

SOHA Adult League 10/23/11 Meeting

Combination of minutes from meetings held Sunday, 10/23/11 at 11:00am and 3:00pm

Terry Atchison, President of SOHA, opened the meeting by welcoming all and asking them to sign an attendance sheet.

Terry gave a brief history of SOHA mentioning its' original purpose concerned the High Schools and that SOHA is a "not-for-profit" 501 (c) entity meaning that after our operating expenses (rent, maintenance, etc.) all remaining funds would be reinvested back into inline hockey – primarily for the growth of a youth league. It was discussed that SOHA had approached AB Marketing (management of facility) and Martini on Ice (owner of facility) 9 months ago with the idea of SOHA managing the Inline Rink but were told they were not interested. It was also discussed that about 1 month ago Greg Martini of Martini on Ice approached SOHA about our suggestion and eventually a Lease agreement was worked out whereby SOHA will lease and manage the Inline Rink at The Sphere for a 2 year period beginning 11/01/11. Terry proceeded to introduce the rest of the SOHA team, John McMahon – Vice President and Webmaster, Joy Avery – Secretary (not present), Kevin and Jason Hurst – Referees-in-Chief, Mike McFarland – League Manager (not present), Mike Penrod – Advisor (not present), Frank Hurst – Advisor and Rose McMahon – Rink Manager.

Terry discussed Martini on Ice's requirement that all players and SOHA have insurance coverage through a reputable organization. Since USA Hockey Inline no longer exists and RHA does not provide the coverage or assistance we require, SOHA will be requiring everyone to be AAU members by November 15, 2011. Until that time, a Waiver will be available and must be completed prior to going out on the rink after 10/31/11. AAU membership for adult athletes for inline hockey is available for \$22 or \$27 per year (09/01 – 08/31). The higher coverage, which SOHA strongly recommends, covers the player in non-AAU events such as open hockey, Iron Man and other tournaments. More information and membership process can be found at www.aausports.org under the Join AAU and Insurance Coverage tabs.

Kevin Hurst (at 11:00am meeting and Jason Hurst at the 3:00pm meeting) then discussed their plans as Referees-in-Chief. It was stated that the 125 page inline hockey AAU rule book was available at their website www.aausports.org. It was discussed that AAU does allow for the assessment of minor, double minor and major penalties. It was further discussed that it was their intention for the referees to become more knowledgeable and more professional – looking the same, positioning correctly, acting professional and mature.

John McMahon then announced that SOHA would begin using the www.inline.me website exclusively and that SOHA was working very diligently with Christian Walter to modify the website for use in all SOHA activities. It was announced the players should stop using Dan's gmail account and direct all correspondence to inline.me@gmail.com. John then thanked Christian and Meg Walter for all of the hard work they put in assisting and educating previous Inline Rink management so that the Tuesday and Thursday night leagues did not completely fall

apart. John then distributed House Rules, Rating, Suspension and Substitute information for both the Sunday and Tuesday/Thursday leagues. The various items were discussed and several items concerning alcohol consumption, roster checks, minimum age requirement, and goalie participation were added to the document in question. It was emphasized that the rating of players would be handled by a group and that Captains of teams would be given an opportunity to meet together and discuss the ratings of their players. It was also explained that Captains of teams would vote/approve House Rules once per year – typically at the beginning of the Winter season.

In closing it was decided that once the House Rules and other documents, along with more information on how to register with AAU, would be distributed via email and/or posted on the website.

See House Rules - Sunday, House Rules - Tuesday/Thursday and other documents on www.inline.me.