

*****PLEASE NOTE: MEETING MINUTES ARE ALWAYS POSTED ONE MONTH BEHIND, AS CURRENT MINUTES NEED TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING*****

MVYHA General Board Meeting

March 2, 2015

Present

President: Tim Herold
Secretary: Kelly Walseth
Treasurer: Jim Wurst (Temporary)
Boys' Coordinator: Peter Brownlee
Girls' Coordinator: Beth Kraetsch
Mite Coordinator: Rich Nelson
Try-Out Coordinator: Jason Sprague
Retention/Recruitment: Ted Koepl
Registrar: Anne Lalla
Equipment Manager: Troy McColloch
D2 Rep: David Schavee

Not Present

Vice President: Darrick Metz
Registrar: Anne Lalla

5 non-members present

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Tim Herold

President's Report

- Nothing new to report regarding Vadnais arena / Shoreview refurbishment
- Elections are happening next month
- End of year surveys need to be sent out soon

Vice President's Report (absent – notes sent electronically)

- A high altitude summary of the corporate sponsorships and fundraiser will be written up soon for all to see
- Received good feedback from the Mite/U8 outdoor Jamboree
- Wild Hockey Magazine Sales Completed at 2-12-15 Game; waiting on \$1,000 Association Check from Wild
- Heggies Fundraiser Complete: Approximately 55% of Association sold pizzas (45% buy-out), 5,633 Pizzas Sold; Heggies 3rd largest order in recent history, Pizzas delivered and picked up on Monday 2-23-15, Volunteers worked from 4:30 – 9, 95% of pizzas picked up between 7pm-9pm; it went well
- MVI Corporate Team Sponsor Total ended up at \$21,400
- Volunteer Checks – Will need March to get through all the data and return/ shred checks

Secretary's Report

- February Minutes were motioned and seconded to be approved.
- Board Elections emails have been sent – Elections will be held at the April Board meeting. March 20th due date for candidates.

Treasurer's Report

- Budgets look good
- Will finish the year with ~\$140,000 in general fund

Boy's Coordinator Report

- Would like to meet with coaches to discuss the Try-Out process
- Summer Skate: needs a contact with the high school coaches
- Clarification on patches (playmaker, hat trick, etc) Board notes: yes, patches are available

Girl's Coordinator Report

- Meeting with high school coaches, will discuss U14 for next year
- Summer program details coming soon
- 300 people at Gopher Game! (received an autograph stick – can raffle it off)
- WCHA next month – 25 interested kids – drawing will be held

Mite's Coordinator Report

- Season is wrapping up
- Good feedback from parents this year
- March 3 on 3 filled in 4 days
- Summer Sunday ice hours ordered (Two sessions this year – one for Mite 1, one for Mites 2 and 3)

Try-Out Coordinator's Report

- Solicited parent input for comments about the Try-Out process – one comment suggested having internal evaluators as a way to save money. The Board noted that it prefers to remain with outside evaluators to avoid conflict of interest.

Retention and Recruitment Coordinator's Report

- Minnesota Grant request for hockey equipment has been submitted
- Slice of Shoreview is in the works – looking at having a hockey shoot
- Thank yous will be sent to the North Oaks leaders
- In regards to the Mite Jamboree: Troy motioned to approve donating an additional \$500 (on top of the \$100 fee) to the North Oaks arenas for use towards the West Rec Stables building improvements, Nelson seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Looking at writing an article in support of the co-op to be published in Let's Play Hockey

Registrar's Report – absent (report given by Herold)

- Is the association giving funds to Bantam B1 to offset tourney costs? Fee will be researched and an electronic ballot will be conducted. It will be noted in the April Minutes.

Equipment Manager's Report

- Equipment collection will begin soon

D2 Representative's Report

- January MN hockey meeting: Clarification of participation – if you leave one school and go to another, the level of play at the new school may be reduced, regardless of grade level completed
- AA next year: 3 regions of league play
- Bantam B2 and C going to 1.5 hours of ice: Stillwater will vote to have B2 move to this. MVYHA Board notes: interested in B2 moving to 1.5, leaving C at 1 hour
- Parity Rule: After much Board discussion, the Board has noted that the association vote will be to support parity as a guiding principal, but not to require parity.
- Possible way to save money is to cut out district play-offs and to instead use rankings. The Board notes that it supports play-offs, regardless of cost.
- Bantam A and Bantam AA have 3 refs in district 6: Board notes that it supports 3 refs in games
- A vs AA? Board notes that we support A
- Discretion of the District Director: Board notes that the Director should support the association, and in cases of conflict – act as a mediator.
- Clarification needed on A players waiving out to other district AA teams, and then returning to the original association teams

Old Business

- Comment period for the association regarding revised player departure policy – vote will take place in April
- Reinstating Skating Fundamentals – Board discussion pros/cons: Costs and potential candidates need to be discussed by May if this will happen next year.
- Flat Fee: Tabled

New Business

- none

Troy made motion to adjourn, Beth seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm