

**Mankato Area Hockey Association  
 Monthly Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, September 14, 2009  
 All Season's Arena  
 Mankato, MN**

**Board Members attending:** (X = present, E= excused absence)

Jason Westerlund, Pres.	E	Dave Breiter	X	Holli Loe	E
Jeff Nickels, V.P.	X	Darren Bruns	X	Ken Bentson - Resigned	E
Sue Salzle, Treas.	X	Lynette Cline	X	Chad Lebert	X
Traci Hays, Secretary	X	Shaun Reddy	A	Tresa Lacina	X
Mike Steindl	X	Kirk Swenson	X	Char Rivers	X

**Other Members**

Jo Nickels, Gambling Mgr.	X				

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Vice President Jeff Nickels called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Attendance – Guest:** April Austin, Fundraising Chair

**Addition to the Follow up Business:** New printer for Holli Loe, Registrar

**Review and Approve current agenda**

Motion to approve agenda  
 M/S/P: Dave/Chad

**Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting**

General discussion covering the minutes. Motion to approve minutes.  
 M/S/P: Chad/Darren

**Gambling Manager Report and Expense Approval:** presented by Jo Nickels

Reviewed the LG1004.

- Want to include in the allowable for August the amount of \$900.00 for shredding of games.
- Our lease with Bobby Joe's will be up soon and if they continue to be negative we may need to do something different.

M/S/P: Tresa/Mike

**Treasurers Report:** - Sue Salzle

- Check Register will be sent out electronically
- Several deposits from registration in the amount of approximately \$86,267.00
- We paid \$3000.00 for IRS extension fee since last meeting
- This is the only activity since our last meeting
- We have about \$3500.00 in checks that we are holding before we can clear them.
- \$42,000 is sitting on our AR and some of that will be covered by the Children's Project

M/S/P:

**Fundraising Report:** – April Austin

- There approximately 10 people left to register.
- We are going to be short from what was projected. We have 48 mite only families and 130 traveling families which may have some mites. Total of 178 families and contracts.
- If everyone sells only what they need to we will be \$5000.00 short from what was projected. We have \$23,000 and we budgeted for \$28,000.
- April will keep us updated on any changes.
- We should contact those individuals that we are not sure why they did not register.
- 44 buy out, 40 hams and the rest coffee. We did into allow individuals to do both.
- We did allow one family to sell only calendars to make up their fund raising dollars.
- We can look at it for next year that individuals may be able to sell only calendars.
- April has set a deadline that if you are not registered by next week you will just have to pay the buyout.
- Holli will be at the rink next week to register any straggler's

M/S/P:

**Insurance:** Do we need to keep out Workman's Comp Insurance since we do not have a full time employee. If we have a payroll we need to keep it.

- April will check with our insurance company as to how we go about that.
- Are we getting ice at the Alltel Center? If we do April will need to get a copy of our insurance binder for New Ulm and the Alltel Center.

**Expansion and Growth:** Kirk Swenson

- Kirk met with Mark Knoefft and they really do not have a plan. We can do about as little or as much as we want to in order to take over a rink by Mankato West. A metal building is about comparable price wise as far as putting up a bubble over the ice.
- Kirk and Darren are going to visit with Paul at ASA to get his thoughts.
- Darren has visited with someone from the Mankato Jaycees and they are willing to give some funds towards the ice project.
- It has been recommended that we attend the next City of Mankato meeting as a representative of MAHA regarding funds that are set aside for ice expansion.
- Ground is bad under one of the rinks that would need to be repaired.
- Darren and Kirk will work with some local businesses to solicit donations once we know what we need.
- The City would be ok with us taking over a rink if we keep it up and make sure it stays in good condition.
- At the City Council meeting we will not say anything unless it is mentioned that the funds will be going away.
- The Jaycees would like to see an actual plan before they give us any funds.
- To be more economical would it make more sense to put in a 4 on 4 rink that is smaller.
- City would like to use the money by the end of 2010.
- We could also consider putting up a warming house and a small concession stand. We would have to look at mandatory volunteer hours to make that part of it work.

**Sponsorships** – Traci Hays/Mike Steindl

- Working on updated spreadsheet. Will get it out to the group sometime within the next week.
- Up to 14 new sponsors
- WOW Zone is still on the fence
- Liv Aveda is not sure
- Big Dog is in, need to confirm the amount
- Edward Jones has committed to \$750.00
- Rounder's is in, has not committed to an amount
- Blind's and More, need to contact Brooke or Dan Devenport
- Mike and Traci will get together to complete our lists and then send it out to the Board
- Darren has talked to Paul Allen about the stickers on the windows. This will now be a cost of the Goals For Kids. Paul will get back to Darren.

**Operations Committee:** nothing to report

**Registrar Report** – Holli Loe

- E-mailed out the numbers from Registration

**Communications:** – Dave Breiter

- Has been making many updates to the web site
- April has a master e-mail list of individuals that are fundraising and she will give it to Dave Breiter so we can implement mass e-mails within the association. She still need to obtain mini-mite e-mails from Sue.
- Puck Systems has a feature that we could use so individuals can sign up to receive information via e-mail. Dave will work on this to get it implemented.
- Brenda Christenson will be getting Dave the dates for placements etc. to get it on the website.

**Handbook:** Point out the changes that are being proposed.

- Reviewed the changes that were proposed.
- Squirt C's/Developmental League will receive a refund of \$85.00. The only thing they are losing is their away games. There will also be some mites moving up that will need to pay the additional funds to get up to the Squirt level fee. HOC Committee is working on putting this in writing so everyone will be aware of how it is going to work. HOC is meeting on Wednesday so hopefully they can focus on this topic so we can get something in writing and get it on the website.
- If parents request that their child be on the Squirt C team can we automatically put them there? Do they need to still go through placements?

**By Laws:** Article 2.3 Motion to change to 13 directors

M/S/P: Darren/ Tresa

Article V – Annual Membership meetings eliminate Mankato Free Press and post on MAHA website.

M/S/P: Mike/Kirk

Article VI – Operations Chair shall over change this committee

M/S/P: Lynette/Char

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M/S/P: Sue/Darren

Article VII 7.1.1 – Appoint an individual to chair this position  
M/S/P: Tresa/Darren

Eliminate: Section about reimbursement of expenses.  
M/S/P: Dave/Char

Removal of Operations Manager to Chair  
M/S/P: Mike/Tresa

**MAHA Night at Rounder's:**

- Sell adult tickets at \$10.00 and \$5.00 for kids.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> should work from noon to 4:00pm
- Need to get a committee together
- This is good with the Board so Traci Hays will work with Willie to get this confirmed and get tickets printed.

**MAHA night at Maverick's games:**

- December 18<sup>th</sup> against Omaha

**Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Tournaments:**

- Dates need to be confirmed.

**Mankato Hockey Day:**

- Brenda will try to fit this into the schedule

**Board Member Stipend: Sue Salzle**

- No one on the Board will take home a check and whatever we do will not be over \$600.00. Possibly giving back to the Board members \$100.00 or \$200.00 per Board member up to a maximum of 2 kids that would go towards your registration fee to help to give back and show appreciation for our time.
- Was mentioned how will this look to the rest of the Association?
- If we are short on our budget should we be taking away from the Association and giving back to individuals.
- Should we look at just certain positions?
- Should we look at Registrar, Controller and Secretary positions?
- We have also talked about getting the Board members jackets. Asked each board member to go to Play It Again Sports and try one on and have Steve mark down your size.

**Registration Re-Cap:**

- Comments were made that this was the best registration we have ever had.
- Thank you to Mike for the sandwiches
- SI donated \$100.00 in cash
- Pepsi, Angie's Kettle corn, Hy-Vee, Erbert's and Gerbert's and Sports Institute. These businesses will receive Thank You's from MAHA.
- Thank you to all of the volunteers from the Association that helped.

**Approval for a New Registrar Printer:**

- Take the old one back to Q-Computers and trade the old one in. Approve up to \$150.00.  
M/S/P: Kirk/Tresa

**Tournament Committee:**

- May need to make some changes as to what tournaments we host. Tournament committee will make that decision and post everything on the website.

\*\* Need to go through the website and make sure that Dan's name is removed\*\*

**Follow-up Business:**

- Move Up Policy - need to put recommendation together for HOC (table until August)
- E-Board will put together a proposal regarding the stipend for the Registrar, Controller and Secretary positions. (table until October)

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

- Preliminary Budget discussion (table until October)

**Next Regular Meeting**

Monday, October

Location NMFD at 7:00pm

**Adjournment:** 9:00pm

Motion to adjourn

M/S/P: Tresa/Lynette