

# **Hastings Hockey Boosters**

## **Monthly Meeting Minutes September 13, 2005**

**Meeting called to order @ 7:04pm.**

**Roll Call:** Rob Williams, Matt Larson, Jim Meier, Marty Caneff, Tracie Karbo, Jerry Baum, Jim Koch, Jeff Bussey, Jeff Kuhn, Matt Larson

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Jeff Bussey, second by Matt Larson. All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve meeting minutes as amended by Rob Williams, second by Jeff Kuhn. All in favor.

**Financial Update:** September 23 is the last day to register without paying a late fee for all levels EXCEPT Mini-Mites and Mites. Registration credit card payments have already been deposited as well as golf tournament money.

**Registration Update:** Registration numbers are down a little. We will be holding an additional registration night for Mini-Mites and Mites on October 13 before the Board Meeting. We will be distributing flyers at schools and having an ad in the paper announcing this.

### **Presidents Briefing:**

We need to be more careful with name confidentiality and not naming players with outstanding fees.

### **District 8 Update:**

Meeting is September 14. We need to get all background check forms filled out.

## **AGENDA:**

### **Old Business:**

**Golf Tournament Fundraiser –** Tournament was a huge success. We've had many good comments about it. Sponsors have been very supportive. We will plan on doing it again next summer. Some hole sponsor bills need to be sent out still. We will be sending out thank you letters to sponsors and putting an ad in the paper thanking them.

### **New Business:**

**Proposed Handbook Changes –** Jerry Baum - Item should have been removed from agenda.

**MN Hockey Redistricting –** District 8 is asking the associations to vote on their choice. District 8 will vote as the associations wish. Redistricting forms have been sent to the Board members previously. Motion to approve redistricting as proposed by Jeff Kuhn, second by Matt Larson. All in favor. Motion passes.

**Ice Scheduling –** All hours have been set with Sliv. Need some written procedures on extra available ice hours. The whole year's ice schedule will be set right away now, not month to month. Any hours over budgeted amount will be charged to each team at year-end at the rate of \$148.50 per hour. Games are included in budgeted hours.

**Registration** – Would like to address the issue of possibly moving some Mites up to Squirt level if the numbers work out. Tabled until October meeting.

**Squirt Referees** – Jeff Bussey – Would like to handle referees differently. Would like to set up a mentoring program for 1<sup>st</sup> year and younger refs. We'd have an adult with them on the ice for the first few games, shadowing the younger referees, one of them for each of the game. Jeff would like to schedule the Squirt refs and set up a mentoring pool.

Jeff Kuhn- We are currently not paying referee certification fees back until the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, would like to reimburse them the 1<sup>st</sup> year instead.

**Mites Issues** – Jim Meier – Mites Girls parents have been polled and asked if they would like their kids in an all-girl Mite team. They are in favor of this.

Two complaints have been cropping up with Mites parents: Parents think the kids are being coached to win and 2<sup>nd</sup> complaint is that they think some teams were stacked last year. Would like to have backing from Board to make sure teams are as equal as possible. Would like to set up something like a mini-evaluation to gauge players experience and skill levels. The Board supports setting up this evaluation exercise.

**Volunteer Coordinator Discussion** – Jeff Bussey – Talked to Brenda McNamara and went over volunteer position responsibilities.

**Transfer of Players** – We've had a request to have a player transfer to our program in the PeeWee level. They've gotten the okay from their home program. formal Board decision needs to be made. President will approve or disapprove of the transfer based on the Board decision. Motion to approve transfer waiver from South Saint Paul by Matt Larson, second by Jeff Kuhn. All in favor. Motion passes.

**U8 Girls** – Marty Caneff – All girl team in the Mite in-house level to play against the boy Mite teams. They will have a regular Mite in-house schedule, plus 4 scrimmages and a Jamboree against neighboring U8 girls teams. Extra ice hours will be billed to players at end of year. This is perfect for girls players that aren't ready for U10 but would like to play on an all-girl team. Jim is contacting girl Mites players to get commitments for this. Some U10 girls could move down to U8 if eligible. Approximate extra cost would be \$50-\$60 per player.

Motion by Jim Meier to create an all-girl Mite team that would play a regular in-house Mite schedule in addition to playing 4 scrimmages and a year-end jamboree against neighboring U8 girls teams. October 15 will be the deadline to create the team. Extra cost will be paid by participating players. Second by Matt Larson. All in favor. Motion carries.

**U10 Girls** – Proposing that girls with birthdates between 7-1-94 and 7-1-96 automatically make the Girls U10A or B teams. All younger girls may try out for the remaining spots on U10 teams. Otherwise they will be placed on the Girls U8 Mite team. Each association has the right to make additions to MAHA Guidelines such as this. This would be similar to the setup that Cottage Grove has now.

**Coaches Certification and Training** – Matt Larson - We need to decide on what to do with the training budget. Would like to send Squirts and girls to Total Hockey for 4 sessions. Bantam, PeeWee and Jr. Gold team to have one session, per recommendations from Total Hockey. Also require all coaches from Jr. Gold A to Squirt A to attend a 2 hour session at Total Hockey. This would promote consistency, comradery and information sharing. It would be a team-building thing, have all coaches go through all the skill-building exercises at Total Hockey. Tentative date has been set. All date need to be finalized though. This would be head coaches only. Lon Andersen has offered to hold a session on head injuries and concussions. This would be good to include in the coaches training day.

Board Discussion: We need to start looking into training options that involve purchasing dryland training equipment and having a place of our own to do extra training. This would be a great interim solution until we are able to build a 3<sup>rd</sup> sheet of ice. Continuing discussion regarding the Training Budget and how it would best benefit our hockey program now and in the future.

The Board has decided not to do Total Hockey or Impact Hockey for players this year, in favor of buying dryland training equipment that all players can use. We will be sending the coaches and assistant coaches for a Coaches training day though. This will be mandatory. The traveling directors and Russ Welch will organize this. Special goalie training days will be set up for Mini-Mite, Mite and Squirt levels.

Training Budget Game Plan: Find a facility to put some dryland training equipment in. We will pursue the Arena first to see if that would work, otherwise research leased buildings in Hastings. Jerry Baum and Russ Welch will work with Sliv and the Arena to see if any areas in the arena will work. Once a building has been decided on the Board will purchase dryland training equipment.

**Board Comment:** None

**Membership Comment:** None

**Next Meeting:**      **October 11, 2005**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn @ 9:33pm by Steve Murray, second by Jeff Kuhn. All in favor.