

**Mankato Area Hockey Association
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 Monday, February 7, 2010
 NMF
 Mankato, MN**

Board Members attending: (X = present, E= excused absence)

Jason Westerlund, Pres.	E	Dave Breiter	x	Holli Loe	E	Shelli Nornes	x
Kirk Swenson, V.P.	x	Darren Bruns	x	Chad Lebert	x	Shelly Miller	E
Sue Salzle, Treas.	x	Lynette Cline	x	Tresa Lacina	x		
Traci Hays, Secretary	x	Shaun Reddy	A	Char Rivers	x		
Mike Steindl	x	Jeff Nickels	E	Steve Zellmer	x		

Other Members

Chris Hvinden	A						
Jo Nickels, Gambling Mgr.	E						

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by Vice President, Kirk Swenson

Guests: Teresa Langworthy, Chuck Claude, Brent Rundle, Mike Oliver, Larry Wild and Andy Willaert

Review and Approve current agenda

Motion to approve agenda

M/S/P: Lynette/Teresa

Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting

General discussion covering the minutes. Motion to approve minutes. Correct Brent Brundle to Brent Rundle

M/S/P: Dave/Lynette

Gambling Manager Report and Expense Approval: Presented by Jeff Nickels

Reviewed the LG1004.

- January's Gambling report will be reviewed and approved by Wednesday, February 9th.
- February's Gambling report will be approved by e-mail as well.

M/S/P:

Motion: MAHA Board would like to see the Gambling reports prepared by the time the monthly meeting occurs and presented by the Gambling Manager at the monthly meeting. Suggestions would be to have on-line statements put in place in order to make this process more timely and efficient.

M/S/P: Mike/Darren

Miscellaneous: Anthony Ford Foundation Update by the Anthony Ford Foundation Committee members

- **January 21st 2012, save the date** for next year's tournament
- **Saturday, November 12th is the tentative date for the Silent Auction at the Verizon Wireless Center**
- Anthony Ford foundation would like to see more MAHA participation for their Pond Hockey Tournament
- Next year they are going to have 12 rinks
- **April 12, 2011 at 7pm at the WOW Zone** will be their first meeting to start planning the Tournament for this year
- Would like to have a Liason and a Volunteer Coordinator

Grievance Committee Update: Chad Lebert

Treasurers Report: - Sue Salzle

- Reviewed the check register\
- January 19th, 2011 a transfer from Gambling in the amount of \$15,000
- Ending balance as of 02/04/11 is \$127,028.95
- M/S/P: Tresa/Mike

Fundraising Report: Char Rivers

- Furnace Filters are done for this year
- Sometime in April we will need to determine what we are going to do this year
- Need to communicate to the In-House and get their thoughts on fundraising at the Mini-Mite Level

Expansion and Growth: Kirk Swenson

- Nothing to report

Sponsorships – Mike Steindl

- Sponsor plaques are ready to be approved
- Mike met with the new owner of Bobby Joe's Pub, he would like to be a traveling team sponsor
- Possibility to get back into Bobby Joe's with Gambling as well
- Mike will contact WOW Zone regarding their sponsorship

Registrar Report – Holli Loe/Shelly Miller

No report submitted

Communications: – Dave Breiter

- MAHA Speaks has been a good addition
- Web Stats have gone up
- Getting team managers up and running on their sites ran smooth

Tournament Committee: Traci Hays

- Plenty of spots open on the committee
- Will meet with Chris, Chad and Mike to offer some guidance

HOC Chair Report:

- Kids are having fun and improving
- Almost all teams are above 500 and doing well
- Skills nights have been good, next year may stop them in January since we are going into play offs
- Coaching improvement and development – towards the end of the season things start to get stale. Want to help make sure that coaches know how to still make it fun.
- Chris had worked on the ice with each team with the exception of two. Still hopes to get to them by the end of the season
- In the Fall of next year the plan is to have a clinic and show coaches how to teach and coach and how to correct certain items. Also know how to do the drills and why we are doing the drill.
- Next year we will use more ½ sheet of ice practices
- Behavior of parents is just as important as good behavior from the players.
- Mike and Chris have talked about a program called **“Give Hockey A Try for Free”**
- Four or Five sessions for ages 5 thru 8 and offer them to play for free.
- Our goal is to get 40 to 50 sets of equipment. We can get these sets for \$75.00 from Play It Again Sports if we order a minimum of 20 sets. We can pick the sizes of equipment that we want to order. This would be for first time skaters in MAHA. Once approval is given to purchase the sets we would need to provide skates and sticks. If we want to increase our inventory and sizes Steve at PIA Sports will give us a good price and hold them for us. Need to get flyers, schedule staffing, secure ice time in place and coaches. Registration table and equipment hand out on the first day. Would also like to offer them a \$25.00 coupon to use against their registration cost if they sign up for the next season.
- Chris Hvinden has also applied for a Grant in the amount of \$3000.00 which will reimburse for the cost of purchasing equipment.
- MAHA Bantam B team was assessed a fine in the amount of \$100.00 for playing two games right in a row rather than waiting the 3 hour rule. MAHA will pay for this fine.

Discussion regarding Team Treasurer funds:

- One team is asking for additional funds from MAHA in regards to obtaining more per diem when a tournament is a 3 night stay rather than 2 nights.
- Suggestion is to have the Treasurer or Managers talk to the parents and determine how they want to handle as far as splitting funds equally or taking up a collection.
- MAHA Board will not change the policy for this one tournament. We recommend the coaches work it out and if they can't resolve it then Chris Hvinden or Chad Lebert will help them come to a solution.

Motion: Mike Steindl is asking for an approval of \$3000.00 to purchase **“Give Hockey A Try for Free”** equipment starter bags from Play It Again Sports. It is an estimate of 40 sets.

M/S/P: Kirk/Sue

Stag Committee:

- **Tuesday, March 15th is the event at Rounder's**
- Grand Prize will be big screen TV
- Tickets are already being printed

Follow-up Business:

- By Laws
- Handbook Changes
- On-Line registration for Annual Registration
- Move the March monthly meeting back one week – Annual Elections on this day

New Business:

- Set a meeting for mid-March to meet with all In-House teams

Next Regular Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2010

Location : North Mankato Police Annex, North Mankato

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:30pm

M/S/P: Tresa/Darren