

**Mankato Area Hockey Association
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 Monday, October 13, 2008, 7:00 PM
 North Mankato Fire Dept.
 Howard Drive, North Mankato, MN**

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

Jason Westerlund, Pres.	X	Dave Breiter	X	Holli Loe	E
Jeff Nickels, V.P.	X	Darren Bruns	X	Cyndi St. Pierre	E
Sue Salzle, Treas.	X	Lynette Cline	X	Joe Sieberg	X
<i>Traci Hays, Secretary</i>	X	Tim DeSutter	E	Chad Sisco	X
April Austin	X	Ruthann Kragh	A		

Other Members

Dan Devenport, Ops. Mgr.	E				
Jo Nickels, Gambling Mgr.	X				

Meeting Called to Order:

President Jason Westerlund called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendance

Review and Approve current agenda

Motion to approve agenda
 M/S/P: Dave/Darren

Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting

General discussion covering the minutes.
 Motion to approve minutes.
 M/S/P: Joe / April

Discussed when trying out for a higher level do they need to make an "A" team. Our handbook states that only when Mites try out for Squirts is this applicable. There is no notation how it works when PeeWee's try out for Bantams. Need to be consistent in our practice and how it is noted in our by laws. Need more clarification. HOC committee has always made this decision.

Gambling Manager Report and Expense Approval: - Jeff Nickels

Reviewed and approved expenses from LG1004 for actuals of August and expenses for September.

M/S/P : Darren/Joe

Discussed that the Red Sky (formerly TJ's) will no longer have gambling. The machine from TJ's will go to McGoff's to replace their old machine. Hopefully by November 13th, 2008 Rounders will be open.

They would like 12 boxes to start. We will see if M. Peters will buy back the old machine. We will contact Rounders about a sponsorship as well.

Treasurers Report: - Sue Salzle

- Sue will be voiding checks that went to Edina Hockey Association for the U10 U12 girls. Tournament was full for U12's so we pulled both teams.
- Sue will check on the Hastings check for the U12 girls to see if it should be voided.
- \$43,800.00 was billed out for second ½ payments that should come in. Payments were due October 24th, 2008.
- Believe we sold all of the calendars so final number will need to be determined.
- We collected \$1500.00 from apparel sales for PrintWear Graphics. We need to give him the difference back less the \$750.00 team sponsorship fee,

Sue will continue to follow up on a new accounting firm or a better rate with Eide Bailey.

M/S/P: Joe/Dave

Fundraising Report: – April Austin

- 132 hits on Growhockey.com. We made a profit of .78cents.
- Ham collection is Tuesday and Wednesday the 14th and 15th of October.
- April will contact Erbert's and Gerberts about MAHA Day.
- \$20,300.00 is what we should profit from our ham sales.

Motion to accept the fundraising proposals.

M/S/P

Sponsorships – Traci Hays and group

- Angie's Kettle corn – invoiced
- Blue Bricks – Dan working with Marty , hopefully doing something for Hockey Day Mankato
- Pioneer Bank – should have gotten \$750.00, Jo Nickels will follow up
- Rounders – Traci Hays will contact
- UBS Financial – Larry Maruska gave \$250.00
- I&S Group - \$150.00 Tournament Sponsorship
- Four Season's Truck Wash - \$250.00 Tournament Sponsorship
- Topper Pizza – wants to give product back
- McDonald's – Sue will contact
- BW3 – Dan is working on this one
- Sports Institute – Jason is working with them
- Mr. Goodsense – Dan is contacting them
- Liv Aveda – Traci Hays spoke with Tim, Sue will also follow up
- Brunton Architects – Traci called and got \$250.00 Tournament Sponsorships
- Happy Joes – Traci left information with Brian.
- Printwear Graphics - \$750.00 team sponsorship
- Snell Motors – goals for Kids?

Expansion and Growth: – Dan Devenport

In Dan's absence Jason Westerlund shared some ideas for expansion and growth.

- × get outdoor rinks upgraded
- × would like to put together a proposal and take it to the City of Mankato and North Mankato.
- × Shack for kids to warm up in
- × paved rink, painted & stripped surface
- × canopy over the rink (keep snow off and help control the melt off).
 - A) shoot for all 3
 - B) no roof
 - C) get a shack
- get bids as far as how much this project will cost.
- MAHA would possibly use some of our capital growth dollars for this project.
- like to see the younger groups using this ice.
- try to get it designated for MAHA a couple of nights a week
- can ask for volunteers from the Association to help watch the rink
- talk to Todd Mettler, Parks Superintendent for North Mankato to see if some work can be done to the current rinks in North Mankato.
- Jason will try to get on the agenda at one of the upcoming City meetings.
- if this would work would the Board be willing to approve the use of MAHA funds for this project
- go to both city councils to try and get a rink on each side of town.
- if we contribute some funds we should be able to have some ownership.
- Put together a proposal and get on calendar..
- this would be an inexpensive way to get younger children and teach them it is ok to skate outside.
- would like to start the process and hopefully we could get approved without giving any MAHA funds.

Operations Committee: – Dan Devenport

- Dan will give an updated report next month after placements.
- Some items discussed were PeeWee's making bantams and some bantams being bumped down. There are 7 evaluators, need to believe that they are seeing things correctly. See how this year ends up before we made any decisions. If we are going to put this in the handbook we need to be specific about the guidelines.

Registrar Report – Cyndi St. Pierre

No report presented

Communications: – Dave Breiter

Dave has completed web site updates.

Miscellaneous Topics:

- Discussed how to proceed with the Operations Manager position with Dan resigning. E-Board should meet and put together some proposals. Are we going to put one individual in place again or do we split up some positions and offer stipends. The position of Operations Manager was originally put into place to grow the MAHA association. We need to give good measures as far as expectations going forward. We also need to define the job specifically, outline the basics with a job description. Get input from high school coaches (receive input). We also need to identify the path we want to take, need to have time to identify potential individuals to fill certain spots if necessary. E-Board will put together proposals and bring them back to the Board. We also need to realize that there is a financial commitment that comes along with putting someone in this position. Jason has spoken with Darren Blue about different options. Would we be able to offer an individual an opportunity to make additional funds in the off season. This may be possible through summer

programs/camps etc. Take a look at how other associations run and what is our long term vision. E-Board will outline a job description and hopefully have some ideas by next month. In December if we are far enough along in the process we can advertise. If we get to January and do not have individuals in place then we may need to seek volunteers to fill these duties. We may need to have Dan continue to schedule and we would put a term on it as far as how long we would utilize him.

12 sets of equipment came in per our grant request. Can we use them for a boy's initiation program. Could they go to people in need or entry level scholarship recipients. This is something that will need to be decided.

Picture Day – Saturday, October 25th for traveling teams
Mites and Mini-Mites will be in November

Team Meetings – October 20th and 21st

Follow-up Business -

Handbook

- Move Up Policy

Next Meeting Agenda items:

- **Stag – New process to get volunteers**
- **Gambling Manager Position**
- **Operation Manager's resignation**
- **Sue will continue to work with Eide Bailey and will also research other firms.**

Next Regular Meeting

Monday, November 10th, 2008

7:30 PM at NMFD #2

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn

M/S/P: Joe/April