

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Board members present include Brian Jones, Char Stark, Brian Dooley, Lisa Foster, Jim Boogren, Brooks Savage, Matt Larson, Mike Lavin, Marc Chorney, and Paul Huettl. Absent were Rick Erredge, Ryan Stoffel, Dustin Vogelgesang and Kellie Sundheim.

Approval of Agenda: Brian Dooley made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Jim Boogren. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Marc Chorney made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Paul Huettl. Motion passed.

Financial Update (Char Stark):

Char presented the monthly financial documents to the Board and discussed them in detail. At this point, it looks like the budget will end up with a net income of approximately \$2,000 for the fiscal year. Marc Chorney made a motion to approve the financial documents, second by Paul Huettl. Motion passed.

Presidents Briefing (Brian Jones):

- Board of Director elections are being held this evening at the Hastings Civic Arena. Thank you to Kellie Sundheim, Kari Gruden, and Jenni Johnson for all of their time and efforts with the elections.
- Will be meeting with Jeff Corkish, Mike Lavin, and some others in the next month to discuss girls recruitment, an all-girls photograph, and other items for the upcoming 2012-2013 winter season.
- Jim Boogren and Brian Jones recently had an end of the year meeting with the parents of the Squirt Gopher Team at the head coach's request. Covered a lot of topics without a formal meeting agenda.

District 8 Update (Brian Dooley):

District 8 meeting was held on January 11, 2012 at the St. Paul Park American Legion. The deadline to complete the coaching modules was extended to January 31, 2012. District playoff information is being posted to www.stickstats.com. District 8 is considering a squirt traveling C level of play with associations essentially being divided by their locations (i.e. west and east) and then playing teams nearby. District 8 would like feedback on that proposal from each association by April 2012. The next meeting for District 8 has not been scheduled.

Director Updates:

Blue Mites: Ryan Stoffel emailed his report – things are going great at the blue level, coaches are doing a great job, in talking with them, the numbers remain solid, not too many kids have quit. Blue mites last day is Feb 25, and have Dan Rother coming out to take pictures of the kids during the game and medal ceremony like he has done in the past. Will have a link on the Blue Mite homepage where parents can order pictures if they would like. In the process of working with Trophy's Plus to get all the medals taken care of for Blue Mites, Gold Mites, White Mites,

and Squirts. Brooks and Jim have given me the details on what they need and I have taken it from there. Finally, we have been working hard to make the in-house tournament a success.

Gold and White Mites: Brooks Savage – motion by Brooks Savage, second by Paul Huettl to allocate \$260.00 for referees to work the in-house squirt and mite tournament March 3-6, 2012. Motion passed.

Squirts: Jim Boogren – working on the end of the season in-house squirt and mite tournament.

Peewees: Rick Erredge emailed his report – Peewee C team won the Hastings River Rumble Tournament. Peewee B1 team did not make districts and will finish off the year with a player/parent meeting on February 20.

Bantams: Marc Chorney – Bantam C team took 3rd Place in the Hastings River Rumble Tournament.

Jr. Gold: Matt Larson – received notice from Steve Murray that he will not be coaching the Hastings Junior Gold team next year.

Girls: Mike Lavin – U12A/B teams will be playing in districts next week, which will be hosted by Hastings. U10A/B are not playing in districts.

Hockey: Dustin Vogelgesang emailed his report – working with Jenni Johnson on an anonymous coach evaluation form that will be distributed electronically using Survey Monkey. We are tentatively planning a coaches end of the season meeting on Sunday, March 4, 2012 (time to be determined).

Operations: Paul Huettl – will be applying for a “Gear Up Minnesota” equipment grant.

Volunteers: Lisa Foster – of the parents for the 101 blue mite players, which does not include the blue mite coaches who have been awarded volunteer credits for coaching, only 7 have completed their required 2 credits. Parents of traveling players have done a pretty good job getting their volunteer credits with many that have completed more than their required 14 credits. However, there are about 25 who have not completed any hours yet. Motion by Mike Lavin, second by Jim Boogren to approve posting volunteer credit opportunities for the upcoming VFW Bantam A District Tournament in Hastings, with the caveat that any hours not taken will be the responsibility of the Hastings Bantam A parents. Motion passed.

Registrar Update: No Report.

Technology Update: Jay Stark – NGIN website enhancements are coming for next season. These will include RSS feeds from external calendars, so we do not have to create a team page just for calendar functionality and also the availability of checking team news, scores, and schedules on your iPhone, iPod Touch or Android phone.

Secretary Update: No Report.

Tournaments Update: Jim Foster emailed his report – Tournaments have gone very smoothly this year. The fastest skater was a big hit as everyone absolutely loved the competition. The only complaint is that the competition was so close that sometimes we ended up with 100th of a second between winners and losers, and parents would question the accuracy of the timing. Next year may change it up a bit. Some coaches actually wanted to see a goalie race. Help from the Board was outstanding with the President, Vice President, and level director for that level of tournament play usually there every weekend. The tournaments also ran smoothly due to the support of the Volunteer Director and all the parent volunteers.

Old Business:

Training Facility: Marc Chorney –250 pledge cards have been handed out. We are considering an opportunity to partner with Defending the Blue Line to help us get the training facility built.

New Business:

Hockey Night Debrief: Brian Jones provided an update on the 3rd Annual “Hockey Night Party” held on Friday, February 3, 2012. Event was very successful with great attendance. Unfortunately, approximately 5 traveling teams had games scheduled that same evening, which we would like to avoid next year.

Hockey Day: Char Stark provided an update on “Hastings Hockey Day”, which was held on Saturday, February 4, 2012. This event was also very successful and included many hockey games, face painting, tattoos, hockey hair contest, etc. However, we had several traveling teams that were out of town this day and we hope to get more information to the coaches about the dates in advance of their scheduling meetings.

Proposed Handbook Revisions Regarding Tryouts: Brian Jones proposed revisions to the HHB Handbook related to tryouts. Motion by Marc Chorney, second by Brian Dooley to adopt the following revisions to the HHB handbook:

Try-out Guidelines/Procedures

1. All head coaches are expected to attend every try-out session to evaluate the players. After the players split, all head coaches must be present to evaluate both sessions.
2. Only Non-Parent assistant coaches are allowed to evaluate the players.
3. The "A" head coach along with the director will be responsible to furnish the drills/plans for the sessions. Each group will be required to run the same plan. After the players are split, the "A" head coach is still responsible for the plan at both sessions.
4. Director must be notified, and approve, any evaluator other than the approved head or non-parent coaches.
5. The head coaches and non-parent assistant coach will pick their own teams and can take advice of the coaches around them.
6. Recommended that NO head coach will be allowed on the ice and run the tryout session.
7. Coaches may be on the bench during the outside tryouts.
8. Tryouts will consist of a minimum of 3 days of 60 minute evaluations.
9. Players are assigned #'s and colors and not evaluated by their last names.
10. Medical Absence - any player that cannot make tryouts or complete tryouts due to injury, illness, or medical condition ~~major conflict will be evaluated when they return. If the player is missing tryouts for injury or for medical reasons, they~~ must notify the level director a minimum of 48 hours prior to tryouts as soon as possible. If a player is unable to participate in all or some of tryouts because of injury, illness, or medical condition, the player will be required to present a physician's note to the level director upon request. If a player has not completed enough tryout sessions for the head coach of the highest team for

that level to make a decision on whether to select the player for his/her team, that coach will then decide on whether to select the player for his/her team based on a number of criteria that may include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. Past abilities of the player;
- b. Interviews with and/or letters from past coaches;
- c. Severity of injury/sickness;
- d. The player's availability to return to play;
- e. The player's performance during current tryouts, if any; and
- f. The best interests of the association and the player.

If the head coach decides not to select the player, the head coach at the next lower team for that level will do the same consideration process and so on until the player is placed on a team.

11. Non-Medical Absence - tryout participation is mandatory. Late registration will not be an acceptable reason to miss tryouts. Any player electing not to tryout or simply registering late will be placed at the lowest level for that age group. Only family emergencies, move-ins/relocations, major conflicts, and special situations are possible reasons to miss tryouts, and the circumstances must be deemed acceptable by the level director. Any player that cannot make tryouts or complete tryouts due to any of these reasons must notify the level director as soon as possible. If a player does not complete enough tryout sessions for a coach to make an informed decision on whether to select that player, the player will go through the same consideration process outlined above.

12. If a player participates in a tryout for a team/level, they must play for the team or at the level for which they tried out for.

Motion passed.

Board Comment: None

Membership Comment: None

Adjournment: Matt Larson made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm, second by Brooks Savage.

Motion passed.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2012 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Brian Jones.