

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2007

Meeting called to order @ 7:05pm

Roll Call: Mike Klein, Marty Caneff, Jay Stark, Jim Koch, Jerry Baum, Tracie Karbo, Jeff Bussey, Jeff Kuhn, Matt Larson, Rob Williams

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Jeff Bussey, second by Jay Stark. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as amended by Jeff Bussey, second by Matt Larson. All in favor.

Financial/Registration Update: Jim Koch – Reconciliation statement handed out.

Motion to approve financial statement by Jim Koch, Jeff Bussey 2nd. All in favor.

Presidents Briefing:

HHB got involved with the Maslowski fundraiser in town. We don't know the final amount raised, the the raffle that we sponsored raised about \$7500. The event was very successful and we wish the families well. Marie Peterson, who helped with the fundraiser also, may want to help out HHB in our Marketing efforts. Yesterday I received an email from Barry Bernstein from the Park & Rec Dept. and the estimate for a new sound system is about \$14,000. They City doesn't have this in their budget until next year. We will contact the High School to see if they will contribute to this also. Would the Board be comfortable with a 1/3 cost split with the High School and City for a new sound system? All in favor.

District 8 Update:

Jerry Baum – I put together a Peewee B2 league proposal and it was presented and accepted through D8.

- D8 & D4 merger did pass, but only for Peewee & Bantam levels for this year. There are 3 separate divisions: North, South & East. The playoff system hasn't been figured out yet. We will be hosting one of these tournaments. This is a one-year trial. Hudson & River Falls were allowed in again this year. Onalaska, WI was also allowed in the East section.

- MNHockey.com is hosting a golf tournament, if you are interested in participating go to the website for info.

District 8 Referee Update:

None.

AGENDA:

Old Business:

New Board Positions – Jerry Baum- I don't have selections to present to the Board yet. I will let the candidates talk to me further, then I will make a selection to present to the Board in August. The candidates for Director of Volunteers are Lia Pauletti, Kris Porrez and Brenda McNamara. The candidates for Bantam Director are Jerry Claussen and Todd Wallace. There are no candidates for Jr. Gold Director at this time.

07/08 Budget – Charging home teams for home tournaments. Muchg discussion about charging 50% of the tournament fees to the home teams at home tournaments and there will be gate fees for parents unless they put in 2 hours of volunteer work per parent, during the tournament. This will help tournament revenue. These teams save money anyway not having to travel out of town for a tournament and we will be able to cover volunteer spots better or have the money to hire people to fill necessary positions. It is decided to charge home teams 50% registration fees for home tournaments.

Budget overview – Jerry Baum – Fees have increased by 4.71%, ice fees went up 5% from the City of Hastings. I propose setting up a Capital fund and would like to add something to the guidelines stating that so much of the net income each year goes into the Capital fund. It has been suggested to look into a possible loan and Capital fund combination for future major additions of a 3rd sheet of ice or something. For a Capital fund for our program, we have to state a designated purpose for that fund in order to keep it. Jeff Kuhn made a motion to approve the 07/08 budget as it stands. Second by Marty Caneff. All in favor.

Motion by Rob Williams to put \$15,000 of the 06/07 operational budget surplus into a new Capital fund account to be used for a new rink. Specific details of fund to be set by board when it is set up. Second by Jeff Bussey. All in favor.

Tournaments – Jeff Kuhn – We need to get tournament ad in now and we need to decide how many times to run ad. I propose running it August, September and October, same as last year. All in favor. We need to figure out the contact person for tournaments. We need to find a new Tournament Coordinator.

Tournament names and sponsors are as follows:

“Sugar & Spice” – Girls – Sponsor Rother Photography
“The Big Chill” - A Peewee/Bpeewee - Sponsor Culver’s
Need name and logo – C Peewee/B Bantam - Need sponsor

Jeff Bussey would like to move the A Peewee/B Peewee tournament back one week. Second weekend in January would be much better to be far enough away from holidays. Board will look into this.

New Business:

Rivertown Days Parade – Would like to use Anchor Bank float again. We’d like to look into providing the transportation to use it, so we wouldn’t have to pay the transport fees. Jeff Bussey will look into this option, otherwise we will use a haywagon or something.

Golf Tournament – The 3rd Annual HHB Blue Line Classic will be held on Sept. 15, 2007 at the Hastings Country Club. It will be a 4-person Scramble again with a 2pm shotgun start. Dinner will be by the Block and the Country Club. We need help with finding teams, sending out flyers and registration forms and putting announcement in newspaper. A lot of high-end auction items are coming in already and the Country Club will possibly be putting up a year’s membership. Registration is \$120/person with an early registration fee of \$110. We’ll have registration form at Green Mill, the Arena and Top Shelf. The fee includes lunch, cart, dinner and free golf club. Hole sponsors with a 4-player team will be \$500. We’ll have the Hole-in-One boat again. We’ll have the bean bag game with playoff again and Brad Schmier will be there and will run the auction for us.

Registration – The website is getting online registration changes finished up. We’d like to go to ACH transaction because they will cost us much less. We’d like to add a processing fee of \$10 per transaction, except for ACH transactions to cut down on fees that we had to pay for last year. It would be a considerable cost savings for the Association. We’d also like to add scheduled transactions, with dates preset by HHB. We’ll have computers set up and the arena for registration and all registrations will go into the system immediately. We’ll notify the membership of the savings using ACH. Board agrees. Dates for registration at the arena will be August 13 & 16, 6-9pm and August 19, Noon-6pm. Some Bantam players are eligible to tryout for the High School team. They cannot play with a Bantam team before they play with the High School.

Mini-Mites/Mites – Regardless of tiering idea, we need to make a decision on 4-year olds and if we are going to allow them in the program from here on out. Decision: All program ages will stay the same as last year. The online system will have all the ages set. The tiering proposal is still unfinished and will be addressed again in the future.

Dryland Facility – Jeff Bussey – Brian Radke would like to know if the dryland facility will be open early also, since the arena is opening early. Response: Jerry Baum - Insurance issues need to be addressed first to see if it’s ok and all dryland facility rules still apply. Only certified coaches can use facility and it has to be during arena hours. There needs to be similar age kids using the facility at the same time. Jerry will notify everyone when the dryland facility will be available for use.

Rink Advertising – Rob Williams- I’m wondering about the advertising possibilities at the rink. Response: Jerry Baum – The back wall, training wall and railing bay be available for use to sell advertising space. The City agreed to center ice ads again. We are in the process of working through a proposal to the City regarding all these advertising spots.

Board Comment:

Jeff Bussey – Would like to impose a \$25 tryout fee for Squirt A team. Will be put into registration materials.

Ice Hours – Some teams will want more than they get. Propose that if a team knows they want extra, can we have them scheduled right away and just add it to the team bill? Response: Jerry Baum – Don’t want to take any prime hours away from other teams. Surplus hours should be scheduled after the original scheduling takes place.

Level Directors need to get away tournaments in to Jeff Kuhn as soon as possible for ice scheduling.

Membership Comment:

None.

Next Meeting: August 14-Green Mill, 7pm

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn @ 10:34pm by Mike Klein, second by Jeff Kuhn. All in favor.