

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes September 11, 2007

Meeting called to order @ 7:07pm

Roll Call: Jeff Kuhn, Mike Klein, Jim Koch, Jeff Bussey, Jim Meier, Jerry Claussen, Marty Caneff, Matt Larson, Tracie Karbo, Todd Wallace, Kris Porrez, Jerry Baum

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

Approval of Minutes: Held until October meeting

Financial/Registration Update: Jim Koch – Reconciliation statement handed out. Motion to approve financial statement by Jeff Bussey, Mike Klein 2nd. All in favor.

Presidents Briefing:

Background check forms for board members and coaches need to be in and approved by USA Hockey immediately, before tryouts. In-House coaches, assistant coaches and team managers are also required to do this.

Any teams that do scrimmages as a tryout process have to turn in a roster to USA Hockey. Email them to Rich Rakness and copy Jerry Baum and Brenda McNamaras on the email.

District 8 Update:

Our teams will be declared at the meeting tomorrow night.

District 8 Referee Update:

Not enough hooking is being called, unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. There is a possible referee fee increase. Last year refs complained about a few games that had problems with bookkeepers and clock operators. Refs cannot take the time to train people. New rules, penalty shot criteria is not directly behind it's peripheral vision and sticks can have 3/4" curve. New refs need to call Jesse Viall for more information.

AGENDA:

Director Updates:

Mini-Mites – We are going to distribute flyers for mini-mites at all elementary schools. We'll have a walk-in registration day, the date of our next meeting at Green Mill at 6pm. We are contacting players from last year to see if they are registering.

Mites – Updating registrations

Squirts – Emails have been sent to last year's players. We'll most likely have 6 teams plus the Squirt A team. Coaches will be identified soon.

Pewees – Called and sent emails to all of last year's players that haven't registered yet.

Bantams – The numbers are on track, we're in good shape.

Jr. Gold – Jr. Gold A & B coaches have been selected. Al Carstensen wants to buy and put American flags on jerseys and would like to put HB on the jerseys. Proposal discussed by board. Motion by Jim Koch to approve the flags being sewn onto Jr. Gold jerseys, all in the same spot. The HB can be added to helmets with stickers. All will be at Al's expense. Second by Jeff Kuhn. All in favor.

Coaching – Coaching clinics to be held for all coaches at all levels. Traveling coaches will meet October 8. Going over Impact training and goalie training issues. Dryland facility — we're completing a video for suggested dryland use.

Operations – Bantam tournament is full with 10 teams. Some C Pewees, one A Peewee and on U12 teams are signed up for tournaments so far. There have been many inquiries, so hopefully we'll get more

registrations now that tournaments are up on the website. Equipment stuff is ok, we have volunteers for equipment handout.

Girls – Motion by Marty Caneff to approve the following coaches: U10B Coaches – Matt Cooper and Marty Caneff, U12B coaches Darin Berg and Joe Moerhauser. Second by Matt Larson. All in favor.

Volunteers – Volunteer Committee introductions: Brian Jones, Leah Pauletti and Tracy Pavelka. Every team will have a parent rep if they don't have a team manager. We'll have new pages on the website for volunteers and team managers. We'd like to hold a managers' informational meeting soon.

Old Business:

Golf Tournament – We've got 28 teams registered so far. This is the most teams we've ever had. We are looking good for volunteers also. A sign company in town will be getting wire frame signs for sponsor signs. There will be 4 live auction items, then the rest will be raffles. We need to send thank yous to sponsors and prize donators. The Block donated the meat for the dinner. We need to send out a mass email for just the dinner registrations. Volunteers need to pay the cost for dinner.

Hardship Policy – New hardship policy handed out. Financial assistance will be from 10-90%, scholarships are anonymous to everyone except for President and Treasurer. Directors will only know if they have not met the requirements of the scholarship and they need to be removed from the ice. More volunteer work will be required from these people. There is a cap on the amount for scholarships allowed, set by the Board in the budget. It is first come, first serve. Motion by Jeff Kuhn to approve the new Hardship Policy, Second by Marty Caneff. All in favor.

Budget/Registration – Our registration numbers are down and we'll need to adjust teams and budget for ice hours if we're not able to get some numbers up. In-house registration is still open until the end of September. Traveling team registration is now closed. Traveling teams for the 07/08 season will be as follows: U10A, U10B, U12A, U12B, Peewee A, B, B2, C, Bantam A, B, C(3), Jr. Gold A and Jr. Gold B

New Business:

Tryouts – We'll try to have all ice schedules out by October 1

Head Coach Approvals – None.

Sponsorship Fundraiser/Thank You Banner – The Block wants to do a tailgate party fundraiser for HHB on home football game nights. There are some sponsors that would like to buy a plasma TV to scroll the locker assignments, etc. at the rink. We'll look into this. There are a few software systems for this to consider.

- Suggestion to change locker room number signs to sponsor plaques for sponsorship opportunity. We'd like to put up a banner on the wall in the arena lobby to recognize our sponsors, updating the banner each year.
- The new football coach would like to do a chili cookoff this year. The football group and HHB would each have 3 chilis. Kawanis Club and Green Mill will be awarding a prize to winner. We need chili recipes forwarded to Jerry Baum.
- A bar in town would like to know if we'd like to do charitable gambling through the HHB. If it's a machine, we'd need someone to stock the machine and take care of money, etc. Does the board want to pursue this? Yes, possibly talk to Lions Club about partnership with this.

Board Comment:

Jerry Baum – Would like to nominate the following people for honorary HHB membership for this year: Russ Welch, Jeff Corkish, Jesse Viall and Jim McGree. All in favor.

Membership Comment:

Tracy Pavelka – Why haven't we had a newsletter lately? Response: President obligations and amount of season prepwork along with personal obligations have interfered with being able to get this out lately. Maybe we'll need to forgo the President's note if it's not done for the newsletter from now on.

Next Meeting: August 14-Green Mill, 7pm

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn @ 8:49pm by Jim Meier, second by Rob Williams. All in favor.