

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes October 14, 2008

Meeting called to order @ 7:00pm

Roll Call: Jerry Baum, Jeff Kuhn, Mike McCoy, Todd Wallace, Jerry Claussen, Jim Koch, Kris Porrez, Tracy Pavelka, Josh Duerkop, Mike Klein, Marty Caneff and Jay Stark

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Jeff Kuhn, second by Jerry Claussen. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the August and September minutes by Jeff Kuhn, second by Kris Porrez. All in favor.

Financial Update by Jim Koch:

The state return has been approved, waiting on the federal return. Some complaints have surfaced from families on the 3-payment plan; they want the payments deducted from their account on a different day. If these complaints keep up, we may need to consider whether we want to continue to offer the 3-payment plan. We need to watch our budgets carefully. Motion to approve the financials by Jim Koch, second by Mike McCoy. All in favor.

Presidents Briefing by Jerry Baum:

The past month has been interesting – it always is with the start of the season. Tryouts bring up a lot of issues with parents, but closed tryouts won't necessarily solve any problems.

D8 Update by Jeff Kuhn:

At the last district meeting we declared our number of teams for each level. New rules will be communicated to coaches. We cannot change game times once they have been assigned. There is an additional fee to do so now.

D8 Referee Update by Jesse Viall:

Referee pay rates have been increased across the board this year. Coaches and managers need to give at least 1 week notice for scheduling referees for scrimmages. We may need to bring in some refs from other organizations this year. Sometimes in-house games may only have 1 referee. Referees must be 15 years old to ref a U10 game. Some Wisconsin teams cannot scrimmage or play a district game in Minnesota, since they don't follow the MN Hockey rules.

Director Updates:

Mini-Mites: no update

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Squirts: Mike McCoy – Still looking for a few coaches.

Pewees: Jay Stark – Still looking for a coach for the C team – a couple other prospects didn't pan out.

Bantams: Jerry Claussen – Will have 5 teams this year.

Jr. Gold: Todd Wallace – Tryouts will be Nov. 23-25 after the High School tryouts. There will be a meeting October 18th for coaches and referees.

Girls: We have 7 girls from Hastings doing a co-op team with Woodbury at the U14 level.

Coach-in-Chief: Matt Klein – We have received some of the fitness and dryland equipment. There will be a coaches clinic on October 26th and another one January 18th. There will be a goalies clinic every 3 weeks starting November 1st.

Operations: Mike Klein – The new jerseys have the new “H” logo. We got a good deal on some equipment left over from the closing of Top Shelf. We will display one of the new jerseys along with an older one at the arena in honor of HHB’s 50th anniversary. We also plan to display some photos from throughout the years and rotate them periodically. Need a few volunteers to do these updates. We need to get more volunteers to help with a variety of tasks; it shouldn’t always be the same board members taking on more work.

Volunteers: Kris Porrez – New policy for this season is 8 hours volunteer time per skater on a traveling team. We will be holding a Managers meeting very soon after tryouts are completed.

Old Business:

Registration: Payment entries are almost done for those families using the 3-payment plan. It is hard to make exceptions for those asking to withdraw the funds on a different date because of the snowball effect. We may make an exception for families who have applied for a scholarship due to a hardship. The big benefit of the new system is that we have almost no receivables to collect.

Tournaments: The Sugar & Spice tournament (Dec 12-14) has several openings yet, with the exception of the U12B level. We don’t anticipate any problems getting those spots filled. The Big Chill tournament (Jan 9-11) is full at the B2 level, but only has 2 teams signed up for the Squirt A level. We will extend the B2 to 10 teams, and may go to 12 or 16, depending on what happens with the Squirt A level. The River Rumble tournament (Feb 6-8) has 6 teams signed up so far at the Bantam C level, and 3-4 teams at the Pee wee C level. We don’t anticipate any problems filling those spots either.

Coach Approvals: Motion by Marty Caneff to approve Todd Judge as co-coach of the U14 girls team. Second by Jay Stark. All in favor.

- Motion by Mike McCoy to approve Marc Chorney as assistant coach of the Squirt A team. Second by Kris Porrez. All in favor.
- Motion by Jerry Claussen to approve Dave Matson as head coach of the other Bantam C team. Second by Mike Klein. All in favor.
- Motion by Todd Wallace to approve Adam Newton as assistant coach of the Jr. Gold B/Gold team and to approve Jerry Baum as assistant coach of the Jr. Gold B/Blue team. Second by Marty Caneff. All in favor.

Tryouts: Bantam groups for tryouts needs to get on the website. The Pee wee groups just got listed online. Girls tryouts start next week. Jr. Gold tryouts are Nov 23-25th.

Dryland Floor: Mike McCoy gave an update on the dryland floor. We are in the process of changing out the floor and will need a few volunteers to help with the floor finishing.

Dryland Scheduling: Mike McCoy has offered to be in charge of scheduling the dryland facility for teams. We'd like to see more teams using it this year. He would like to reserve 3 hours on Monday nights for the Squirts teams to use on a rotating schedule.

In-house Squirts playing outside teams: It is okay by D8 rules as long as the in-house teams are registered as Squirt C teams. A certified coach must be on the bench when we are playing another D8 team.

New business:

Presidents Appointments: With the resignation of Mites Director Jim Meier, effective Nov 1st, Jerry Baum appointed Josh Duerkop the new Mites Director. He will fill the remainder of Jim Meier's term. Motion to approve by Marty Caneff, second by Mike McCoy. All approved. Secondly, Tracie Karbo has resigned as Secretary effective immediately. In her place, Jerry Baum has appointed Tracy Pavelka as the new secretary. Motion to approve by Todd Wallace, second by Jay Stark. All approved.

Handbook/bylaws: Changes to the handbook were submitted on a separate page for review by the board. Motion to approve by Jeff Kuhn, second by Mike Klein. All approved.

Outdoor ice scheduling: The City of Hastings wants to designate one outdoor rink (Kennedy) to be used by the association. The board has some concerns with that particular rink and would prefer to use the one behind the arena.

Background forms: Jerry Baum handed out background forms for all board members to fill out. In addition, all coaches and managers will need to fill out the form as well per D8 rules.

Late fees: Jerry Claussen presented information on 2 families asking for a refund of late fees. One player was recruited after registration ended in order to increase our number of players at that level, and the other player signed up after finding out he couldn't play in Cottage Grove. After some discussion, a motion to waive the late fees in both cases was made by Jeff Kuhn, second by Kris Porrez. All approved.

Team Sweats: Jerry Baum presented information to the board about the decision to have a single design/outfit for the whole program. It will present a unified look for the players and our association. We asked some local businesses for bids on these items and did not get answers back. We ended up going with a different vendor; the local businesses are upset that we did not purchase locally. There was some talk about opening a 'store' at the arena with HHB logo items.

Other items: Todd Wallace wanted to clarify the rules about having (2) Jr. Gold "B" teams. The (2) teams must be of equal talent per D8 and MN Hockey rules.

Board Comment: None.

Membership comment: None.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 – Green Mill

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Todd Wallace at 9:10pm, second by Jerry Claussen. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Pavelka, HHB Secretary