

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes July 11, 2006

Meeting called to order @ 7:20pm

Roll Call: Matt Larson, Steve Murray, Jerry Baum, Jeff Kuhn, Mike Klein, Jay Stark, Marty Caneff, Rob Williams, Tracie Karbo, Jeff Bussey

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Steve Murray, second by Rob Williams. All in favor.

Approval of Minute: Motion to approve the minutes by Rob Williams, second by Steve Murray. All in favor.

Financial/Registration Update: Jim Koch – Some checks have cleared since last update. Some referee checks have not been cleared yet, still waiting on them. Only two from Jr. Gold haven't paid, one in Bantams, one in girls and five in Peewees. All fees have to be paid before a player will be allowed to register. Some sponsor fees are still out unpaid. Motion to approve financials by Jeff Kuhn, second by Rob Williams.

Presidents Briefing:

See Old Business below...

District 8 Update:

Jeff Kuhn – Paul Moen and D8 President would like to divide D8 into 2 districts (north & south) because MN Hockey tabled the redistricting issue at their last meeting again. Hudson and River Falls would move out of D8 and into D2. They are trying to force MN Hockey to make redistricting happen next year. Jr. Gold and U16 levels may not be able to split though because of number of teams. All association presidents and D8 representative need to attend the next meeting.

District 8 Referee Update:

No update at this time.

AGENDA:

Old Business:

President's Briefing/Dryland Facility – We still have not signed a contract with the city, the last draft was not acceptable yet. One issue is still questionable. We are close, but need to work out final issues. The goal for opening the dryland facility now is the beginning of the regular season.

The Park & Rec Board will be tearing up the asphalt on the rink in back of the arena and replace it with aggregate to try to get better ice outside.

06/07 Budget – Motion to approve Budget as it stands with a reserve of \$7868 by Jeff Kuhn, second by Steve Murray. All in favor.

New Business:

Photo Vendor – Ken Schrupp from Sunshine Photography gave a presentation to the board of his company and services. Highlights were 15% commission to association on all sales, sponsor plaques for teams are included, company would do a sponsorship, no action shots at this time, only portrait photos.

Registration Dates – Online registration will be held August 7-20. Late fees will start occurring on August 21, 2006. Walk-in registration dates at the Arena will be: Wed. Aug. 9 (5-8pm), Sat. Aug. 12 (8am-Noon) and Wed. Aug. 16 (5-8pm).

With registration we will start tracking volunteer hours and have a volunteer waiver fee.

Marty Caneff – Need to add to Mites registration section on the form whether they would like to be on the all-girls Mites teams.

Handbook Changes – Jerry Baum – The Board needs to go through handbook and figure out what procedural changes need to be made this year. All changes need to get to me as soon as possible and we need to approve all changes by August meeting.

Tournaments – Right now District 8 says we can't have tournaments during the holiday break or Super Bowl weekend. If necessary, we'll change the Holiday Tournament to January 5-7 and the AB Peewee Tournament to January 26-28.

Coach Approvals – Motion by Marty Caneff to approve the following girls division coaches: U12A – Craig Holm, U10A – Jay Stark and Jerry Claussen (co-coaches) and U10B – Brian Radke. Second by Matt Larson. All in favor.

Motion by Jay Stark to approve the following Peewee division coaches: A Peewees – Jeff Kuhn and Dustin Vogelgesang (co-coaches) and Nick Husting and Pete Swanson (asst. coaches), B Peewee – Jeff Bussey. Second by Matt Larson. All in favor.

Motion to approve the following Bantam/U16/Jr. Gold division coaches: A Bantam – Larry Regensheid and Kelly Ries (co-coaches), B Bantam – Dan LaCroix, C Bantam – Dan Zagota and Jim Zagota (co-coaches), C Bantam – Dave Mattson, Jr. Gold B – Steve Murray, U16 – None at this time. Assistants to be approved at a later time by the level Director, Coach-in-Chief and one other Board member. Second by Matt Larson. All in favor.

Motion to approve the following Squirt division coaches: Squirt A – Matt Larson, In-house coach to be determined at a later date. Second by Jay Stark. All in favor.

Tryout Dates – Tryouts will start the Monday after MEA. Squirts will be Oct. 15-18, Peewee/Bantam will be Oct. 23-28. The rest will be determined at a later date.

Board Comment:

Jeff Bussey – Motion to establish the Traveling Squirt A team as a permanent program in the association. Second by Matt Larson. All in favor.

Matt Larson – Would like to bring up the topic of fundraising, such as pull-tabs, etc. We need to look at marketing sponsorships and figure out how we can promote these things and raise more money for the program. Possibly sponsoring packages involving more advertising at the ice rink.

Membership Comment:

Dustin Vogelgesang - I'm not happy with the coach approval process. As the assistant coach of my team, I thought I would automatically move to the head coach position when the former head coach was done. I would like to see a coach approval committee process. The current process doesn't seem to be working well. Would like to see the Board look at other methods to select coaches. I've looked on other websites and saw open coaching positions, why doesn't Hastings advertise open positions? I would like to see an annual review of coaches.

Reply to Dustin by Jerry Baum – The handbook states that it is the level directors choice on how to select coaches. We should define our process better to remove any misconceptions regarding the selection of coaches. Every coach is re-approved by the Board each year.

Jerry Claussen – I would like to commend Jay Stark for the process he used to select his coaches.

Next Meeting: **August 8, 2006**

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn @ 11:35pm by Mike Klein, second by Jay Stark. All in favor.