Delmarva Raptors

Board Meeting

9-13-22

Entire Board was present at the meeting, Dan, Kristyn, Tara, Lance, Bobby, Patrick and Chad

* Intro of our current board
* Quick rundown on the issues and delays of the Rink and DVHL
* Intro of our Committee Chairs
  + Fundraising – **Kristin Parsons**
  + Advertising –
  + Sponsorship –
  + Thunder – **Chris Koch -Vouchers are being printed this week. Chris will distribute the tickets/vouchers to the team for us to sell.**

**We are still looking for people to fill these positions. Please reach out to the board if you are interested. The board will put out a description of the jobs and put out to the membership.**

* Head Coach
  + In need of 1 more Mite coach-**have a several coaches that can help out but need a coach to take the on the head coach position**
* Team Managers
  + We are working on a book for each team manager with score sheets, stickers, DVHL rules, Official rosters, etc.--**Lance will do a class next week on Tuesday 9/20 during the goalie clinic. Also, reach out to Lance if you are unable to make the meeting.**
  + **Medical kits are available**
  + Class on the proper way of doing scoresheets and the scoreboard and uploading the DVHLS score sheet-**Reach out to Tara at** [**secretary@raptorhockey.com**](mailto:secretary@raptorhockey.com) **Tara is at the rink on Monday and Wednesdays so you may reach out in person as well.**
* Coaches Meetings
  + We will be having regular meetings with the coaches to ensure that we are all building off of each other to prepare the kids for moving up to the next level
* Parent / Player / coach requirements
  + FAMILY!!!!!! We need to be open to everyone, including them and make them feel welcome. The quicker we do this the faster these teams will develop into good teams and the more fun the kids will have. **We encourage parents and players to get to know each other to make it the best organization possible for the players.**
  + Attendance – DVHL does have requirements on practices and game attendance to remain eligible. This can also affect the ice time. **Players have to attend 65% of the practices to be in the DVHL playoffs. Team Managers will take attendance for practice and at games. Players also need to attend games 70% of the time to be in the DVHL playoffs.**
  + Attitude we do expect the players, parents, and coaches to treat the game of hockey, the refs, and any other players, parents, and coaches with respect during all hockey events. **Please as a parent model the behavior that the children should have on the ice. All parents have signed a Code of Conduct to abide by.**
  + **Please no photos in the locker rooms and advise the children to not be taking photos, social media etc in the locker rooms as well as this is violation of Safe Sport**
  + Team Snap-please use this to check off availability for games so the coaches can adjust-**Please if you have any grievances do not use TeamSnap for this. Reach out to the board directly at** [**info@raptorhockey.com**](mailto:info@raptorhockey.com)
  + If you have any questions or concerns please send an email to [info@raptorhockey.com](mailto:info@raptorhockey.com) instead of group text or in TeamSnap
* Uniforms / Swag wear
  + Status on jerseys still needed-**Practice jerseys are mandatory at all levels. Latest update is that the second round order from JOG will be here 9/27/22.**
  + Order extra jerseys 01,02,03,04,05 for new players (raptor owned jerseys)
  + Spirit wear 2 options Jog and Underground-**We will use Underground for those that need uniforms asap and did not make the original 2 orders. The turn around should be 3-4 weeks with Underground on the jerseys. Spirit wear should be quicker turnaround.**
* Marketing Materials
  + Sponsorship board
  + Raptor Display boards by double doors and water fountain
  + Display board by front door
  + Reading material flyers by the large viewing windows.
  + Logo to go above the doors going down the ramps
  + Door logo for locker rooms to show Raptors 22-23 goals
* Tournament Selection
  + DVHL teams – 1 tournament
  + Non DVHL Teams – 2 Tournament
  + We are working on an organization tournament that will be able to accommodate all of our teams. **We are focusing on having DVHL teams tournaments on President’s Day weekend. Team Managers can reach out regarding tournaments to Dan with suggestions. It is unlikely that we will be able to have an organizational wide tournament.**
* Mites on ice
  + We are in talks with Capitals, Flyers, and Hershey Bears to see what would work the best for us. **We will publish the dates for the Mites on Ice if anyone else from the organization wants to attend those games**.
  + We will also have 4 mites on ice with the Delaware Thunder- **We will put those dates as for membership to attend as well.**
* Banners
  + All RR and Stars banners with current Raptor players on them will be placed back on the wall. They were taken down so we could move them around and make room for the new Raptor Banners.
* Thunder
  + They need our current artwork to make the dasher board.
* Harrington Rink
  + Get the rink our info we have people asking about youth hockey and they were informed by rink they did not know who to talk to.
  + Proper staff (we had to find the keys to unlock the locker rooms, and fix the display board for locker rooms assignments there was no staff around)
  + Pro shop schedule-**They are supposed to address with the pro shop be open on the weekends when we have games so kids can**
  + Concession stands open-**the rink has stated that it should open by 9/27**.
  + Main music off in the locker rooms
  + **We will reach out to the rink management to have a meeting with the Board to address our concerns about the rink.**
  + **We will reach out to the rink to have the party room as a locker room for mites and have the rink put up a curtain to comply with SafeSport so it is enclosed.**
* Treasurer’s Report
  + In the Bank -$81,647.51
  + Just paid $28,402.52 for payment 2 (September payment) **We have 3 more ice payments to make October, November and December. We have paid the first 4 tournament deposits. We have paid DVHL membership first payments.**
  + Past Due invoices **-$19984.88 past due but there are several cash and check deposits that need to be made.**
  + Open Pledges-**The open pledges that are due for October will go out on September 15, 2022.**
  + Rink Payments 3 more payments still to make-**The total payments to the rink are $85207.56. We still have the other ref fees, tournaments, supplies.**
  + **Snap Raise-We have raised $9490.00. This will close on 9/28/22. Most of the donations have come from email invites. You can still sign up for emails and share on social media.**
* Misc.
  + Raptor Helmet stickers-**Let us know if you need them. Please remember to remove the old Stars and RR helmet stickers.**
  + Extra equipment at the rink**-They are going to let us have bins in the back. We need to keep it organized. The rink wants a limited number of people that can access the bins in the back to get this for kids.**
  + Storage box for training supplies
* Open questions from the members
  + **Individual Teams wanting to have raffles/fundraising**–just contact the board for approval about what the fundraiser is.
  + Sportsmanship question regarding blowouts either way-**Discussed passing the puck several times before the shooting if you are winning a game by significant numbers. If the score is more than a 10 goal difference there is a courtesy to not put up the score if there is a difference of more than 10. The goals will always go on the scoresheet. We want to promote good sportsmanship as an organization and be consistent.**
  + **Away Games-If the team does not show up to a game there are severe penalties with the DVHL, approximately a $2500 fine. The team would cover the forfeit, not the Raptors.**
  + **Managers Meeting- We will have a meeting and also create a group chat for the team managers**