

**Mankato Area Hockey Association
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 Monday, November 10, 2008, 7:00 PM
 North Mankato Fire Dept.
 Howard Drive, North Mankato, MN**

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

Jason Westerlund, Pres.	E	Dave Breiter	X	Holli Loe	X
Jeff Nickels, V.P.	X	Darren Bruns	X	Cyndi St. Pierre	X
Sue Salzle, Treas.	X	Lynette Cline	X	Joe Sieberg	E
<i>Traci Hays, Secretary</i>	X	Tim DeSutter	E	Chad Sisco	E
April Austin	X	Ruthann Kragh	A		

Other Members

Dan Devenport, Ops. Mgr.	X				
Jo Nickels, Gambling Mgr.	E				

Meeting Called to Order:

Vice President Jeff Nickels called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Attendance

Special Guests in attendance: Lon Anderson, Mike and Robin Ford, Ellen Wild, Mary Johnson, Char Rivers and Kent Bengtson

Review and Approve current agenda

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

Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting

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

We heard from Lon Anderson who was the spokesperson for the Anthony Ford Foundation. In a past meeting MAHA was asked to act as the 501C and the holding company for the Anthony Ford Foundation Funds. The purpose of the group speaking to the MAHA board was to get support for helping with the upcoming Pond Hockey Tournament on January 10th. The entire Anthony Ford committee was present with the exception of Steve Isakson. Dan Devenport has also been donating his time to this committee as well. The Pond Hockey Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 10th, 2009. There will be a total of 40 teams. Dan Devenport has been asked by the committee to put together the brackets. There will be a U12, U18, over 30 and over 40 divisions. They will have 8 rinks that they are looking to find sponsors for. They have just started going out to businesses to get sponsorships. Would like to work with MAHA to get volunteers to help. Mankato West boys team will be helping and Brady Peters has volunteered to bring out the snow removal equipment. Areas that will

need workers will be food, silent auction and any other positions. The shifts will start at 7:30 am and will go in 2 hours blocks through out the day. Dave Breiter will put it out on the website. April will get a poster made and put it at the rink and all managers will be asked to send something out to their teams. Jeff will present this to the in-house parents. There will be a description of the duties by the sign up board so individuals know what they are signing up for. Duties include: officiating, set-up, food and concessions, take down, registration, parking, silent auction, heaters, sponsors and garbage pick up. The Anthony Ford Committee will provide April with an e-mail address so anyone who has questions can contact them directly. Lon Anderson took April's contact information and will work with her. Thursday, December 20th at Westwood will be the next Anthony Ford Committee meeting. Mike and Robin will meet with Sue Salzle wo get everything switched over regarding the checkbook.

Gambling Manager Report and Expense Approval: - Jeff Nickels

Reviewed and approved LG1004 . The rest of the information was not complete. Authorization of expenditures and the rest of the numbers will come next week.

M/S/P : Darren/April

Treasurers Report: - Sue Salzle

- Presented check register
- Waiting for \$20,000.00 in 2nd half payments to come in.
- Sue will send out a second payment reminder
- 11 bad checks between hams and registration
- 7 checks have been collected by Sue calling to check availability of funds and going to the bank to collect.
- Sue is waiting to get the final coaches pay amounts for the 1st half.
- Need to make Sue has all team treasurer information so checks can be sent out
- Per Diems will be reduced to 2 nights hotel, 6 days meal . Two teams will get 9 days of per diem because they have additional tournaments.
- Sponsorship money is not all in yet
- We need to get a good sponsorship list together so we can call them.
- The checks from the New Ulm tournament that we withdrew from came back.
- One check came back from Eastview for the U12's.
- We are in balance as of now as far as what has been paid out.

M/S/P: Lynette/Darren

Fundraising Report: – April Austin

- April will have an updated report next week.
- Eden Prairie did a fundraiser selling 1 lb packages of coffee. Coffee Company prints the association logo on the bag. April will check into this.
- Wayzata and figure skating do script. Great Lakes Script company. Non-Profits get 20% back off of script that is sold. Can run all year long.
- We will be talking to other associations to see what they do.
- Earned \$10.80 on Growhockey.com. Send out a reminder as how this works.
- Have managers add to their weekly team e-mails.

Motion to accept the fundraising proposals.

M/S/P

Sponsorships – Traci Hays and group

- Send out master spreadsheet to Sue and then to Dan for their input.

Expansion and Growth: – Dan Devenport

- Operations report will come next week.
- HOC has ideas they would like to share with the board as to how they think Dan's position should be re-vamped.
- Coaches are doing well this year so far
- Coaches are sharing knowledge and doing practice plans together.
- Dan will provide 2 reports last month and this month.

Operations Committee: – Dan Devenport

- Report will be submitted at a later date

Registrar Report – Cyndi St. Pierre

No report presented

Communications: – Dave Breiter

- sent out report
- Put together newsletter for meet and greet
- need to discuss next newsletter to go out , what should go in it and should this one be sent electronically and put on the website.
- Items to be included: Stag, Volunteers, Recap of fundraising and the Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Tournament.
- Shoot for the first part of December, get information to Dave by the 5th of December.

Miscellaneous Topics:

- Scorebook training went well – 15 people attended
- Meet and Greet , purpose it to get exposure and introduce ourselves at the rink. Take suggestions and let individuals know what opportunities are available. Make yourself seen and answer questions and address concerns.
- Some topics that may come up are ice time and if there is enough ice.
- We will have 4 or 5 jackets made up so if any Board members are at the rink and would like to wear one they are able to. This way people can distinguish who the Board members are.
- Would like to have 1 designated parent from each team who would act as the board representative. They would attend all board meeting for the season and take back information. We will implement this for the rest of the season.
- Stag: 1 representative from each team will be a member of the committee. They will help to sell tickets, get sponsors. The first meeting is November 19th at Hooligan's. The date for the Stag is TBD.
- Gambling Manager position, no change
- December 3rd and 10th is calendar turn in at the rink.
- Jeff gave a brief update on the Operations Manager position. E-Board has met twice and they have a shell as to what they would like things to look like. We will meet with HOC committee and some coaches would like to have input as well. We will look at our mission statement as to what is best for the players. Next Board meeting we will have the plan and discussion. Want to get things rolling on

this.

Special Election: Char Rivers was voted in. Nominated by Traci and April. Majority ruled.

Equipment Room: On some Saturday in January we will be asking for volunteers to clean out the equipment room and rearrange. Dan has a copier that we need to get rid of.

Follow-up Business -

- Handbook (table until January)
- Move Up Policy (Table until January)

Next Meeting Agenda Items: Operations Manager position

Next Regular Meeting

Monday, December 8th
7:00 PM at NMFD #2

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn
M/S/P: Darren/Holli