

## Hastings Hockey Boosters

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**November 11, 2008**

**Meeting called to order @ 7:08pm**

**Roll Call:** Members in attendance include: Jeff Kuhn, Jim Koch, Mike McCoy, Matt Klein, Mike Klein, Rob Williams, Todd Wallace, Tracy Pavelka, Kris Porrez, Josh Duerkop, Marty Caneff, Jay Stark and Jerry Baum. Absent was Jerry Claussen.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Rob Williams, second by Jim Koch. All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the October meeting minutes by Todd Wallace, second by Jim Koch. All in favor. Motion to approve the November special meeting minutes by Mike Klein, second by Kris Porrez. All in favor.

#### **Financial Update by Jim Koch:**

A receipt was turned in for reimbursement by a team manager for supplies needed...decided that labels and other office supplies would be purchased in bulk and distributed as needed through the Director of Volunteers. We are still looking for 1 tournament sponsor. We still need to call on ad sponsors for the tournament book, to see if they want to renew their ad this year. The girls tournament date has changed due to a scheduling conflict with a varsity game. This has resulted in a big loss of revenue, since not all teams were able to come on the new date. The drop in registration, along with the girls tourney change and no golf tournament have all contributed in hurting our financial status. Motion to approve the financials by Jim Koch, second by Jeff Kuhn. All in favor.

#### **President's Briefing by Jerry Baum:**

We need the level directors to remind their coaches about some basic courtesies at the arena: cannot get on the ice until the zamboni is done and must get off the ice when the zamboni driver opens the door; if using dividers or other equipment, put away when done, generally need to be respectful of the arena staff and their time. We may need to start locking the locker rooms or at least have more supervision there.

#### **D8 Update by Jeff Kuhn:**

We are trying to get a level 1 coaching certification training session set up in Hastings. Any team that is playing in a tournament outside of the state of MN must let Rich Rakness know in advance (level, dates, location).

#### **Director Updates:**

**Mini-Mites:** Rob Williams – The website is being updated to reflect the new in-house levels. Should we still keep 2 positions (Mini-Mite Director and Mite Director) in place for the in-house levels? Any change that is made needs to go through the by-laws.

**Mites:** Josh Duerkop – The schedules have been distributed. Verified that there is no pre-requisite of knowing how to skate for the entry level (In-House Blue) kids.

**Squirts:** Mike McCoy – First games are coming up.

**Peewees:** Jay Stark – 1 kid was injured and had to leave the program.

**Bantams:** Jerry Claussen not there.

**Jr. Gold:** Todd Wallace – no update

**Girls:** Marty Caneff – no update

**Coach-in-Chief:** Matt Klein – There is a goalie clinic coming up; the dryland facility is getting more use.

**Operations:** Mike Klein – All items have been ordered and received. Just need to return extra jerseys.

**Volunteers:** Kris Porrez – If any level directors have given volunteers hours to anyone, please submit to Kris for tracking. The manager meeting went well – most were in attendance. If there are 2 managers for 1 team, only 1 of them is exempt from the volunteer hours. Also, volunteer checks will only be returned at the end of the season this year, not as hours are completed.

### **Old Business:**

**Tournaments:** The girls tourney may only have the U12B level. We may be able to add the U14 level, need a minimum of 6 teams. We need to make a decision by this coming Sunday at 6pm. The Peewee B2/Squirt A tourney has 11 teams registered at the B2 level, and 4 at the Squirt A level, need at least 2 more there. The Bantam C/Peewee C tourney has 6 teams and 4 teams registered, respectively. It's possible that by asking for the gate fee in advance, some teams were deterred from signing up. If a Canadian team plays in one of our tournaments, they need to be charged an add'l \$50.00 to cover the USA Hockey fee.

**Coach Approvals:** Jeff Kuhn read the Bantam level coaches for approval in Jerry Claussen's absence: Jeff Kuhn as assistant coach for Bantam A, Jeff Bussey as assistant coach for Bantam B, Mike Biskupski and Charlie Ratgen as assistant coaches for Bantam B2, and Jamie Stevens as co-coach for Bantam C. Jeff Kuhn made a motion to approve all coaches as stated above, second by Matt Klein. All in favor.

Jay Stark announced coach approvals for the Peewee level: Jeff Bussey and Greg Jacobson as assistant coaches for Peewee A, Chris Gardell and Brian Siebenaler as assistant coaches for Peewee B, Steve (Butch) Klimek as head coach of Peewee B2, Greg Croucher as head coach and Bob Buck as assistant coach of Peewee C, and Mike McCoy

and Jay Stark both as assistant coaches on the Pee wee B2 and Pee wee C teams. Jay Stark made a motion to approve all coaches stated above, second by Jeff Kuhn. All in favor.

Marty Caneff announced coach approvals for the Girls level: Jay Stark and Mike Minnaert as assistant coaches for U12A, Mitch Horsch as head coach for U12B, Mike Klimek, Kevin Karbo and Darin Berg as assistant coaches for U12B, Matt Cooper and Scott Williams as assistant coaches for U10A, Mike Amy as head coach for U10B, Jerry Harrington and John McKenzie as assistant coaches for U10B. Marty Caneff made a motion to approve all coaches stated above, second by Rob Williams. All in favor.

Mike McCoy announced coach approvals for the Squirts A team: Dave Houska, Lane Cysiewski and Greg Kruse as assistant coaches for Squirt A. Mike McCoy made a motion to approve all coaches stated above, second by Mike Klein. All in favor.

**Dryland:** Mike McCoy gave an update on the dryland facility; everything should be done and ready by this Sunday. He would like to have a schedule on the website for coaches to view. We may need to do some maintenance/resealing on the floor in the summertime. What are we going to do with the leftover sheets of synthetic ice? Keep 5 sheets for arena use, and sell the rest at \$50.00 each.

### **New Business:**

**Extra Scrimmages:** Should teams with a larger number of players be compensated with additional scrimmages? Questions raised were: is it only for C teams or just teams with a certain number of players? What are the numbers of players on Pee wee and Bantam teams now? Pee wee team sizes are 17 (A), 17 (B), 19 (B2) and 19 (C) and Bantam team sizes are 17 (A), 18 (B), 17 (B2) and 19 (C). Matt Klein made a motion to give the Bantam C team only 3 extra scrimmages, second by Mike McCoy. Those in favor were 8, those opposed were 3, motion passed.

**Better Use of Volunteers/Coordinators:** Rob Williams wants to consider adding the following positions: a registration coordinator, a marketing coordinator, helpers for each level director, a tryout coordinator, someone to update the website regularly, a tournament coordinator – 1 for each tournament possibly, someone to arrange a sponsorship party, sweatshirt/sweatpants coordinator, Team store coordinator, helpers to the coach-in-chief to watch/evaluate practices. After some discussion, it was decided that each board member needed to e-mail the secretary their suggestions of what they would be willing to oversee and go from there.

**Team Structure/Tryouts:** We need a better process for tryouts so we don't have so many issues. As it stands right now there is no defined procedure; each level director oversees their tryouts and has the final say. Maybe the A level coaches could work with the C level coaches more. We may need to have additional coaches help out at practices with the C teams sometimes.

**Outdoor Ice Scheduling:** Topic not covered.

**Board Comments:** Jim Koch reported that the sweatshirt orders are going over well and that we need to get someone started on the Team Store.

**Adjournment:** Rob Williams made a motion to adjourn at 9:33pm, second by Kris Porrez. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Green Mill

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Pavelka, HHB Secretary.