

**EHA November Minutes
Braemar, EHA Room
November 15, 2010**

Attendance: Judy Goodman, Bob Levy, Jon Foust, Joanne McGarry, Todd Shuman, Carrie Knowles, Jim O' Neill, Billy Klein, Kathleen Vorlicky, Peter McComber, Erik Hendrickson, Jon Palmer, Peder Larson and Dan McGraw.

Absent: Dan Rectenwald, Pat Foley, Russ Lemker, Tom Terwilliger, Renee Hunzelman.

Approval of Minutes: Bob Levy made a motion to approve the October minutes. The motion was approved.

Tryout Updates:

U10: Jim O'Neill reported U10 tryouts went well. Eight evaluators were on the ice. Parents really like the electronic notification on grading, groups and teams. U10 coaches are still identifying all the goalies.

Squirts: Peter McComber reported that Squirt tryouts went well. Squirt A Coaches' Keith Jungels and Mike Fidler did a nice job leading tryouts with multiple drills which kept all the skaters moving, reported McComber. Commissioners helped out on the ice, which gave the coaches an occasional break. The Squirt B draft took place. The final Squirt teams ended up as: 1 – A; 4 – B, and 5-C team. Squirt B coaches drew "straws" for the Fargo Tournament which was picked out of a hat. The Squirt C draft went well too.

Goalie grading: Again it was stated that we need to look at the process again next year. It was stated that perhaps some coaches didn't like the process. A brief discussion was held on what it cost to hold goalie grading: budget vs. actual.

U14: Billy Klein reported tryouts went well. The final teams include: 2 -A (A1 and A2) teams and 1- B team.

It was noted that there were many talented girls at this level. Additionally, it was pointed out that the two-tiered A teams was the right decision for the association and the players.

Junior Gold: Tom Terwilliger, and Jon Palmer Todd Shuman are leading this effort. Currently there are 89 players and 10 goalies. Junior Gold tryouts and teams will be completed next week. A final report will be given at the December board meeting.

District 6 Update:

Billy Klein reported on the coaches certification and rostering process. There is a refund being issued to associations.

Managers: Bob Levy noted District 6 refs are reporting difficulties with the clocks and new timing systems. Jon Palmer will create a direction sheet to be put in each rink at Braemar to make it easier for participants to use the clocks.

Tournaments: Joanne McGarry gave an update on the Cake Eater Tournament. Lakeville North dropped out so both Edina U14A teams are participating. We have less ice for the Invitational (New Year's). The O'Connor is set and Reimann Tournament plans are still in progress. All Board members are required to work shifts at all the home tournaments.

Coaches Update: Contracts are being signed with Flex coach. Details will be provided at the next meeting.

Ice Management: The Ice Draw will be Thursday, November 18. All teams will be getting the remainder of the year schedule after the ice draw. It was pointed out there are several reasons for limited ice this season. First, Mites are back at Braemar (from predominately Hat Trick last season). Second, there are fewer sheets of ice available. Carrie Knowles outlined the advantages of having the Mites at Braemar. Another issue is that the EHA registered over 100 more Mites than expected, which required more ice time for those participants.

Hockey Events: The Edina Hockey Day with Gophers will be held this season along with an outdoor Edina Squirt Classic Tournament for B and C teams. Pat Foley, Jon Foust and Billy Klein are coordinating these events.

The meeting ended at 8:57.

The next meeting will be at Braemar EHA Room, 7:00 December 13.