

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2005

Meeting called to order @ 7:08pm.

Roll Call: Steve Murray, Jeff Kuhn, Jeff Bussey, Jim Koch, Jerry Baum, Pat McQuade, Marty Caneff, Jim Meier, Tracie Karbo, Rob Williams, Matt Larson

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Pat McQuade, second by Jeff Bussey, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes by Jim Koch, second by Rob Williams. All in favor.

Financial Update: Jim Koch –There are no outstanding bills for May/June. Two sponsors are still outstanding. One check from parents bounced. We are \$2900.50 short on fees still. Budget: Needs a little fine-tuning. Budget is in good shape, has to be approved by July, fiscal year-end is June. Tax return needs to be done. Referees paid over \$600 needs to be included on 1099 form.

Presidents Briefing:

Running Meetings: the goal is to follow our bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order. This is to ensure items are brought to the board, voted and acted upon efficiently. To table an item a deadline has to be set. Roberts Rules of Order books are available for loan from Jerry Baum. Each member gets two opportunities to speak on an item per meeting, then we move on.

AGENDA:

Old Business:

None

New Business:

District 8 Update – Pat McQuade – No new updates. Gail Carstensen will represent Hastings in the Metro League and will be referee director another year by request of Paul Moen. Jeff Kuhn - Need clarity from Paul Moen, District 8, on ice time. We're paying for 75 min. and only using an hour.

TNT Fireworks Fundraiser – Details: they work with non-profit organizations. We would need to fill 12-24 hour shifts. The volunteer hours, as well as the other hassles of doing it, does not justify the money that will be made. It is not a worthwhile opportunity for HHB.

Fundraising – New Summer Fundraising Committee: Rob Williams, Tracie Karbo, Pat McQuade, Jeff Kuhn, Steve Murray, Jeff Bussey. Committee stands, no objections.

Culver's would like to get logo in ice this year for fundraiser. To move forward, we need to talk to Parks Board and Sliv.

We made \$2,000 in the 12-night Culver's fundraiser.

2005/06 Fiscal Budget – Budget needs to be finalized, preferably at the June meeting, but its mandatory for the July meeting. Fees need to be set prior to August 1 to prepare for online registration. We need to decide fees organization and how they are paid. Two models suggested:

Pay As You Go Model: Pay for your estimated hours a month ahead of time. This would add additional billing time and costs.

Pay Up Front: Pay the lowest level bill right away at registration. If child is moved up, they get a supplemental bill. This would be less billing hours, times and cost. Fees based on ice hour cap that has been set by the board for each level. Team fee collection would be the responsibility of the team manager.

Jerry will be forwarding budgeting questions out to directors with instructions on what to bring for next meeting. Ice hour pricing for 05/06 is \$142.25/hour and \$147.25/game.

The raffle may not be feasible this year. We need to incorporate the loss of raffle money into the budget. We need to explore other fundraising options.

2005/06 Tournaments – The new Dist. 8 tournament coordinator has informed us that the number of tournaments sanctioned will go down this year. We need to submit our tournament requests by May 31. Motion by Pat McQuade to host the following tournaments:

U10/U12 Girls – 8 teams each of U12A and U10B, 4 teams of U10A – December 9-11

U16/Jr. Gold A&B – 24 teams total – December 29 through January 1

C Bantam/C Peewee – 8 teams of each – February 3-5

Also, A & B Peeweess and A & B Bantams will have one out-of-town tournament paid for, with the fee cap being \$600. Motion 2nd by Rob Williams. All in favor.

Jerry will author email to District 8 requesting tournaments and Pat McQuade will send to District 8 as our representative.

Ice Scheduling and Software – Scheduling software is partially compliant with Sliv's. It will help with scheduling tremendously. It has many advantages. Outdoor rink scheduling will be possible also. It will be possible to give teams the entire year schedule at the beginning of the season. This will give us a good hold of hours that all teams will get. Thanks to Sliv for his help with this.

Third Sheet of Ice – We need to plan ahead for adding another sheet of ice. We need a committee to figure out our capital needs of the Association also. The time frame to add a third sheet of ice is 2-5 years. Jerry will assemble a sub-committee. Anyone interested in being on the committee needs to contact Jerry Baum. This committee is also open to the entire membership. Committees will bring recommendations to the Board.

A Squirts Traveling Team – Proposal by Jeff Bussey to have an optional tryout for A Select team to play the A Squirts schedule rather than the in-house. Issues are keeping the better kids in the program, labeling kids at too early an age and coach availability. Arguments are that players would develop more, there are some returning coaches and coaches moving up and the kids are not being challenged. Ice hours are not an issue, they'd be the same. We can't predict the outcome because we've never tried it.

Motion by Jeff Bussey to add an A Squirts team to play a District 8 schedule, not an in-house, for the 2005/2006 season. Second by Rob Williams.

Board Comments: Steve Murray, don't think segregation at this level is good for players

Membership Comments: Jeff Corkish, What specific skills are we trying to improve with this, stick handling, strength? Is there another way to improve these skills instead? Would dryland training do more to improve players?

Votes in favor: 5 Against: 4
Motions Carries.

Board Comment:

When do we clear the team pages on the website? Answer from Jerry Baum: the web developers will clear it before the next season begins.

District Membership Comment:

Jeff Corkish – Suggested we recruit kids at the schools early. (Note: Tracie will put together a registration flyer to hand out at schools before year-end.)

Dawn Lanning – Read a letter of disapproval of the Director of Bantams/U16/Jr. Gold

Next Meeting: **June 14, 2005**

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn @ 10:27pm by Jeff Kuhn, second by Jim Koch. All in favor.