

## **Hastings Hockey Boosters**

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**April 14, 2009**

**Meeting called to order @ 7:05pm**

**Roll Call:** Jeff Kuhn, Jim Koch, Tracy Pavelka, Jenni Johnson, Todd Wallace, Mike Klein, Dustin Vogelgesang, Matt Klein, Jay Stark, Mike McCoy, Josh Duerkop, Mike Klein and Rob Williams. Absent was Marty Caneff.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Mike McCoy, second by Jenni Johnson. All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes by Todd Wallace, second by Mike McCoy. All in favor.

#### **President's Briefing by Jeff Kuhn:**

Jeff indicated he would like to get more members involved as volunteers and would like to set up some more committees. Also would like to communicate more with the membership about what went on at the monthly meetings via e-mail. There has been a date set already for Hastings Hockey Day, February 6, 2010. Would like to have several different levels of teams play games that day. Need to form a committee just for this event, and would like to have a board member on each committee.

Jeff nominated Mike McCoy as Vice President and asked for the board to approve him. Motion to approve Mike McCoy as Vice President by Todd Wallace, second by Jay Stark. All in favor. This move opens up the Squirt Director position for the remaining 1 year of that positions term. We need to post this on the website and interested applicants should contact Jeff Kuhn.

#### **D8 Update by Jeff Kuhn:**

There was some discussion about redistricting for the 2010-2011 season, possibly creating a District 9 for the southern Minnesota areas.

#### **Financial Update by Jim Koch:**

Jim stated that he is done dispersing coaches checks, except for 3 teams. Overall, the finances came out better than was expected this year. Motion to approve the financials by Jim Koch, second by Rob Williams. All in favor. Jim Koch made another motion for HHB to approve sponsoring a hole for the varsity team golf tourney at a cost of \$100.00, second by Jay Stark. All in favor.

#### **D8 Referee Update by Jesse Viall:**

No update.

#### **Director Updates:**

**Mini-Mites:** Rob Williams – would be fun to get an old-timers game for Hastings Hockey Day also.

**Mites:** Josh Duerkop – nothing at this time.

**Squirts:** Mike McCoy – nothing at this time.

**Peewees:** Jay Stark – nothing at this time.

**Bantams:** Dustin Vogelgesang – nothing at this time.

**Jr. Gold:** Todd Wallace – nothing at this time.

**Girls:** Marty Caneff – absent – no update.

**Operations:** Mike Klein – some new jerseys will be needed, we got the same price as before. A few items were not turned in. Some old goalie equipment will be given away on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30 at the arena if anyone is interested.

**Coach-in-Chief:** Matt Klein – nothing at this time.

**Volunteers:** Jenni Johnson – will address new volunteer opportunities later as a separate item.

### **Old Business:**

**Online Coaches Survey:** Jay Stark said over 170 have been received already. We need to e-mail a reminder to the membership to fill this out if they haven't already. The information gathered from this survey will be sent to the board and level directors can share it with the team coaches.

**Off-Season Equipment Use:** Mike Klein has rented out some of the goalie equipment for off-season use. So far, no one has any complaints about it.

### **New Business:**

**Coaching Selection:** Dustin Vogelgesang expressed a need for a more formal process for selecting head coaches for traveling teams. In the past, it has been up to the level director to carry the burden of selecting coaches. We could put an announcement on the website in May and leave it open for 60 days. Have coaches put in an application and form a committee to interview applicants. We should advertise in the local paper, Let's Play Hockey magazine, and local colleges. Dustin Vogelgesang made the following motion as an operational procedure (this is not a bylaw change):

“It is the responsibility of the level director, coach-in-chief, and at least one other ad-hoc board member (to be approved by at least one of the members of the executive

committee) to make head coaches recommendations. These recommendations still need to be board approved.”

Rob Williams seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Summer Volunteer Opportunites:** Rivertown Days Parade – we need to form a committee to coordinate this. The dates this year are July 17-19 and the parade is typically held on on Saturday evening. We can’t have too many kids walk with the float for safety and liability reasons. It would be great to get someone like Jeff Taffe to ride with the float.

Golf Tournament – Rob Williams has already talked to Brad at the County Club, we need to decide on a date in order to get the venue established. Matt Larson would be willing to advise a committee since he has worked on this event in the past. Is it possible to do a banquet dinner also?

Association member Terry Iverson advised the board about a possible fundraiser through his business, Twilight Zone Cinema. He would donate the use of a screen, projector, audio system and movie rights if the board could come up with a venue in which to hold the event. Another idea is that he would donate back one dollar for each member that signs up on an online social networking site for hockey players, coaches and parents.

Jenni Johnson will be forming a fundraising committee to look at all of these opportunities and more.

**Brainstorming:** Jeff Kuhn asked the board to come up with ideas on how to improve our program:

- mites keep their jerseys with sponsor name and player name
- have a Raiders Mite Night – open skate with the varsity boys team in order to recruit more kids to play; the girls do something similar to this already
- host a Skills Competition or Tournament of some sort over Christmas break
- offer reduced price on an equipment package or free or reduced fee to play their first season
- need to give local vendors a chance to compete for bids on jerseys and such
- put sponsor names on all jerseys if cost allows
- have regularly scheduled times to skate at outdoor rinks
- have skill drills more regularly, maybe each team does it once a month to see if they are improving over the course of the season
- see if varsity players can skate with younger kids periodically
- Board has an annual retreat
- Increase our number of players at lower levels
- Have kids wear their jerseys to school
- Hold a benefit or end-of-season banquet
- Hold some sort of jamboree during the year for in-house teams

**Tournaments:** Jeff Kuhn has appointed Jerry Baum our new Tournament Director. Dates have been set for the 4 tournaments already:

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| Dec 11-13 | Girls tourney U10A, U10B & U12A              | 6 teams each? |
| Jan 8-10  | See below                                    |               |
| Feb 12-14 | Bantam C – 8 teams? and Peewee C – 12 teams? |               |
| Mar 5-7   | in-house tourney                             |               |

Question was raised for what level teams we should do at the January tourney. In the past we've done Peewee B2 and Squirt A, maybe this year we should try for Bantam A and Bantam B. Probably 8 teams each.

**Other Board Items/Comment:** none.

**Membership Comment:** Dave Foster thinks that some parents shy away from hockey because they think the cost is too prohibitive at the higher levels (even if it is less expensive at the lower levels). Parents need to know that the association can provide some equipment at the lower levels.

It was also noted that a lot of parents don't see announcements made on the website.

**Adjournment:** Jim Koch made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm, second by Mike McCoy. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Pavelka, HHB Secretary