tom Trzcinski, John Bridge, Jack Kukan, Ed Sam, Sally Figas, Don Bloom, Tom Michael, Kathy Santora, Jake Capozoli, John Karolcik, Kevin Zielmanski, Gina Sonnik

Not in attendance:

Meeting called to order 6:35 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Don would like to change under the east report- “that he felt that most of the bugs were worked out”. Motion to accept the minutes. Don/John

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gina said that she just received the financials now. Gina would like to look at the confidentiality statement. Need to check the records regarding Bishop McCort not attending the Operations Meeting – they were assessed for a JV team but they do not have a JV team. This will be looked into. All associations that were on a payment plan are paying on schedule. All other assessments are in.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- **Marketing:** PIHL TV-Ed is working on this with a photographer on marketing the PIHL. He is also working with Fast Hockey. Both are in the very preliminary stages.
- **Discipline**
 - Match Penalty March 17 Pittsburgh Central Catholic– disappointed in what went on in the hearing. Kathy could have ended up having only one juror, but got a last minute replacement for one of the volunteers. This was due in part to attempting to change the date at the request of the association since the season was over due to their assistance coach being out of town. PCC informed the Discipline Chair that this player's amateur season was also completed, which was discovered at the hearing to be untrue. The family brought a video, the Discipline Chair was unaware that they would be bringing one. WPHOA wanted the people in attendance to understand that if they watched the video, they would issue any penalties that had not been called. When the video was started, the WPHOA representative walked out of the room. There was no one at the hearing to represent the association. The parents were in attendance with the player along with another PCC player and his father. Player sat 5 games, 4 state games and 1 district game prior to the hearing. The player would still have 3 PIHL games to serve next year, possibly two additional if PCC participates in any pre-season games or tournaments.
 - Supplemental discipline hearing – was held on March 31 for a kicking incident in the Mars/Quaker Valley Penguins Cup Final. The mother of the injured player was upset because Kathy was not at the hearing (Kathy's father-in-law passed away).
 - There will be another hearing on April 11- it is a playoff issue so Kathy needs playoff committee volunteers.
 - Wheeling Park racial slurs against Carrick coaching staff and players. The player was brought over to apologize to the coach by the Wheeling Park coach, the player did apologize but they felt it was a half-hearted apology, he refused to shake hands with the Carrick coach. Wheeling Park did pull their team out of the JV tournament because they did not want to reward their players for the type of behavior that had occurred in their last few regular season games. We will wait until we get the report from the sheriffs.
 - South Fayette – the parent who was involved in the incident and was taken before a magistrate. She is required to attend anger management classes. Kathy would like to officially send in writing to the association that this parent is not permitted to attend any games until she completes the anger management classes and pending the outcome of the hearing in July. There is no need for a motion on this, the Executive Committee agreed with the recommendation.
- **Scheduling** – discussions with the ice rinks will begin in April/May. Gary and Ed will start to work on these. There will probably be one or two overnight trips involved because they make a loop out east.
 - Gary would like to suggest that we could possibly add an additional blackout date for varsity only. Gary feels that he could fit this in. Motion that the Executive Committee is granting for one year testing having 2 blackout dates instead of 1 black out date. This would be for varsity only. Don/Jake, all in favor. The deadline for submitting home ice for next season is April 1.
- **Team Pittsburgh** – the list of players selected is attached. There is a requirement that the players participate in 75% of their high school games. There was one player George Saad from Pine Richland who did not appear to have met the requirement. Ed is waiting for additional information. There was also a player from Keystone Oaks who was not on a high school team. This player according to the rules is eligible for Team Pittsburgh.
- **Registration** – there will be a new and updated registration form on the website. There is a new open roster adjustment form also. Open applications are posted and are due no later than the April BOG meeting. Connellsville and Greensburg Salem have already submitted their applications.

- **Vice Presidents:**
 - **South** – nothing to report
 - **North** – nothing to report
 - **West** – nothing to report
 - **East** – this is Don’s last meeting. He stated that when he came onto this board he did not know a sole. He said that he appreciates everyone here and he really appreciates what Ed, Sally and Kathy do. He does feel that the associations do not see this. He also recognized the EC for their supportive nature to the associations and the fairness that this EC has worked with each association.
 - **Open Division Liaison** – application process is being revised – corrections and additions will be separate. There are 3 as of today. Jake indicated that Valley called him saying that Leechburg was part of their group. There was something in the newspaper that shows that a Leechburg player is going to play on Ford City. Last year Valley did not have Leechburg on their application. Valley did have Leechburg on their original application but last year they did not have them on their application.
- **Coaches Liaison** – nothing to report
- **Rules Interpreter**
 - **Gateway request** – Greg Whitfield requested that as a AAA school they would like to move to the AA division. He feels they are not strong enough for AAA but too strong for Open. Kathy wrote them back and told them that they could write a letter to their vice president submitting their request. Kathy indicated that according to our current rules, this is not permitted.
 - **Montour/Moon** – there is still an alleged rule violation that is still pending investigation by the Commissioner.
- **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**
 - **Post Season** – Nothing to report except that everything went very well. The gate at Freshman games at Ice Castle were very good. The banquet was very well received. We invited athletic directors, principals, and superintendents to the games. It was great. The east felt that we run a first class operation. There was no conflict with the junior team players. Gina did receive a letter that was forwarded on to her. Jack explained the situation. Jeff Mauro was not permitted to enter the games as a media person. Jeff signed in the first evening and showed a questionable Post Gazette credential. He was allowed entry at the proper admission gate. Jack asked Ed to call the Post Gazette and see if he was an employee. Ed talked with Terry Shields at the Post Gazette and was told that Jeff was not an employee and he only fed information to Mike White. Jeff was not permitted to enter the building at the media entrance the second evening. He did not attempt to enter at the media gate again. Gina feels that he was singled out. Jake feels that Jeff is a jerk and possibly we should have checked this out in advance since we know that he is a problem. Gina feels like this was a black eye on the playoffs.
 - **All Star** – nothing to report.
 - **Scholarships** – none in.
 - **Open Division Review Board** – John’s schedule is jam packed until after the Chicago tournament. We are going to set up panel meeting with associations on their applications.
 - **Long Range Planning** – Tom will be setting up a meeting. Dates have been requested. A list of dates will be submitted.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
 - **By-Laws** – will be working on.
 - **Nomination** – John is going to meet with Joe Kopac to go over the rules. There are 3 contested divisions: north, west, south. Tom did have another call from someone who may be interested. Ballots will be distributed the day of the meeting. Write-ins are permitted.
 - **Playing Rules** – May 1 is the date for rule changes to be in. The Playing Rules Committee will be meeting after that.
 - **Finance** –going to start reviewing the commissioners budget in May. Gina would like the budget at the end of April.
- **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - **Charitable association registration with PA** – Tom Michael said that we may or may not have to register. This would be determined if we qualify under the act. There are many criteria that are involved, Some of the issues that are listed are subject to interpretation. We do not fit the garden variety charitable organization. The question is does the money that we receive benefit anyone outside the organization. Tom’s interpretation is that we do not. All money that we collect stays within the organization. All of the money paid in by teams is directly excluded. He does not believe we are a charitable association. Tom did talk with Mr. Kozer. Tom does feel that we do want to be pretty transparent so he feels that we are in our other documentations that are filed with IRS. Mr. Kozer is not an attorney so he must pass it onto the state attorney. Then there will be additional discussion. If it is recommended that we must file, we will file. The other question is the employee question that arose on Ed. Tom feels that the commissioner is a non-temporary employee who receives a regular salary and is not engaged as a professional fund raising counsel or professional solicitor by any other person. There are certain issues that should be referred to our accountant. Kathy did say that we did donate money to the diabetes association from the outdoor game. We do have a grant company that is preparing letters and doing letters. Jake just wants it noted that it does not matter to him if we register but if we should he feels we should. The fee is minimal so why not pay(it is \$15).

They also do not want to bog down the system with paperwork. Chuck DeLuzio is resigning his firm as the accounting firm for the league. He was unhappy with the situations that occurred. There could be a possibility that they could resign but this is not sure.

- Changes to the minutes – Gina feels that there should not be any changes to the minutes prior to them going out. This is not the current policy, agreed to by the Executive Committee. She also wants to make sure that the minutes are timely.
- Review – Gina does feel that an audit should be addressed that has been requested from the naysayers. Tom feels that he will have an internal review. Then if there are questions it will be brought up. An internal review will be handled with Tom. He will set the committee. It should be a totally an independent review. There will be input. Mr. Gaulty will be requested to be on the review. Gina did state that he is on the finance committee and technically he should be removed before he is appointed the head of this review board.
- Money from the benefit game – that money has not been donated yet \$3511- there is still money coming in. Profits from sale of shirts will be coming in from Mt. Lebanon. This money has still not been donated.
- Volunteers – we did pay some people to work at the games. We called the people and only a few indicated that they would help. We do need to look at this because people signed up for volunteers and were not called for a special committee. There were people who did not come if they were called, then their assessment should be added back on. Ed suggested that you assign the volunteers per association that association would be called for their volunteer. Jake is concerned that people that volunteered and did not actually worked should they be assessed.
- BOG meeting – need to correct the agenda.
- Kathy wants to thank everyone for the copier that she was given. A second thank you for the plant that came from the PIHL for Kathy's father-in-law.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tom Michael is suggesting that we should create a high school hockey hall of fame. Ed stated this is in the works.

There was a question that was asked as to why did Gina leave the last BOG meeting. Gina felt that we are governed by Roberts Rule of Order – she left because she felt we were not following the rules. Jack said that Ray Borkoski was asked if he felt this situation was handled properly. He stated that if Leslie would have made a motion when she was at the podium, she would have been permitted to continue, but she did not make the motion while she had the floor. Ray feels this was handled correctly.

John Bridge said it is his last meeting. He feels it has been great. He is almost sorry he is resigning. John does want to stay involved. John is on 6 committees. He will gladly serve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19. The BOG meeting may be changed because of the Penguin game – there is a possibility that a game will be on the evening of the BOG meeting. We will not know when the playoffs will begin until probably Sunday, but we need to put out an e-mail so that everyone knows this as soon as possible.

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Corresponding Secretary