

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Special Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2008

Meeting called to order @ 7:31pm

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

Special Meeting – Request for Waiver

This special meeting is being held to discuss a request for a player to be waived out of our association to play elsewhere. This is something that does not meet the standard waiver criteria and therefore, needs board approval. If the board approves this waiver, the family still needs D8 approval in order to play outside of this district.

The parents concerns include having a negative experience with certain coaches in the past; too many skaters on the team - not enough ice time, practices weren't run efficiently – too much idle time, their son didn't learn anything new, too much offensive language, so they will not allow their son to play on this team again.

Board concerns included: not having a lot of choices for coaches at this level, coaches have to deal with different challenges with certain kids, not being made aware of some of these issues during the season last year. There was discussion about working with coaches more in terms of improving and developing their skills to run better drills and practices. Another concern is what if several families start asking for waivers because they don't like the coach or because they feel the team size is too large? At what point do we draw the line?

After much discussion, the family was presented with 4 options:

#1 - have their son play up at the Jr. Gold level - they declined

#2 - leave their son on the team knowing that the coaches were getting extra help – they declined

#3 – grant the waiver and let him play on another D8 team

#4 – grant the waiver and see if D8 will let him play with another district – if this happens, there needs to be (4) sign-offs along the way in order to be in compliance with D8 rules: the exiting association President and the exiting district Director along with the entering association President and the entering district Director.

A motion was proposed by Jeff Kuhn to waiver the player outside of the Hastings association in accordance with D8 rules, second by Mike McCoy. All in favor.

Other Board Items:

Kris Porrez mentioned a parent who in unable to give the \$200.00 volunteer deposit since he has no checking account or credit card. He didn't want to give cash as a deposit

either. Is there another way to do this? Jerry Baum would check into this, may take a few days as Jim Koch is out of town.

Jerry Baum wanted to clarify if coaches were exempt from the volunteer policy for just the team they coach or for all teams their kids play on (applies to traveling teams only). After some discussion back and forth, a motion was made by Marty Caneff to give all head coaches an exemption from the volunteer policy for all children they have in the program, second by Matt Klein. Those in favor – 7, those opposed – 4, motion passed. A second motion was made by Jay Stark to give assistant coaches (up to 2 per team) an exemption from the volunteer policy for all children they have in the program, second by Jerry Claussen. Those in favor – 4, those opposed – 7, motion denied.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Kuhn at 8:26pm, second by Kris Porrez. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Pavelka, HHB Secretary.