

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Roll Call: Board members present include Jeff Kuhn, Mike McCoy, Jenni Johnson, Jim Boogren, Marc Chorney, Paul Huettl, Dustin Vogelgesang, Jay Stark, Brooks Savage, Ryan Stoeffel, Matt Larson and Char Stark. Absent were Mike Klein and Kellie Sundheim.

Approval of Agenda: Dustin Vogelgesang made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Jay Stark. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Jay Stark asked for one correction listed in his Girls Update, otherwise Mike McCoy made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Jim Boogren. All in favor.

Financial Update by Char Stark:

Char handed out the latest financial statement to board members and noted that she still needed to pay out the final ice bill, and is still expecting to collect a few sponsor fees. Marc Chorney made a motion to approve the financials, second by Paul Huettl. All in favor.

Skating Instructor Year-end Recap:

Bryan DeWees addressed the board regarding the skating clinics he put on during the season. Overall, he thinks it was pretty successful as he saw a lot of improvement in skating skills, especially in the younger levels. There would be a few things he would change for next year, mainly cutting back a few sessions for traveling teams so they could use the time to prep for playoffs, and try to get more consistent participation from inhouse team coaches. Bryan stated he hopes to continue to work with our association next year.

D8 Update by Mike McCoy:

The age change proposal was dropped, so it stays at July 1st. There is discussion about changing the level at which checking starts (possibly starting at Bantam level instead of Peewees), in order to reduce injuries and concussions. A vote will take place this summer.

Director Updates:

Mini-Mites: Ryan Stoffel – end of season went well, they were able to get Nordy from the Wild to skate with the kids for the last session.

Mites: Brooks Savage – end of the year tourney/jamboree went well for the Gold and White Mites.

Squirts: Jim Boogren – A Squirts still has districts, the (4) in-house teams had a great end of year tourney. The in-house teams had some controlled scrimmages with other associations this year; it was a good experience for them.

Peewees: Paul Huettl – just has the C team left to play districts.

Bantams: Marc Chorney – also has the C team left to play districts.

Jr. Gold: Matt Larson – U16 team is going to state. The Jr. Gold team came very close, both teams had a successful season this year. Will need to revisit the registration procedures for this level for next year.

Girls: Jay Stark – both U10 teams are finishing this week. Both U12 teams went to playoffs, and the U14 team went to regionals.

Coaching: Dustin Vogelgesang – the year went well overall, no big coaching issues. Coaches clinics were well attended, would like to see more coaches show up for the roundtable discussions. Asked level directors to find out which coaches are returning for next season.

Operations: Jeff Kuhn and Paul Huettl (on Mike Klein's behalf) reminded everyone that all equipment and jerseys must be turned in for the end of the year.

Volunteers: Jenni Johnson – there are about 15 checks that will be cashed for families that did not complete all their DIBS points. We always seem to be short on volunteers at the end of the season, she will work with Lisa Foster on some ideas to help with that for next year.

Old Business:

Training Facility: Marc Chorney said we are moving forward with Davies & Associates to start the fundraising. He will be the Chairperson and will report to the Executive Committee. He has a couple people in mind to be co-chairs, and is hoping to get all the money raised within a few months.

New Business:

A Squirt Coach: will hold off on this until their season is done.

In-House Squirts doing Controlled Scrimmages: Jim Boogren told the board that it went well this year, the players especially liked being able to go to another rink and playing another team, since there were only 4 in-house teams this year. He would like to get some other communities involved next season.

Parent Code of Conduct: Marc Chorney informed the board about an incident in which a parent yelled at a coach during a game. How do we handle such a situation before the referees have to get involved? We can change the wording on the code of conduct sheets in order to further clarify the type of behavior that is not tolerated.

Registrar position: Jeff Kuhn stated that we will be looking for someone to fill Wendy's position since she passed away. For the time being, return the team books to Mike Klein when turning in jerseys, etc.

Board Comment:

Paul Huettl noted that the refs were inconsistent with the in-house squirts from the regular season to the playoff weekend. This is an issue we can talk to Jesse Viall about for next year.

President's Briefing:

This is Jeff Kuhn's last meeting as President. He welcomed new board members including Brian Jones as President, Lisa Foster as Director of Volunteers, Mike Lavin as Director of Girls and Paul Huettl, moving to Director of Operations. Jeff thanked outgoing board members, Mike Klein, Jenni Johnson and Jay Stark. He hopes the program continues to grow and keep it affordable for the community.

Matt Larson commended Jeff Kuhn for his dedication and service to the program.

Membership Comment:

Brad Stepan spoke briefly about the in-house squirt program. Brian Jones addressed everyone stating he is up for the task, and does not take his new position lightly. He is excited to be coming on board and is willing to put in the time and dedication to get it done right.

Adjournment:

Dustin Vogelgesang made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, second by Mike McCoy. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Pavelka, on behalf of Kellie Sundheim.