

EAST GRAND FORKS BLUE LINE CLUB
GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

Meeting called to order by Mark Cowger at 8:06 p.m.

Board Members present: Mark Cowger, Greg Boppre, Mark Dragich, Beth Seydel, Linda Peterson, Nick Bowen, Mike Lukasz, Todd Freese

Previous minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Greg Boppre, seconded by Mark Cowger. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Beth Seydel as follows:

General Account	\$ 16,071.33
Building Account	\$ 62,694.56
Concession Account	<u>\$ 22,358.77</u>
TOTAL	\$ 101,124.66

Motion to approve was made by Linda Peterson, seconded by Mark Dragich. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Concession Report was given by Mike Lukasz. He introduced the new concession manager, Kelly McGlynn. He reported that the Concession Stand will be open for "Fight Night" on Saturday, September 25, 2004. They are planning to sell hot dogs, pizza, nachos – keep it simple. He spoke with Coke regarding the Fall Party on October 16. The trailer is not available, but Coke will set up a fountain. The purchase of a grill to be able to serve hamburgers was discussed. Concerns were expressed about the venting.

Motion to approve the Concession Report was made by Beth Seydel, seconded by Todd Freese. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gaming Report was given by Roberta Stengl as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$ 30,084.23
Income	2,529.86
Expenses	(1,873.22)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 30,740.87
Cash Banks (4)	\$ 2,000.00
Total Cash Funds Available	\$ 32,740.87

Roberta also reported that she received 2 letters from the IRS. She gave them to Dale Schmitz, Blue Line Club accountant.

Motion to approve was made by Greg Boppre, seconded by Mark Dragich. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

World Juniors: Greg Boppre reported that the committee had a successful meeting last week with a lot of discussion. Mayor Stauss is full of enthusiasm for this project and what it can do for our community. Various sponsorship levels proposed (see attached). Suggestion to have local kids skating with team flags as players line up and have them present each player a medal. Gary and Greg are working on meal/tickets/transportation plan through the local service clubs – Eagles, American Legion, VFW. Cost not yet determined. The BLC will need to get out and sell them, proceeds will go toward the Crestwood Arena. Tickets should be available soon. Type of ticket was discussed – a single ticket with a detachable stub to save as a souvenir was mentioned. Planning for 3500 tickets. Dave reported that he told the communities at the District Meeting that they would be \$10 per ticket.

Dave asked for direction on what size of medal to purchase. Costs are as follows for 500 medals:

- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " - \$2.40/each
- 2" - \$2.95/each
- 3" - \$3.95/each

Medals will be for the players and the corporate sponsors. Todd recommended that we go no smaller than 2". Dave thought maybe 3". Greg suggested a meeting with Dave Aker and Dale Skyberg of City Parks & Rec to decide what they want to put on the medal. A 3-4 week lead time is needed for the medals.

The Figure Skaters asked if they can perform between periods. Time is structured. Mark Cowger will find out if it is possible.

Fall Party: Appreciation Party is set for Saturday, October 16, 2004 at the Crestwood Building. Food will be served from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, pop. Music from 8:30-12:30. Committee is still looking into a live band vs. D.J. Cuckoo's Nest will provide alcoholic beverages. Free will donation. We want to get the community into the Crestwood Arena Building to see what we are doing. Will have tables for membership, apparel, print sale. Party will be advertised in the Exponent, we will add something to the annual winter sports newsletter sent out by Parks & Rec, and we will have someone at Hockey sign-up on October 6 at City Hall.

Raffle: Linda Peterson reported that she has 78 books left. She has gotten approximately 30 back so far.

Hockey Print: Roberta Stengl reported that Matt is working on it. So far they have pictures of 11 different jerseys. He is still looking for pictures of people and info on the building of the VFW arena. They have stuff on the Civic Center and trips to State, mostly from annuals and the Exponent. They also have photo of original hockey team.

Membership: Todd Freese reported that membership has been up the past 3 years. They will be set up at the Fall Party and at Hockey sign-ups. They are planning to go to coaches/parent meetings, especially among the younger age groups. The goal is to have someone at every meeting. Mail-out suggested to reach older folks who may not have kids in the program any longer (i.e. grandparents). Possibility of a board for each arena listing member names. Todd stressed the need to get people involved. A cost breakdown was suggested to outline costs for our program versus costs for private clubs (GF) to help people understand how affordable it is to play hockey in EGF. Darrell Conely asked about getting "E" decals for members. Todd indicated that each paid membership would receive a decal. Membership dues set at \$25.

Crestwood Arena Update: Greg Boppre reported that they have poured concrete. They need the alignment of the rink to put lights up. A big thank you to Gary Morin, he has furnished a lot of equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Referendum for Civic Center Improvements: Mayor Stauss and Councilmember Tweten were at the board meeting to talk about the proposed referendum for the Civic Center improvements. A copy of the proposed plan and an outline of the Estimated Tax Impact were passed around for members to look at. The passing of this referendum will require a lot of effort from various organizations: BLC, NLFSC, Arts & Crafts Council, Sports Boosters. Kim Wolfe mentioned that she was very upset by the column written by Steve Gust in the Exponent. She questioned his bias against the proposed referendum. Lots of discussion about Gust's column, and whether or not to respond in the Exponent. Short time frame before referendum vote - everyone needs to be talking positively about it. Error noted proposed plan: the girls are not expanding their locker room - they do not currently have one.

Parks & Recreation - Dave Aker

- Need info for the winter sports newsletter, i.e. membership info and fall party info. Mailing on September 29th. Request for BLC to pay half of the postage as has been done in the past. Motion made by Todd Freese, seconded by Jim Enright to approve payment of half of the postage for the newsletter. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. Beth will get membership form ready for newsletter.
- Hockey Sign-Ups will be on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. at City Hall in the rotunda.

- Hockey Clinics start October 21. Tryouts for Bantams start November 1 or 2.
- Discussion about purchasing ice time from Grand Forks. UND sold Olympic Ice to the Supras and Blues. We may be able to get some ice time – price \$100/hour. More ice time would be beneficial, especially for the squirt and younger teams. Darrell Conely made a motion to buy as much ice as possible. Todd Freese seconded the motion. Mark suggested that we limit the amount to whatever Dave feels is necessary. We purchased 38 hours total last year, purchase will depend upon availability. A motion to authorize Dave Aker to purchase 20 hours of ice time in Grand Forks was made by Todd Freese, seconded by Darrell Conely. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
- HEP (Hockey Educational Program) – Presentation at Xcel Energy Center on September 25. To educate parents with regard to problems with coaches/refs/parents. There will likely be a tape made to be shown at parent meetings. Not mandatory this year.
- Fair Play Points – Teams will be allowed only so many penalty minutes. Will reward teams with low amounts of penalty minutes: PeeWee – 12 minutes or less = 1 point; Bantam – 14 minutes or less = 1 point. These points will go on standings.
- No Dodge Test Drive this year.
- EGF tournaments are filling up, see Parks & Rec for schedule. Away tournaments are scheduled as follows: PeeWee A/B - Hibbing and Moorhead; Bantam B – Bemidji and Moorhead; Bantam A – Moorhead and St. Cloud; Squirts – Fargo. Dave asked whether or not BLC wants to support entry fees again. Bantam A paid by VFW. Mark recommended that we continue as before.
- Strong recommendation to coaches to wear helmets at practices.
- They will be testing younger kids. We will be able to see where kids are at compared with others throughout the state, should prove helpful for coaches and kids.

Civic Center Weight Room: Jim Enright mentioned that nothing has been done for a few years in the Civic Center Weight Room and it needs some improvements. He requested \$499 for these improvements. Greg expressed concern about access. Rink attendants have keys, can let coaches in. Motion by Greg Boppre to authorize \$499 for improvements, seconded by Todd Benson. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled for October 20, 2004: 7:00 p.m. Board/8:00 p.m. General at American Legion Club.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lukasz for Sue Johnson

WORLD JUNIOR EXHIBITION GAME

DECEMBER 23, 2004

PROCEEDS TO HELP FUND THE

CRESTWOOD ARENA

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

>\$2,500 **LISTED IN PROGRAM**
ADVERTISING
COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL
8 TICKETS
8 MEALS
JACKET
RESERVED SEATING
AUTOGRAPHED JERSEYS

\$1,000 **LISTED IN PROGRAM**
ADVERTISING
COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL
4 TICKETS
4 MEALS
JACKET
RESERVED SEATING

\$500 **LISTED IN PROGRAM**
ADVERTISING
COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL
2 TICKETS
2 MEALS
RESERVED SEATING

\$250 **LISTED IN PROGRAM**
ADVERTISING
COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL
2 TICKETS
RESERVED SEATING

\$100 **LISTED IN PROGRAM**
ADVERTISING