

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Board members present include Brian Jones, Jim Boogren, Rick Erredge, Brooks Savage, Marc Chorney, Matt Larson, Lisa Foster, Paul Huettl, Char Stark, Jay Stark, Brian Dooley, Jesse Viall, Ryan Stoffel and Dustin Vogelgesang. Absent was Mike Lavin.

Approval of Agenda: Marc Chorney made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Paul Huettl. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Marc Chorney made a motion to approve the minutes with changes, second by Jim Boogren. Motion passed.

Financial Update (Char Stark):

Char reported that the cash balance as of 8/31/2011 was about \$147,000. The first pull of credit card payments was made. Over \$22,000 has been paid out in tournament fees. Coaches will be reimbursed for their USA Hockey fees and \$10 per certification module. Marc Chorney requested a copy of the balance sheet. Char will forward a copy to the board after tonight's meeting. Motion by Marc Chorney to approve the financial statement as presented, second by Rick Erredge. Motion passed.

Presidents Briefing (Brian Jones):

- Congratulations to our new Vice President Brian Dooley.
- Sent September 2011 update to the membership and will be working on one for October 2011, given all the stuff that is happening right now.
- Mandatory meeting for all new and returning traveling team managers will be on Nov. 1st from 6:30-8:30pm at Green Mill.
- Golf tournament was a tremendous success. Thank you to Brad Stepan and the other Golf Tournament Committee members for all of their time and hard work.
- Euchre tournament will be held on October 29th at Green Mill. This is the first time we are holding such an event and information is available on the HHB website. Thanks to Terry Iverson, Mark Hokans, Jay Stark, and other committee members for spearheading and working on this new fundraiser.
- HHB received a grant from the NHL Players Association (NHLPA) for 25 sets of hockey equipment. This equipment has arrived and will be inventoried at the arena in advance of mite equipment handout. Joint press release from HHB and the NHLPA will be forthcoming.
- Vehicle window decals that say "Hastings Hockey" will be sold for \$5.00 at various HHB events and at the arena this year. Please contact me at any time if you want one.
- Attended District 8 meeting on August 24th in Inver Grove Heights and will be going to the next one on September 21st in Rosemount.
- Will be sending an email soliciting feedback from Board Members, Coordinators, and a select group of other people asking how the President and Board are performing in the six months since elections.

D8 Update (Brian Jones):

Nothing to report

D8 Referee Coordinator Update (Jesse Viall)

Jesse updated the board on the no checking rule for PeeWee's and asked for any board comments. PeeWee's will be played similar to how the U12 girls currently play. Referees will be looking at body position and if the player is playing the puck. As long as both hands are on the stick and the stick is on the ice players will not be called for checking. Jesse mentioned that there is a great training video out on the MNHockey.org website.

Jesse will be looking at how the Squirt in-house program will be refereed. May have one adult ref and one or two kids assisting. Also, squirts should try to eliminate games on tourney weekends or hold games early in the morning or later at night. Time clock and bookkeeper volunteers should be on time and ready to go.

Charges for referees will be going up \$5 for Jr. Gold and \$2-3 for all other levels.

Director Updates:

Blue Mites: Ryan Stoffel – 83 players registered. Goal is 100. Open house was tough – it was held on the first day of school. Flyer is going out again on Friday. Hopefully get some registrations in October.

Gold and White Mites: Brooks Savage – Gold currently has 80 registered, about 40 short. White has 58 down about 20 from last year. Personal calls will come a little later. Brooks is working on the framework for teams and coaches.

Squirts: Jim Boogren – 58 players are currently signed up.

PeeWees: Rick Erredge – 72 players and 8 goalies registered.

Bantams: Marc Chorney – Registrations are ahead of last year by 1 or 2. Bantam C coach needed.

Jr. Gold: Matt Larson – Registration is going well. Good on coaches.

Girls: Mike Lavin – There will only be a U14A team this year. Coach approvals later in the meeting. U14 coach will be picked after tryouts.

Coaching: Dustin Vogelgesang – Level 1 certification training will take place October 1st from 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. in the HHS Lecture Hall than moving to ice arena for one hour of ice time. Possibility of offering Level 2. Coaches clinic for Mites is October 24th.

Operations: Paul Huettl – New equipment from NHL grant and Westwood is in. Once Mite numbers are set Paul will need those numbers from Ryan and Brooks. This Sunday there will be volunteers sorting through equipment and jerseys.

Volunteers: Lisa Foster – DIBS is up and running. There is a score sheet instructions and a time clock conversion chart available on the website as well as by both time clocks at the arena.

Technology Update: Jay Stark – Registrations is humming along. The blackbox has been sent out for repairs. Tournament payments are done. Brian thanked Jay for his all of his time and effort put into registration and updating the website.

Secretary Update: Kellie Sundheim – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Training Facility: Marc Chorney

Informational meetings will be held later this month. Parent and Alumni committees are being formed and trained. The committees will start their pledge drive in November.

Registration Update: Jay Stark

Currently 140 players registered. Also, all level directors can go out to the website to see which players have registered and get contact information if they need to start making calls.

Registration will be shut down after the 15th. Registration can be made private, it will still be open but players will need to get a link. Brian went over the schedule and will be sending out a reminder.

New Business:

In-House Squirt Proposal: Jim Boogren

Jim brought forward a proposal for the In-House Squirt teams for the 2011-2012 season. The proposal would have In-house squirt team playing in a new Southeast Metro League with Cottage Grove and Woodbury. The league would consist of approximately 10 teams. The Hastings Squirt teams would play a 12-game season consisting of: 4 games against the other 2 Hastings teams (2 each); and 8 games against Cottage Grove/Woodbury with 4 games being at Hastings Arena and 4 games being at either Cottage Grove or Woodbury Arena. This league would be run as a separate league which would keep league standing, with a possible year-end tournament and our usual in-house tournament. This option has no additional costs.

Jim Boogren made a motion to accept the In-House Squirt Proposal for the 2011-2012 season, second by Marc Chorney. The motion passed with 8 members voting yes and 3 voting no.

Rick Erredge made a motion to supercede the previous motion to accept the In-House Squirt Proposal for the 2011-2012 season and have all Squirts playing in-house and then do a Select A team later in the season. The in-house Squirts would be split into 5-6 teams with no traveling. The Select A team would play in a tournament decided by the Director of Squirts and coaches, second by Ryan Stoffel. The motion failed with 2 members voting yes and 9 voting no.

New Coaching Requirements Re: Certifications and Online Modules – Dustin and Brian Jr. Gold possibly getting rid of U16 title, it is easy to confuse with the girls program. Level certification and age specific modules are rolling out. USA Hockey wants coaches to keep moving up. The modules are 5 hours long and coaches have 30 days to complete. After 12/31/2011 the system will be shut down and any coaches who have not completed the necessary certifications will no longer be able to coach. Kari Gruden will police the system. Referees are not responsible for checking coaches certifications.

Registrar Update: Kari Gruden

Coaches need to take module training. Background screening forms are needed from coaches, team managers, board members and locker room monitors. Teams will need to be declared soon – Bantams and PeeWees are done.

Concussion Policy – Brian Jones

The concussion policy goes into effect on 9/1. All coaches and officials are required to have one hour of training. The online modules will include this training.

Parent Code of Conduct Revisions: Marc Chorney

Marc handed out the Hastings Hockey Association Parent Code of Conduct with the following changes:

- We will not tolerate offensive, obscene, or profane behavior from our coaches or players. We expect each parent to behave accordingly and set positive examples.

Amended to read: We will not tolerate offensive, obscene, or profane behavior from our coaches, parents or players. We expect each parent to behave accordingly and set positive examples.

- If a parent's conduct results in the evictions from any rink, HHB may impose additional sanctions up to, but not limited to, suspension from the HHB events for a period of time determined by HHB.
- Amended to read: If a parent's conduct results in the evictions from any rink, HHB will impose sanctions. Suspension from the HHB events for a period of 14 days for the first offense. Any additional offense will be suspension for remainder of the year.

Marc Chorney made a motion to amend the Parent Code of Conduct with the changes mentioned above, second by Dustin Vogelgesang. Motion passed.

Ice Scheduling Update: Marc Chorney

Marc hopes to have all ice scheduling done in the next two weeks. Char will provide Marc with a spreadsheet detailing tournament ice hours. This spreadsheet is different from Director submissions, but should be more accurate.

Sponsorship Policy: Char Stark

Char presented the board with some guidelines and expectations for the Sponsorship Committee. Char discussed the different levels of sponsorship. So far there are 3 committed tournament

sponsors. Char also mentioned that Miller Orthodontics would like to sponsor a team and include their names on the player jerseys. Char also mentioned the idea of adding team sponsor names to water bottles. Char will go back to the sponsorship committee and look more closely at these options and follow-up with the board in the Spring.

Golf Tournament Debrief: Brad Stepan

No discussion was held.

Coaching Approval (Pee Wee B2) – Rick Erredge

Rick Erredge made a motion to approve Alex Baum as head coach of the Pee Wee B2 team, second by Matt Larson. Motion passed.

Coaching Approvals (Girls) – Brian Jones

Rick Erredge made a motion to approve Jerry Harrington as head coach of the U12A team, second by Brooks Savage. Motion passed.

Dustin Vogelgesang made a motion to approve Jay Stark as head coach of the U12B team, second by Jim Boogren. Motion passed.

Paul Huettl made a motion to approve Steve Benson as head coach of the U10A team, second by Marc Chorney. Motion passed.

DIBS Points – Training Facility Fundraising – Ryan Stoffel

Ryan asked if it would be possible to give DIBS points to volunteers working on fundraising for the training facility. Due to a shortage of volunteer hours it was decided not to give DIBS points at this time.

Revisit DIBS – Penalty Box – Lisa Foster

After revisiting registration numbers and making an educated guess on the number of teams, there is going to be a shortage of about 700 volunteer hours. The HHB is holding a larger number of events such as the Charity Hockey game, golf tournament and euchre tournament that are adding additional volunteer hours. Another reason for the shortage is that many teams have one head coach and up to 3 assistant coaches. It was decided that teams will limit coaches to one head coach and 2 assistants. Any additional assistants will not be given DIBS points.

Team Placement Process for Players Who Cannot Try-out – Rick Erredge

Player will miss tryouts due to injury. Rick will have the player evaluated before their have their medical procedure performed.

Board Comment: None

Membership Comment: None

Adjournment: Dustin Vogelgesang made a motion to adjourn at 9:49pm, second by Marc Chorney. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2011 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Sundheim.