

EHA October Minutes  
October 18, 2010

**Attendance:** Judy Goodman, Bob Levy, Joanne McGarry, Todd Shuman, Carrie Knowles, Jim O' Neill, Dan Rectenwald, Billy Klein, Kathleen Vorlicky, Dan McGraw, Peter McComber, Renee Hunzelman.

**Absent:** Peder Larson, Jon Foust, Pat Foley, Jon Palmer, Russ Lemker, Tom Terwilliger.

**EHS Coaching Staff:** Head Coach Curt Giles presented an update on the program along with assistant coach Dave Terwilliger and EHS Coach Liaison Mike Wagner. Coach Giles said he and his staff would love to help, especially at the C level. Teams that are interested may contact Coach Liaison Mike Wagner. Coach Giles also gave an overview of what high school teams will be strong this year. He noted Edina Mites will be skating three times a season during the EHS home games and that a State Tournament banner raising will be taken place this fall. Coach Giles then discussed the issues relating to association hockey vs. regionalized hockey from USA Hockey. He concluded by commenting on the uniqueness of Minnesota hockey and the state tournament.

**Approval of Minutes:** Dan Rectenwald made a motion to approve the September minutes. The motion was approved.

**Finance Report:** Jon Palmer was absent so a financial report will be given at the next meeting. Jon will be rewriting the financial aid section of the guidelines.

**Team Posting:** A discussion was made whether to publish all tryout information online. Peter McComber will be leading the administration of tryouts. All information will be posted on the website and alphabetized by group.

**Drafts and tryouts:** The first round of tryouts has been completed (PeeWees, Bantams and U12). Board Members fielded several comments about the length of the Bantam tryouts. This was due to lack of ice according to Bob Levy. The team drafts also went late in the evenings (for some age groups) and timely notification of the players was challenge if done by phone. The U12's utilized postings on the web page instead of

phone calls, and reported that this worked well. Peter McComber, who is leading the administration of tryouts, suggested that we leverage the electronic posting and email approach for the upcoming October/November tryouts (Squirts, U14, U10).

**Manager Training:** Judy Goodman and Renee Hunzelman are in the process of holding Manager Training meetings for all the teams at Braemar. Checkbooks must be picked up in person the US Bank on 50th & France. Renee Hunzelman will be taking over the checkbook management for the EHA Board.

**Tournaments:** Lesli Raash will be assisting the EHA with tournament management. The Cake Eater Tournament is well underway and the information is off to District 6. A discussion was made about board member commitment expectations (aka: all board members will need to work shifts too).

**Coaching Committee Update:** Tom Terwilliger is working on the November 20 conference. Pat Foley is trying to formalize the coaching plan for the Mites and Squirts, as well as have a EHA message to share at the November 20 training session. Erik Hendrickson described the coaching plans he has issued for all the girls' levels. Hendrickson noted many large associations have hired professionals to manage the coaching program.

**Ice Management:** Because of the West Rink construction, ice availability is limited. Judy Goodman is working on adjusting tryout times for U10 and Squirts.

**Recycling Practice Jerseys:** This try to implemented this season, starting at the upcoming tryouts. Dan McGraw is spearheading this.

**Toast To Hockey:** Carrie Knowles reported preliminary deposits of \$38,161. Total expenses were \$12,576.30 which nets \$25,458. Final numbers will be reviewed by Treasurer Jon Palmer. Attendance was down in comparison to prior years, perhaps due to registration fees being due at the same time. However, strong live and silent auctions offset the lower numbers.

**Mite Registration:** Close to 400 Mites (Boys?) have registered thus far. We received over 100 late registrations. Last year was 413 Mites,

according to Todd Shuman and Carrie Knowles. They expect the registration numbers to meet or exceed last year's level. We have twenty-two teams and may even have 23. The Girls Mites will have eight or nine teams with approximately 130 (or more) players. Ice (for the increased team count) is not going to be available to finalize until after the November ice draw. It was suggested to start registration earlier next year to more accurately predict team counts.

Thirty-two goalie bags are needed between both programs. The goalie bags checkout system will be managed by Stauber's Goalcrease.

**Goalie Evaluations and Management:** Mixed reaction was felt surrounding the grading of goalies at the first round of tryouts. Many coaches used the evaluator feedback only to guide their drafts.

It was again pointed out Mite goalie equipment needs to be checked out at Stauber's Goalcrease. Two weeks after the conclusion of the Mite Season (March 5) equipment must be returned. A group goalie clinic will be held for the girls' Mites. It will be limited to 12 kids, according to Erik Hendrickson.

**Mite Referee Program:** No student referees will be needed for the Mite Program; it will be handled by the coaches.

The meeting concluded at 9:50.

**Next meeting:** November 15, 2010 at Braemar Arena at 7:05 pm