

CCHA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 17, 2004
CMSE Room #30

Board Members Present:

Susie Blake	President
Craig Lervick	President-Elect
Mike Ehrmantraut	Treasurer
Paul Berens	Commissioner – Junior Gold
Mike Buller	Commissioner - Bantam
Tom Burke	Commissioner – Pee Wee
Steve Johnson	Commissioner - Girls
Steve Labatt	Commissioner – Squirt
Mike Pederson	Commissioner - Mites
Kevin Buesgens	Commissioner – Mini Mites

2004/05 New Board Members Present:

Bob Jones	President Elect
Kelli Mork	Vice President
Steve Lundeen	Bantam Commissioner

Others Present

Steve Olinger	Director of Hockey Operations
Dave Snuggerud	CHS Boys Varsity Coach

Discussion

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

- **President Report**
 - Motion to approve April 19, 2004 board meeting minutes. Motion carried via e-mail confirmation
 - Certificates of appreciation were distributed to all 2003/04 board members and key volunteers
- **Treasurer**
 - Motion to approve April 2004 financials statements and related listing of disbursements. Motion carried via e-mail confirmation.
 - Tax return is at Roger Menden Accounting Services. An extension was filed on 5/15/04. The return will be completed and ready for board review and approval at the June meeting.
 - Motion to change the signature cards at the bank to represent the 2004/2005 authorized signers. The change will be to remove Susie Blake, Past President and add Craig Lervick, President and Bob Jones, President-Elect, and Mike Ehrmantraut, Treasurer as authorized as authorized signers for the 2004/05 season. Motion carried
- **District 6**
 - Highlights from April 2004 District 6 meeting

- State Tournaments - Minnesota is now hosting the Bantam B and Girls B state tournaments that used to be handled by Let's Play Hockey. Any association hosting these events has to provide facilities for a banquet etc. No team fee for state tourney; profits are from gate receipts. Any subsidy must be requested before the Fall MN Hockey meeting
- D6 – Waiver - Minnesota hockey reviewed D6 waiver policy and wants the following wording added that allows a group to opt out of that policy
- HEP - Kick off this fall at the Xcel Center September 25th Information will be provided to Presidents and Ace Coordinators at June 23rd D6 meeting at Braemar
- Rule Changes:
 - Passed a rule that highly recommends that all coaches wear helmets
 - HS Elite team registration is going to split into two tiers for Fall 2003
 - September 2005 1 vote 1 association -- will eliminate weighted voting based on # of teams
 - Post-Season Recruiting – Coaches are not to recruit players for off-season teams during the winter season. Any coach contacting players before MN hockey state tourney for spring teams will not be allowed to coach for one year
 - 2/3 of team has to be age eligible for that level. Will be an allowance in cases of low player #'s. That allowance must be approved by D6 director.
- Shakopee and Prior Lake - Both associations made presentations to D6 Prior Lake has 16 traveling teams average game is 50 miles away (farthest 185 miles LaCresent). Scott County 6th largest county in the nation. 1 sheet of ice @ Dakotah arena; in the process of looking for a second sheet. Did purchase a zamboni for outdoor ice.
- Administrative
 - President's meeting 6/23/04 6:00 pm Braemar Golf Course
 - Stop patches must be orange only for Fall 2004 season
 - Dodge \$21,000 -- have local association send a letter of thank you to local dealership
- Treasurers Report
 - Tax return completed first time in 10 years
 - Finance committee made recommendation about hiring stipend position for "bookkeeper" Associations to get back to D6 at May meeting
- Brad Hewitt, District Director D6, attended our meeting to meet the new board members discuss open items for District 6
 - Mites
 - D6 will not require birth certificates for mites.
 - Coaching Certification – The district is looking for way to simplify this process for the mite and mini mite level. More details to follow.
 - HEP – Hockey Education Program

- Minnesota Hockey is kicking off a new program called Hockey Education Program this fall. The program will include three areas. More details will be disclosed at the D6 June meeting at Bramear.
 - Coach Education
 - Parent Education
 - Player Education
- Fair Play Points – Scoring system will be modified to include a point for fair play. This score will also be used to determine playoff spots.
- Skill Evaluation – Associations will be responsible for tracking skill scores twice a year. These scores will be entered into a state wide database so the player can see how he/she compares to other players in the state
- Redistricting
 - There has been discussion at the Minnesota Hockey level to redistrict. Prior Lake and Shakopee have approached District 6 see notes above. District 10 (Southeast Metro) is also looking at splitting to make a new district for Owatonna and south. The change would also include making District 10 a Dakota county district to include Apple Valley, Eastview, and Burnsville
 - The CCHA board discussed the proposal from D6 to add Prior Lake and Shakopee. Based on an exchange of correspondence, the board's consensus was that the addition of Prior Lake and Shakopee was acceptable so long as it did not involve the displacement of Burnsville, Eastview and Apple Valley from the district.
- **Director of Hockey Operations Report**

Steve Olinger, Director of Hockey Operations, presented recommendations from the Hockey Operations committee.

- *Ice Shortage*
 - Motion made to approve 1-2 hours less per team if necessary to accommodate additional teams, 3 times/season (1 per month) 6:00 am practice per team, move Wednesday clinics to Sunday night to conserve weekday prime ice. Motion carried.
- *Off Ice Solutions*
 - Dave Snuggerud is spearheading the move to incorporate off-ice training with the CCHA. Initial indications are that it could be done at the arena before or after scheduled practices. A more detailed recommendation will be reviewed by the Hockey Operations Committee and presented to the Board for approval.
- *Early Morning Skate*
 - This worked well last year. We expect more participation this year than last. A motion was made to continue to run the program through the CCHA. Motion carried. Lottery system will be implemented to give all players equal opportunity.

- ***In-Season Clinics***
 - Goalie and player in-season clinics will change to Sunday nights after 4:00 pm to facilitate the CCHA's need for additional weekday ice. Motion was made to approve this recommendation. Motion carried.
- ***Tournaments***
 - The Hockey Operations Committee still wants to keep the maximum number of tournaments. Considering the ice shortage that is anticipated, any ice that we can use outside of Chaska for games will open up more ice at Chaska for practice. A motion was made to approve this recommendation. Motion carried.
- ***Girls U14 team***
 - The CCHA fully anticipates a girls U14 team this season. 8 girls have already committed (not counting HS cuts and potential coop with other communities). There is also the possibility of move ups to round out the numbers; but the Committee would like to avoid that if possible. A motion was made to approve this recommendation. Motion carried.
- ***Tryouts***
 - The Committee recommended keeping the current policy concerning bubble age move ups. It recommended move up policy for skill be added which would read Player opting to move up for skill MUST score in the top five or play "C" at that level. A motion was made to approve this recommendation. Motion carried.
 - Question was asked about status of Mike Reilly, Jr moving to Pee Wee for 2004 season. Steve reiterated the decision made by the board prior to the 2002 tryouts. This player was a 3rd grader that missed the USA hockey deadline for squirts by 13 days (7/13 DOB). He started school in another state which has a different cutoff date than Minnesota. When the family moved in February of 1998, he stayed in the same grade placement as of that state. If he had started school in Minnesota, he would meet the birthday bubble section of our team placement policy and therefore meets our policy to move to pee wee if he so chooses.
 - Motion was made and approved to purchase the hockey tryout software from Holly Nelson for a cost of \$2500. Craig Lervick and Steve Johnson will draft an intellectual property contract to establish ownership of the program. Motion carried.
 - Steve Olinger and Holly Nelson are in the process of updating the tryout documents to reflect the changes approved at the March meeting. An updated document and schedule will be presented at the June meeting.
- ***Budget***
 - The budget should remain the same as last year except for Chuck Nichols. He has requested an increase from 22 hours last season to 60-70 hours this coming season. Chuck would like to run a summer dry-land program and wanted to know if this falls within the Hockey Operations Budget.
 - The board discussed Chuck's request. Past precedence has been to fund only those items that fall with the CCHA winter season. The board has asked Chuck to detail his request so a decision can be made.

