

**Mankato Area Hockey Association
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 Monday, February 11, 2008, 7:00PM
 North Mankato Fire Hall #2**

Board Members attending: (X = present, E= excused absence)

Jason Westerlund		Darren Bruns		Kent Kvislen	
Jeff Nickels		Lynette Cline		Holli Loe	
Dave Breiter		Tim DeSutter		Joe Sieberg	
Traci Hays		John Goettl		Chad Sisco	
April Austin		Ruthann Kragh		Sherry Stagg	

Others Present:

Jo Nickels, Dan Devenport, Steve Isakson,

Meeting Called to Order:

President Jason Westerlund called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and Approve current agenda

Motion to approve agenda

M/S/P: Joe/Kent

Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting

January 14, 2008 Regular Board meeting

General discussion on minutes.

Motion to approve minutes.

M/S/P: Darren/Joe

Gambling Manager Report and Expense Approval: - Jo Nickels presented

Net loss \$ 4,748 for the month ended 1/31/08

Net profit \$2,932 last year for the month ended 1/31/07

Jo reviewed bills paid in January and bills to be paid in February.

Expenses include new games and machines. As of March 1, 2008, the Circle Inn is suspended from gambling for 90 days. They were running an illegal game board.

Motion to accept Gambling Report and approve bills for payment.

M/S/P Kent/Sherry

Treasurers Report: - Traci Hays presented

Tracy reported on December activity. January reports were not ready yet and will be sent out. December receipts included deposits from fundraisers, registrations and tournament fees. Expenses included regular costs for ice time, home tournament costs, coach expenses, Operations Managers salary and office supplies. We had to replace the Operations Manager's computer. Valley Bank called to discuss moving accounts. We agreed to stay at Valley Bank and they agreed to sponsor a team, donate to the scholarship fund and not charge fees to our accounts.

Fundraising Report: – Sherry Stag presented

Sherry reported that we have achieved \$26,218 in Schwan's sales and earned profit of \$7,865.48. This is very close to last year's profit. Gift certificates were up, which we earn less profit on, but buyouts were up also, which we earn 100% on. These items balanced each other out.

Jeff Nickels reported the Men's Stag will be at Hooligans on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 and everything is on track. Tickets are \$150 each and can be split. There are many silent auction items this year.

Expansion and Growth: – Dan Devenport presented

Dan reported he is looking for avenues and options for dry land training. Sports Institute contacted us and Darby Hendrickson is coming to town February 14 for a promotional spot. They are looking for MAHA kids to participate. We have been waiting to hear from them regarding numbers of kids needed.

Operations Committee: – Dan Devenport presented

Dan reported we have five teams participating in District playoffs. Three teams have an excellent chance of moving on to regions.

Coaches have been paid for the year. Some of them did not earn their full amount due to performance issues.

March 22 – Coaches appreciation night at Junkers from 7:00 – 10:00

There is a very good chance we will have two U-12 teams next year.

We will be having Peewee prep and Squirt prep sessions this spring to get them used to the next level.

We will also hold Goalie prep with Des Christopher to see if anyone would be interested in playing goalie.

We will also be holding a Peewee skating and stick handling session. There will be a small fee for this session.

Communications: – Dave Breiter presented

- **Recent updates to web site:**
 - Converted Word Documents to PDF
 - Cleaned-up Various Elements on the Site
 - Added Karin Gavin link
 - Added Zacharias for Hobey Baker article
- **Updates that need to be done:**
 - We need some updated content for the home page or the association news section. If anyone has anything they would like posted please forward information to Dave (davebr@bolton-menk.com).
- I have put together a first draft of the newsletter (See accompanying PDF) Please let me know any feedback.
 - I lined up a volunteer at the Meet & Greet to help with folding, tabbing and labeling the newsletters when they are ready to be mailed.

Follow-up Business -

- Discuss MAHA Logo - Different MAHA groups are using MSU logo. Could we or should we use a standard logo for MAHA team apparel? We need permission to use MSU's logo. This issue was tabled.
- Sponsorships -
Tabled
- Apparel – Should we use standard apparel for all MAHA Teams?
Tabled
- Fill Secretary Position - Discussion on filling this position. Steve has been acting as volunteer and will not be continuing after next elections.
- Operations Manager annual review
 - E-Board will meet with Operations Manager to discuss performance.
 - E-Board will have recommendation for Board at next meeting.
 - E-Board will meet with operations Manager on a quarterly basis to review ongoing performance.

New Business –

- Sound System – MSU and the figure Skating Club have purchased a new sound system for the South rink. They have requested \$3,000 - \$4,000 from MAHA to help pay for this. This issue was tabled pending more information.
- Special Board Meeting – Dan recommended we set a date for a brain storming session so the next Board can be brought up to date and be informed on issues. April 19 was selected and the time and place will be decided.

Next Meeting Agenda items

Next Meeting

March 10, 2008

6:15 – Review Operations Manager recommendation and discuss review

7:00 – annual election

7:30 – regular March meeting with new Board and Officers

Location North Mankato Fire Hall #2

Adjournment: 9:50 p.m.

Motion to adjourn

M/S/P: Darren/Kent