

**Mankato Area Hockey Association
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 Monday, May 10, 2010
 North Mankato Fire Hall
 North Mankato, MN**

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

Jason Westerlund, Pres.	x	Dave Breiter	x	Holli Loe	E	Shelli Nornis	x
Kirk Swenson, V.P.	x	Darren Bruns	x	Chad Lebert	x		
Sue Salzle, Treas.	x	Lynette Cline	E	Tresa Lacina	E		
Traci Hays, Secretary	x	Shaun Reddy	x	Char Rivers	x		
Mike Steindl	x	Jeff Nickels	x	Steve Zellmer	x		

Other Members

Jo Nickels, Gambling Mgr.	E						
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Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Jason Westerlund, President
Guests: Tom Christenson, HOC

Review and Approve current agenda

Motion to approve agenda
 M/S/P: Darren/Steve

Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting

General discussion covering the minutes. Motion to approve minutes.
 From last month's meeting minutes Shelli Norris's name was corrected.
 M/S/P: Chad/Darren

Tom Christenson – District 9 Director/HOC Committee Chair

- Took position to make sure that that someone with hockey knowledge was in the position. Very important for the development of a new District. This will be a positive thing in regards to protecting our District. Mankato is the second largest Association in the District.
- Feels he can still do a good job as the HOC Committee Chair in addition to his duties as District 9 Director.
- The Board for District 9 is set up the same as District 4 was.
- By Laws are written, Non Profit is also taken care of. They still need to establish the rules of the District.
- Currently looks like there will not be a league for the Squirt C's or Pee Wee C's. In Rochester, the only group of their C teams that travel is their Bantam C teams.
- District 8 used to have a B1 and B2 league. We will need to see how things progress before we will know what we will have for leagues.
- Most likely we will not have trouble with our Squirt teams; however, we may have trouble with finding Pee Wee C teams to play.
- Next Board meeting for District 9 they will determine the leagues.

- Each Association in District 9 contributed \$300.00 dollars to get things up and running. (Website etc).
- Montgomery will probably merge with another Association. We are down to 14 Associations. New Prague is now part of District 6.
- There will be quite a few "A" teams. There will be a large group of girls "B" teams. There are 12,879 players registered in District 9 and 493 coaches.
- There will be more teams that will not have any "A" teams.
- Rochester will have 2 Bantam A teams, 2 Bantam B teams and 3 Pee Wee A teams.
- Tournaments are all to be determined.
- Regions will now be bracketed tournaments double elimination.
- State Tournament will now be 2 days.
- District 4, District 9 and District 8 will be in Regions.
- District 9 will host the Pee Wee A and Pee Wee B Regional tournaments. These will go out for bid within the District.
- District 9 will need to determine if they want to put together a Squirt C league.
- 2 day District meeting will be held in Rochester, May 22nd and 23rd. A lot of things will be determined this weekend.
- We may want to think about bidding for a District tournament rather than a Regional tournament.
- It would be nice to host tournament for our home teams.
- Tom recommended that we have 2 signatures on our checks to protect Sue. There have been some situations recently where embezzlement has been an issue.
- Statistics indicate that we lose a lot of kids from Mites to Squirts.
- USA Hockey website has a whole section in relation to Retention of our players.
- Scholarship dollars are available, apply on line at usahockey.org.
- MN Wild is one of the biggest supporters of USA Hockey.

Update on Hockey within Mankato:

- We foresee that East boys team is going to need some of our Bantams in order to make a team
- Tom met with Waterbury and Ken Essay and it has been determined with East and West that they will not take anyone younger than a freshman unless they try out and can play varsity.
- It was definitely stated that East and West would not merge to become one team in the future.
- It is time to find someone to be Tom's successor as the HOC Chair.
- Brenda did a great job as our Ice Scheduler, we hope she will continue to schedule for MAHA.

Gambling Manager Report and Expense Approval:

Reviewed the LG1004.

- Total site profit for the month ending 4/30/10 (\$6588.00)
- With so many of the Board members being new within the last year or so it would be good if Jo Nickels could give a recap of the Gambling reports that are submitted on a monthly basis. Would like to have Jo explain what goes into certain calculations to get the end result.
- Is there a better way to handle our year end as far as transferring funds from the Gambling account to the General Fund so they both hit on the same day.
- A question was brought up regarding auditing etc. of both the gambling funds as well as the general fund. This is a result of the recent findings of fraud in a neighboring association. The gambling side is audited very strictly and the general fund is reviewed as well.

Motion: Board would like to have a refresher/recap as to what goes into the Allowable Expense number. Also, who are the recipients of the additional allowable expenses?

M/S/P: Mike/Shawn

Treasurers Report: - Sue Salzle

- Reviewed the Check Register
- As of 5/10/10 the balance in our account is \$46,977.05.
- In order to complete the 990 form we use Gambling numbers as well
- We rolled our CD for 18 months at 1.55% at Northern Star Bank
- Net cash position is \$222,000.00 which is comprised of CD's.
- Chad would like to see some of our additional funds go towards keeping registration fees the same, increase coach's per diems and add some additional ice time.

Approved the Check register

M/S/P: Mike/Steve

Fundraising Report: Char Rivers

- April will stay on if still has a child in MAHA.
- Option was proposed "Pucks for Bucks" – information was submitted as to how the program will work.
- Pucks for Bucks would be good to do at a different time of the year other than around registration. If we decide to make this our only fundraiser it is based on numbers, so we need to know how many are participating.
- Is it best to stay with the Hams and Coffee as our money makers and present the Pucks for Bucks as a way to earn additional cash in your pocket. We will still need to sell calendars.
- Do an e-mail blast and take a vote on the website to see what the association thinks.
- Will decide next month what our fundraising plan is as far as combinations and supplemental.

Expansion and Growth: Kirk Swenson

- Nothing to report

Sponsorships – Mike Steindl

- Paul Ostoff indicated that Bauer has donated equipment to help outfit their players in the program.

Operations Committee: Tom Christenson/Shawn Reddy

Tom's report is above in the minutes.

Registrar Report – Holli Loe

No report submitted

Communications: – Dave Breiter

Tournament Committee: Traci Hays

- Need to set up a time to meet with the HOC/Tom C. to determine how many tournaments MAHA will host for the upcoming season.

Follow-up Business:

- Grant Preston, bid for Photography for MAHA – June Meeting

- Budget proposal for next month
- Fundraising
- Volunteer plan

Next Regular Meeting

Monday, June 14th, 2010

Location NMFD at 7:00pm

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn

M/S/P: Shaun/Steve