

**Hastings Hockey Boosters  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2013**

**Roll Call:**

**Meeting called to order** at 7:00 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Brian Jones, Brian Dooley, Lisa Foster, Joe Harris, Brooks Savage, Ryan Stoffel, Marc Chorney, Mike Lavin, Paul Huettl, Rick Erredge, Dustin Vogelgesang and Char Stark

**Board Members Absent:** Jeff Plank

**New upcoming Members in attendance:** Chuck Schiller, Travis Steele, Shannon Callahan, Ryan LaFerriere.

**Approval of Agenda:** No additions or changes to the agenda. Brian Dooley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Marc Chorney. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Marc Chorney made a motion to approve the February minutes, seconded by Paul Huettl. Motion passed.

**Coordinator Reports:**

**Referees:** Jesse Viall not in attendance.

**Registrar:** Kari Gruden-- stated she will continue working on getting the books back from the coaches. She will also work with Shannon Callahan to help with the transition in getting things up and running smoothly.

Shannon will be in charge of player registration and team rostering with District 8, communication regarding completion of coaching certification requirements, attending team manager meetings, providing a presentation of team books and any required documents, etc.

**Technology:** Jay Stark – Website all cleaned up. New director information needed for Jay to get things setup. He wants to get going on this by March 29<sup>th</sup>. All the directors will get a players list from Jay. **Please remember this is private information; do not share.** Brian Jones has all the new e-mail addresses.

**Tournament Director:** Jim Foster not in attendance.

**District 8 Representative:** Brian Dooley—PeeWee A participated in the regionals and 4<sup>th</sup> in districts. Bantam C came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in districts. PeeWee B2 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary:** Dawn West—Equipment swap is all up to date.

### **Officer Reports:**

**President:** Brian Jones provided the following:

- Summer Clinics-will be posted on HHB website.

- Sliv's retirement 30 years of service. Sliv was recognized at the last Boys Varsity Game.
- Golf Tournament-Tournament date will be July 27, 2013 at the Hastings Country Club. Susie Flynn has volunteered to chair the golf tournament along with her husband Jeff. Some discussion in regards to the deposit amount. No deposit was asked for in the past, now Country Club is asking for 2000.00 Non-refundable deposit. Joe Harris made a motion to approve the 2000.00 deposit to Hastings Country Club, seconded by Brian Dooley. Motion Passed
  
- Board items list for Joe Harris for the Year 2013:
  - 1) Strategic Planning-SWOT Analysis
  - 2) New coordinators x3
  - 3) Goalies, Arena improvements etc.
  - 4) Handbook changes, by-laws (list)
  
- Brian read an E-mail he received from a past hockey player on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 commending the board, coaches, and parents on the positive things that are happening in the program and progress that has been made by our skaters from mites to junior gold levels. The person was involved with the HHB back in the 1970s-1980s.

- Brian thanked all those board members exiting their positions. Each one received a service award plaque. Six total.

**Vice President:** Brian Dooley - Discussion about fundraising and new business donations (Miller Orthodontics, Valley Chevrolet, Me & Julios.) We had one business sponsor a tournament in the past; would like to see more than one sponsor in the future.

Thanks to all volunteers on the sponsorship committee.

**Treasurer:** Char Stark - Financial reports were delayed due to computer issues. Will be getting those out asap. Balance \$119,000.00 in cash. Still have Feb-March ice bills, still have coaches' stipends and tournament bills to pay. We had a \$32,000 carry-over. Special thanks to Paul Huettl for getting \$1000 donation from Xcel.

- Directors – coaches will be looking for their stipends, this is not automatic. You need to let the treasurer know when equipment is all turned in. Coaches will need to let the treasurer know how to split. Equipment will be dropped off at the arena with the name of the team.
- New coaches – the treasurer will need your address, you are not in the system.

- Budget – we will need a primary budget in our hands by next month. Treasurer will send out individual worksheets. Directors will then get an idea on where they will be. We will work on the budget in May.

### **Director Reports:**

**Blue Mites:** Ryan Stoffel - everything went as expected. Still have equipment that needs to be turned in.  
Opportunities (player stuff)

**Gold and White Mites:** Books Savage - Equipment issues. End of the year tournament U8 teams played 5 minute games (2 hours on Saturday and 1 hour on Sunday) White mites and Maple Leafs won.

**Squirts:** Joe Harris - End of year tournament Bruins were season champs. Blackhawks had an injury issue.

A-Squirt had 94 Ice touches

B-Squirt 84 Ice touches

C-Squirt 70 Ice touches

In-house 68 Ice touches

Working on numbers for next season.

**PeeWees:** Rick Erredge - Had a rough year. Numbers aren't going to be big for next year. Most of the coaches are coming back.

**Bantams:** Marc Chorney - C team went 10-4-2 and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Districts. B team went 0-16 and lost 1<sup>st</sup> game in the tournament. A team went 4-10-2 and also lost 1<sup>st</sup> game in the tournament. It was noted no Bantam teams used Bryan Deweez this year for training. We may need to get a credit from Mr. Deweez.

**Junior Gold:** Jeff Plank not in attendance.

**Girls:** Mike Lavin – U10 consisted of two B teams that were competitive and successful. The U12 B team was also very successful. U12 A team was very competitive. U14 team struggled this year; they had many ups and downs. Mike will meet with Jay in regards to the transition of duties.

**Coach-in-Chief/Hockey Operations:** Dustin Vogelgesang will check with all coaches. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for applications for coaches. Some discussion on hockey operations, committees and board members.

- Standardize tryout forms
- Directors-coaches
- Increase ice hours for traveling teams
- Player development (Mites)

- Team sizes

**Operations:** Paul Huettl – Equipment coming in slowly. Paul suggested that coaches can't get their stipends till all the equipment has been turned in. Ryan LaFerriere the new director will work on getting the rest of the equipment. Paul turned over to Ryan all that was needed for the operations position. Paul stated there is no need to buy jerseys this year. Dryland training facility at the civic arena is becoming a storage locker. We need a bigger area to store stuff. It was suggested to start throwing old jerseys out or just lay them out for people to take. Paul shared with Ryan primary needs for operations budget.

**Volunteers:** Lisa Foster – Char received \$6,200.00 in non-fulfilled volunteer checks, bringing the year total to 9,100.25. 54 Families chose not to volunteer with an additional 7 only doing partial dibs. Only 15 blue-mite parents (excluding coaches) volunteer doing the 2 point minimum, most of which were parent's older players. It was agreed that checks will be cashed according to the HHB handbook. Some discussion on how we should monitor locker room volunteers. People are sick of volunteering. It was suggested to start charging 75.00 for blue-mites.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- HHB will pay first \$500 of the total team entry fee for district playoffs.
- There was some discussion a purposed language change in the HHB handbook: All team fees are to be paid by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Joe Harris made a motion to accept the language change, seconded by Rick Erredge. Motion passed.
- Language change to strike the next two lines-----  
Dustin Vogelgesang made a motion to accept the removal of the two lines, seconded by Paul Huettl. Motion passed.
- Some extensive discussion on the use of Bryan Deweez with Competitive Edge as a Training Instructor. His current signed contract is for 3 years @ \$15,000, payable in two payments. This year we used him for 72 hours @ \$208 per hour plus \$180 for ice, two instructors.
- We need to discuss with the coaches the use of Bryan Deweez. It was stated some mite parents don't like Bryan Deweez.
- It was stated Bryan Deweez is not needed at the lower levels. Coaches have it all figured out.

- It was suggested by Dustin Vogelgesang that we have a meeting with Bryan Deweez and a couple of board members in an effort to redirect him.
- It was advised that we needed to keep it in the budget for a training instructor.
- Need more work for goalie training. Goalie training needs to be posted on the website earlier. Sunday training doesn't work well. We are losing goalies and need to do something to retain them.
- Looking into more training options.
- Will check with the budget to see if we can get someone else as a training instructor. Not sure if Bryan Deweez is the answer.
- Mike Lavin suggested bringing in a female instructor for girls U8 on up.

**Board Comment:** Paul Huettl commented that Hastings compares with the best; we just don't have enough creativity in the upper levels. He also stated we need to stay with the in-house squirts.

**Membership Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Marc Chorney made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM, seconded by Mike Lavin. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** April 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Dawn West.