

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Board members present include Brian Jones, Char Stark, Brian Dooley, Lisa Foster, Jim Boogren, Rick Erredge, Brooks Savage, Ryan Stoffel, Matt Larson, Mike Lavin, Paul Huettl, and Dustin Vogelgesang. Absent were Marc Chorney and Kellie Sundheim.

Approval of Agenda: Ryan Stoffel made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Brian Dooley. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Rick Erredge made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Jim Boogren. Motion passed.

Financial Update (Char Stark):

Char presented the monthly financial documents to the Board. Bank account is sitting at approximately \$226,000 without receiving any ice bills from the City of Hastings. Char is still working to collect about \$4,300 in outstanding accounts receivables, which are basically sponsorships. Team fees are due February 1, 2012. At this point, the budget looks like it will break even at the end of the fiscal year. Matt Larson made a motion to approve the financial documents, second by Brian Dooley. Motion passed.

Presidents Briefing (Brian Jones):

- January 2012 Hastings Hockey Update was emailed to the membership and covered a number of topics such as “save the dates”, Hockey Night/Day, Board of Directors election, and raffle tickets.
- Met with Barry Bernstein, Hastings Parks and Recreation Director, for a status meeting. We discussed a variety of topics including the training facility and several things related to the arena (trophy locations, murals, jerseys, banners, coach lockers, etc.). Many of these things have been discussed with Sliv who was supportive of improvements and changes to the extent possible. Most likely Barry will form a committee involving representatives from the city, high school, and HHB to look at arena aesthetics.
- Received an email from Dave Greengo that encompassed a variety of concerns and suggestions pertaining to goalies. Dave and I will be sitting down to talk about next steps to address these, many of which are already on the Board’s list of items to review in advance of next season.

District 8 Update (Brian Dooley):

District 8 representatives received a letter from Dave Margenau, President of Minnesota Hockey, providing several recommendations to coaches, officials, and hockey players related to player safety in light of the recent injury to Jack Jablonski from Benilde-St. Margaret’s. Level directors are to forward that information via email to their coaches as soon as possible. The letter will be sent to everyone in Minnesota Hockey via their monthly newsletter that will be coming out in the next week.

The next District 8 meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2012 at the St. Paul Park American Legion (7:00pm). An agenda has not been distributed.

Director Updates:

Blue Mites: Ryan Stoffel – everything is going well at the Blue Mite level. Need to get medals for the end of the season.

Gold and White Mites: Brooks Savage – season is going very for coaches, parents, players, etc.

Squirts: Jim Boogren – motion by Jim Boogren, second by Matt Larson to move a goalie from the white mite level to in-house squirt level (Mavericks) for the remainder of this season. The in-house squirt team has been unable to find kids who are willing to play goalie, and the other in-house squirt teams have two individual players who are skilled and regular goalies (one of whom joined after the season started). Thus, circumstances for goalies have changed significantly since the season started. Motion passed. Brooks Savage requested that the minutes reflect that he voted “no” on the motion.

Peewees: Rick Erredge – season is also going very well. The teams are competitive and having fun, and nothing else to report.

Bantams: Marc Chorney emailed his report – everything is going well and no issues to deal with. No complaints from parents or coaches. The Big Chill Bantam A/B Tournament was a success this past weekend. We received a lot of compliments from visiting parents. The Bantam A’s took 3rd place and the Bantam B’s took 2nd place. Jim Foster, Tournament Coordinator, and his crew did a great job running the tournament.

Jr. Gold: Matt Larson – received a couple player suspensions in the last month. Matt has talked to the Jr. Gold head coach about the suspensions.

Girls: Mike Lavin – U10A/B teams are not playing in districts and have notified District 8 as requested. U12A team won another tournament this past weekend. We will be scheduling a coaches meeting between Jeff Corkish and his staff and all U8-U14 coaches.

Hockey: Dustin Vogelgesang – level directors need to forward letter from Dave Margenau related to checking from behind to all our coaches (see District 8 report above).

Operations: Paul Huettl – nothing to report at this time.

Volunteers: Lisa Foster – we are half way through the season and so far the parents of 206 players have completed their volunteer hours. 177 mite parents have not done any volunteer hours and 58 traveling parents have not done any volunteer hours. Lisa will be posting volunteer hours for Hockey Night this week. There are 36 credit hours remaining for the district playoffs we are hosting in March. At this point, it looks like we may cover all of our necessary volunteer hours this season.

Technology Update: No Report.

Secretary Update: No Report.

Old Business:

Training Facility: Marc Chorney emailed his report - pledge cards have been handed out to all traveling teams, squirts and JV and varsity teams. We are still putting a plan together with Brooks Savage for the mites. The plan was to hand out cards personally and pick up the cards personally 1 week later. Picking up the cards has not been going very well. It has been much harder to pick up the cards, and there are still many outstanding. The lack of HHB member support to this point has been disappointing.

New Business:

Hockey Night: Brian Jones provided an update on the 3rd Annual “Hockey Night Party” on Friday, February 3, 2012 sponsored by the Green Mill and Hastings Hockey Boosters. The adults only event will include complimentary tap beer and house wine, a pasta dinner, live band “Kooky Uncle Tony”, as well as a prize raffle drawing, meat raffle, ring toss, and much more. It will be held at the Green Mill Event Center in the Premier Bank Building in Hastings from 6:00pm to midnight. There is a committee that has been meeting on this event for the last several weeks covering event logistics, band, food and drinks, games, donations, advertising, etc. We welcome more raffle prize donations.

Hockey Day: Char Stark provided an update on “Hastings Hockey Day”, which is Saturday, February 4, 2012. This will be a day of fun from sunrise to sunset with all levels of hockey playing on the Hastings Civic Arena east and west rinks. The Hastings Hockey Boosters have scheduled a home game for all in-house and traveling teams, and a detailed schedule will be posted on the website this week. Char and Tara Donahue Weiss have been trying to improve and continue the fun things at Hastings Hockey Day with plans this year for “Mr. and Ms. Hockey” autograph signing, face painting, tattoos, hockey hair contest, chuck a puck, additional morning concession options, etc.

Sponsorship Opportunity: Brian Jones received a request from a Hastings Youth Lacrosse representative seeking a quote to advertise their program and/or registration information on the HHB website. The HHB Board discussed the sponsorship opportunity and declined to pursue it at this time for a number of reasons, including but not limited to: not wanting to upset existing large sponsors already on that site, not sure how many other youth sports would be interested in advertising on the site, we are in the middle of putting together a comprehensive sponsorship program that may impact this decision, etc. The Board was very appreciative of the sponsorship interest and plans to reconsider it during the next year.

Coach Evaluations: Brian Jones asked whether the Board is interested in sending out coach evaluations to our parents at the end of this season. Evaluations were not done last year based mainly on the fact that the response rate has been very low. The Board decided to do coach evaluations following the 2011-2012 season and Dustin agreed to spearhead the process.

HHB Board of Directors Elections: The Hastings Hockey Boosters will hold the annual Board of Directors Election on Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Hastings Civic

Arena. Persons wishing to run for an open Board position must submit a letter of intent to the Board Secretary, Kellie Sundheim at secretary@hastingshockey.com by midnight on January 31, 2012. Candidates should include information on their background, state why they are running for a particular Board position, and what they hope to accomplish during their term. Candidate declarations will be posted on the HHB website and copies will be provided at the election site. The following Board positions are open for two year terms: Vice President, Treasurer, Director of Hockey (formerly Coach-in-Chief), Director of Junior Gold, Director of Peewees, Director of Squirts, and Director of Mites (Blue). More information about each Board position can be found in the current HHB Handbook at www.hastingshockey.com or people can contact Brian Jones at president@hastingshockey.com. The Board decided that names of persons submitting letters of intent will be posted immediately to the website when received, and the letters will all be posted online and at the arena on February 1, 2012.

Proposed Handbook Revisions Regarding Tryouts: Brian Jones tabled his proposal and will put it on the February 2012 board meeting agenda.

Honorary Membership: motion by Matt Larson, second by Ryan Stoffel to make Brad Stepan an Honorary Member of HHB. Motion passed.

In-House Squirt Gopher Team Played in Woodbury Tournament: Board recently learned and discussed the fact that the In-House Squirt Gopher Team played in a Woodbury Tournament on January 5-8, 2012. The Board did not authorize the team or coaches to travel and play in this tournament, and did not know that it was happening. The Board reprimanded the coaches and has agreed to support a request from the other two in-house teams to do an outdoor tournament behind the Hastings Civic Arena for players on the three in-house teams who want to show up in an effort to provide some additional ice time. Director of Hockey will further express to the head coach his disappointment in their decision to play in this tournament, and the entire coaching staff will be evaluated at the end of the season to determine if they will be allowed to coach in the organization in future years.

Board Comment: None

Membership Comment: None

Adjournment: Brian Dooley made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, second by Char Stark. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2012 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Brian Jones.