

CCHA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 15, 2004
CMSE #30

Board Members Present:

Craig Lervick	President
Robert Jones	President Elect
Mike Ehrmantraut	Treasurer
Paul Berens	Commissioner – Junior Gold
Steve Lundeen	Commissioner – Bantam
Tom Burke	Commissioner – Pee wee
Steve Johnson	Commissioner – Girls
Mike Pederson	Commissioner – Squirt

Others Present:

Shelly West	Website Administrator
Chadd Benson	Arena Manger, Chaska Community Center
Steve Olinger	Director of Hockey Operations
Bob Lanzi	Ice Coordinator

Discussion

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm:

1. Review of financials from October – Ehrmantraut had sent out financials summarizing details through October 31, 2004. Generally, all financials look reasonable at this point in time, but things will be monitored to insure we end up within budgets by year-end. Motion by Berens to approve financials; second by Burke. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Review of Minutes – Minutes from September meeting reviewed. Motion to approve by Lundeen; second by Berens. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Issues with Chaska Community Center – Chadd Bensen from the CCC was present to discuss issues and cooperation with the Community Center. Generally speaking, the ice scheduling has been going very well. When issues do arise, Benson and Bob Lanzi handle them in a very cooperative manner. Dryland facility is up and in operation. From the CCC perspective, all is going well. Thanksgiving Tournament plans appear to be in order and progressing well. Questions were raised regarding scoreboards. There were problems due to humidity, but all issues appear to have been resolved. Both clocks have been checked and will be continuously monitored. Chadd added that the CCC would appreciate help in keeping locker rooms clean and keeping players in check.

4. Ice Scheduling – Bob Lanzi presented an update regarding the status of ice scheduling. Ice has been scheduled through December 31, 2004. Many teams appear to be on schedule, but may need to pick up additional ice time. Ice appears to be available during no school days (e.g. holidays and school vacations) to add time to teams schedules. Bob is also looking into purchasing ice at other facilities. Availability is unknown, but Bob will continue to investigate. Ice schedules and allocations will be monitored throughout season.
5. Hockey Operations Committee – Steve Olinger presented an update regarding the status of several issues, primarily focused on tryouts. See handout from Olinger.
6. In addition to a summary of tryout issues, Steve Olinger submitted his resignation. Steve has enjoyed being a part of the organization, but has found that it has taken more time than he would prefer to spend away from his family and other activities. Additionally, this past tryout process was a bit more unpleasant than the past, motivating him to step down.
7. President's Report – Nothing
8. President Elect Report – Bob Jones outlined upcoming mandatory coaches meeting. All teams must have a head coach present at one of these meetings.
9. Jr. Gold Update – The current roster has 14 players and will make up only one team. Roster will be finalized shortly as HS tryouts will soon be done.
10. Tournament Update – All plans are ready to go. Due to scheduling complications, some teams will play five games while others may play only 4. Other plans are well in place and will be in good shape to put on a quality tournament.
11. Squirt Update – Coordinating with one child regarding birthdate cutoff and need to play at appropriate level. Otherwise, all teams are going strong.
12. Bantam Update – Brian Johnson had inquired regarding update process for coaching certification. He will complete required update by December 31, 2004 on line. Discussion held regarding availability of Flexxcoach for coaching staff within association. Frank Mork will coordinate licenses and access for coaches. Suggestion made to up the increase the volunteer assessment in order to help get volunteers for tryouts. Families could then work back credits by volunteering hours during the tryout process. Steve Lundeen also circulated a draft refund policy for review and discussion. More discussion will take place at next meeting.
13. Girls Update – Question regarding whether members of joint U14 team are eligibility for Hawk Award. Discussion held outlining how Hawk Award was available for all CCHA members, which should include members of that team.

14. Pee wee Update – Next year need to be more diligent in putting together and holding a checking clinic for peewees. In past, it would be beneficial to have this in the spring, immediately following squirt season.
15. Future of Hockey Operations Committee – Following Steve Olinger’s resignation, the board will review the responsibilities of the hockey operations committee (HOC) and begin to investigate: (1) a new person to fill the position of Director of Hockey Operations (DHO), (2) changes to the responsibilities of the HOC and the DHO, (3) the willingness of the remaining members of the HOC to deal with issues that may arise, and (4) review of issues that have arisen in the past regarding the HOC.
16. Fundraising – Discussion on team fundraising held, including the coordination of individual team activities with those of board-sponsored activities. Also, should teams be able to fundraise for themselves or should all activities be conducted at an association wide level. Issues raised include the inequities of certain teams simply having more connections than others and any potential hard feelings that may be created. Also discussed whether fundraising by individual teams may have a negative impact on the activities of the association as a whole. The matter was tabled for further discussion.
17. Dryland – Questions raised regarding the plans for continued use of the dryland facility and feedback to date. Most feedback to date suggested that things are going well, but could be a bit more organized. Motion by Steve Johnson to continue to utilize the dryland facility and to coordinate with Snuggerud and others in an effort to obtain more instruction and guidance for coaches. Second by Ehrmantraut. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Next Meeting: December 20, 2004

HOCKEY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

November 1, 2004

NOTES

SQUIRT TRYOUTS

a. Goalie/Skater

If it doesn't create a substantial amount of new goalies, it was not worth the trouble

b. Skills evaluation

Went well, perhaps change 2nd day to skills with pucks.

c. Don't start scoring over w/scrimmges

Analysis of data to see if 1st yr players were hurt by new procedure.

d. Checking/Penalties

Institute a rule concerning checking/slashing during tryouts

e. Spring Orientation for 2nd year Mites

Set up an orientation in the spring for 2nd yr mites and go over tryouts at that time.

PEEWEE TRYOUTS

a. Institute a checking clinic for incoming Peewees

*Need to establish a checking clinic for incoming Peewees
Concern with injuries for players unaccustomed to checking.*

b. Peewee pool change

Need to change pools from A/B and B/C to A/B, B1/B2, B2/C

BANTAM TRYOUTS

a. Future "C" decisions.

*Need to decide before tryouts whether to try to keep players here or if it is better to rainbow them out.
This year we made the compassionate decision, but perhaps that should be re-evaluated at the end of the season.*

b. Goalie issues

Board made the right decision to do right by the player, but we need to be better prepared next time. If we say that there are goalies elsewhere, we need to firm that up BEFORE tryouts.

HEP

Level 1 clinic on Tuesday, Nov 16
at EP middle school.