

CCHA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday Jan 19th, 2006

Board Members Present:

Bob Jones	President
Kelli Mork	President Elect
Shawn McNeill	Vice President
Julie Eklund	Treasurer
Kevin Beusgens	U8/U10 Girls Commissioner
Steve Johnson	Girls Commissioner
Rick Imdieke	Jr. Gold Commissioner
Steve Lundeen	Bantam commissioner
Mike Pederson	Squirt Commissioner
Tom Cole	PeeWee commissioner

Non Board Members Present:

Bob Lanzi	Ice Scheduling
Greg Sipe	Acceleration MN

Discussion

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm

Greg Sipe from Acceleration MN provided a presentation on starting a facility.

- Greg presented a possible opportunity for the CCHA to get involved in player development through partial or full ownership of an acceleration facility. He reviewed the concept of acceleration MN and the development that the training has provided over the years to Hockey players. He touched on the key concepts to helping skaters become stronger and more proficient at their sport and how Acceleration MN could help CCHA players achieve more.
- Greg presented the need for his Eden Prairie facility to possibly be re-located to an area such as Chaska or Chanhassen. He reviewed the costs associated with such a facility. He also provided numbers and couple of different plans to getting involved. The CCHA would have to come up with the rent for space and then would receive a cost breaks.
- Discussions from the board centered around the considerable costs that would have to be charged per CCHA member on the annual season's due's to be able to afford the program.

- Lowering overall costs was a driving force for the board and with ice costs increasing and an overall ice shortage potentially coming, for now an Acceleration MN facility would need more looking into and overall support from the membership.

Bob Lanzi provided an overview of the ice scheduling for the 2005/2006 season and reviewed projections for 2006/2007 (1 Hour). In his presentation he reviewed possible ice openings next year with MN Made Hockey and North Star Ponds. Conversations from the board centered around the need to find more ice close to home and as affordable as possible.

- Bob Discussed that during the 2005/2007 season that the association had around 150 hours freed up because of 1 less Bantam team, picking up ice from Prior Lake due to the joint U14 Girls teams, and the addition of some times at North star Ponds. This contributed to an overall better ice draw for most teams that in 2004/2005. The upper levels had more late nights with less shared and the lower levels had more prime time with more shared. In 2006/2007 we will most likely not have the extra. As a board we need to look into the next couple of seasons on what to do.

- MN Made Hockey ice would need a minimal guarantee of around 500 hours at a cost of \$225.00 an hour. The reason for the higher cost is that a municipality does not subsidize the facility and lower the overall costs. Discussions around 100% shared ice and non prime time ice took place.

- North Star Ponds and the use of ice for the season were discussed. Favorable comments toward the facility was provided by board members that have used the space, with comments toward small locker rooms and the need to develop practice plans for all coaches to best utilize the space. In general the response was that North Star Ponds would best benefit lower levels.

- Waconia and Victoria were presented as future options as well. It would be the preference to utilize Victoria ice before Waconia due to Victoria being closer and with the CCHA boundaries. However the only possible space would probably come from the CCHA picking up times left by Waconia when their facility becomes available. Shawn McNeill will speak with Waconia and Bob Lanzi with Victoria.

The board approved the recommendation for Bob Lanzi to look for 150 hours at North Star Ponds for 2006/2007 with the hours being 1 evening during the week (Tuesday or Thursday). Bob Jones motioned, seconded by Shawn McNeill all unanimous.

Motion to approve Minutes from the Dec 19th 2005 meeting from Bob Jones. Mike Pederson motioned with Kelli Mork seconded. Unanimous.

Julie Eklund provided a re-cap of all outstanding balances. Many outstanding balances have been reduced over the past few weeks. Congratulations to Julie and the commissioners for their help with reducing the outstanding balances.

Bob Jones presented the Hockey Operations position and some of the problems with retaining any consistency with the position. Kelli Mork and Shawn McNeill discussed with the other members a possible committee to reduce the single work load of 1 person. Steve Johnson presented a change in the title from Hockey Operations to “Coach and Player Development Committee”.

- *It was discussed at length to form a task force of board members and others interested in the language and roles of the position outside of the board meeting. All CCHA Board members will be e-mailed on the task force meetings to be involved if they so wish, with the findings presented at the board meeting in February.*

District 6 Report – Kelli Mork

The Merci Rule of 6 goals or more in the third period will go into effect immediately at all levels. The referees will remind the coaches.

Policy 8.1 – Defeated by District 6. The ruling was that the fines were too excessive, however the district still will fine with warning and has that right.

Reminder on the Andrew Stockwell Memorial being held at the Victoria Field House on Saturday January 25th immediately following the Holy Family/Edina Bantam B1 Game. Brian Johnson has organized a wonderful tribute and memorial to Andrew. Strong attendance is needed so remind the coaches and team managers to get their teams to attend if possible

Coaches evaluations need to be sent by February with return at the earliest time available to collect and provide feedback on each teams overall season.

We need to check in with key volunteers to assess their willingness to continue their roles in 2006/2007.

Motion to pay (1) childs fee for Tina Sparks and all her work as the volunteer coordinator was presented by Bob Jones. Seconded by Steve Johnson. Unanimous.

Fundraising request to see if the venue could change to St. Hubert’s? Discussions over the need for fundraising to do what they see is best for the event. Discussions around St. Hubert’s maybe being too big for the event and time running out were mentioned.

No real commitment from the board to follow up with Acceleration MN at this time.

Hawk Award donations are still being looked at. Bob is working with Klein Banks (past sponsor) and with Lifetime Fitness.

Bob Jones shared that the Wild Game on January 9th “Wild vs Dallas” produced \$10 a save for the CCHA. Not sure how many saves.

VFW gave \$1875 for the Bantam A VFW Tournament = \$1250 assesment, \$450 for the entry fee, and \$175 hr for extra ice time. Please thank the VFW when you visit and patronize if possible.

Commissioner Reports

Bantams – Steve Lundeen all teams doing well with the Bantam A’s taking second in a tournament.

PeeWee’s – Tom Cole – No report.

Girls U8/U10 – No Report

Girls U12/U14 – No Report

VP Report – No Report.

Meeting Close 10:12pm.

