

## **Hastings Hockey Boosters**

Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2011

**Meeting called to order** at 7:00 pm.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Matt Larson made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Dustin Vogelgesang. Motion passed.

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

### **Financial Update (Char Stark):**

Char presented the financial statement to the Board. Char is working on changing the financial statement format. Char passed around some examples. Currently revenue is down due to low sponsorship funds. The income/loss statement is currently at -\$17,000. Ice time is the largest expense and the ice bill appears to be \$4,000 higher than expected due to tournaments. Ice time was reserved for 3 U16 teams and there is only two. Ice time will need to be adjusted accordingly. Char stated that she must present the reconciliation statement each month for her protection. Char will continue to pass it around for the board members to see at each meeting.

Motion by Matt Larson to approve the financial statement as presented, seconded by Rick Erredge. Motion passed.

### **Presidents Briefing (Brian Jones):**

- **Euchre Tournament Debrief** - on October 29, 2011 the Hastings Hockey Boosters hosted our first ever Euchre Tournament fundraiser. The evening consisted of a buffet dinner from Green Mill, many teams dressed in hockey jerseys playing cards, and of course much socializing and conversations about the great sport of hockey. Thank you to our Euchre Tournament Committee for their time and effort - Terry Iverson (co-chair), Mark Hokans (co-chair), Jay DeBoom, Kerry Langer, and Lee Stokke. Thanks to Char Stark for getting the necessary licenses and Jay Stark for his work on setting up and maintaining the online registration webpage. Finally, we appreciate the continuing contributions and support from Tim O'Brien and his staff at the Green Mill Restaurant.
- **Hockey Night and Day** - we will be soliciting volunteers for the Hockey Night Committee as soon as possible. Char Stark will be spearheading Hockey Day, and will solicit committee members or additional help as needed. The events will be held on February 3-4, 2012.
- **Team Manager Meeting Debrief** - traveling team manager meeting was held on November 1 and the in-house team manager meeting was held on November 7. Thank you to Jenni Johnson, Lisa Foster, and Kari Gruden for all of their work revising the manager documents and web pages, putting together agendas, and holding the meetings.

- NHLPA Equipment Media Release - press release related to the donation of 25 sets of equipment from the National Hockey League Players Association (NHLPA) was distributed last month. Resulted in positive news stories in the Hastings StarGazette and St. Paul Pioneer Press.
- Apparel Debrief - vendor sold HHB apparel this past weekend at the Hastings Civic Arena. Vendor seemed to have a steady flow of customers who were looking at and purchasing various shirts, coats, hats, etc. He will be at the arena again on November 19 and December 3.

### **D8 Update (Brian Dooley):**

There has been no meeting the last two months. Nothing to report at this time.

### **D8 Referee Coordinator Update (Jesse Viall)**

No update provided

### **Director Updates:**

**Blue Mites:** Ryan Stoffel – First day went well. There were 135 players. Two late registrations. The day went very well. Jersey handout was smooth. Ryan is busy collecting paperwork and birth certificates. Ryan is hoping to get help from the Boys Varsity team to assist with some practices.

**Gold and White Mites:** Brooks Savage – Started last week. Some team managers have been assigned. A few more registrations should be coming in.

**Squirts:** Jim Boogren – The Squirt A team is up and running. The 3 in-house squirt teams are now playing in a SE League comprised of Woodbury-5 teams, and Cottage Grove-3 teams.

**PeeWees:** Rick Erredge – Teams have been picked. Tournaments are booked. There were a few bumps with the tryout process.

**Bantams:** Marc Chorney – There has been some controversy regarding the placement of a player who did not go through the try-out process. The player registered and then withdrew missing the tryout process. The player is going to be skating with the Bantam B team tonight as his evaluation. Marc noted that there was a discussion with the Bantam B and C team prior to the player skating in tonight's scrimmage. The coaches are following the rules regarding an ill or injured player.

**Jr. Gold:** Matt Larson – Registration is open. Coaches have been picked. There is a meeting set for Sunday. When cuts happen at the JV and Varsity level registration for Jr. Gold needs to be done immediately.

**Girls:** Mike Lavin – Up and running. There may be a U19 coop team with Cottage Grove and Woodbury.

**Coaching:** Dustin Vogelgesang – Nothing to report

**Operations:** Paul Huettl – Equipment has been handed out. More in-house mite jerseys have been ordered.

**Volunteers:** Lisa Foster – Sugar and Spice tournament has 190 volunteer positions, only 5 remaining at this time. There have been some issues with the DIB system. Lisa needs to know how many volunteers are needed for Hockey Day and Night. Char will work with Lisa on Hockey Day numbers. There is an instruction sheet available on the website on claiming DIBS points.

**Technology Update:** Jay Stark – The black box has been returned. T-shirt order for the Sugar and Spice tournament will be online tonight.

**Registrar Update:** Kari Gruden – Two books are signed. Expecting five more this week. Bantam B and C books have not been turned in. An anonymous letter was sent to District 8 regarding Hastings not following the locker room attendance policy correctly. The policy has been put in all team manager handbooks. The moms for all girls teams do a minimum of 5 locker room monitorings and receive 3 DIBS points. Boys teams have coaches monitoring locker rooms at all times. Level directors need to make sure that the policy is being followed. Background checks are done on all locker room monitors.

**Tournament Update:** Hastings is sponsoring 3 invitational tournaments this year, which raise funds for our association. There is the Sugar and Spice Girls U10A/B and U12A/B Tournament December 9-11 (sponsored by Rother Photography), the Big Chill Bantam A/B Tournament (sponsored by Green Mill), and the River Rumble Bantam C and Peewee C Tournament February 10-12 (sponsored by Applebee's). All tournaments are full for a total of 64 teams. New this year is a fastest skater contest for all the tournaments, along with an outdoor tailgate party at the Sugar and Spice Tournament. Thank you very much to Jim Foster, Tournament Coordinator and all of the parents who are on the tournament committees and those parents who are volunteering during each one.

**Secretary Update:** Kellie Sundheim – Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

**Training Facility:** Marc Chorney –

Marc and Dustin have been discussing the training facility and fundraiser at each team meeting. Pledge cards are going out the first week in December.

**New Business:**

**Approvals for Head Coaches of U10B, Peewee C, Bantam C and In-House teams:** All A motion by Ryan Stoffel to approve the following for head coaches for Blue Mites, seconded by Matt Larson. Motion carried.

Pete Teigland – Team 1

Joe Harris – Team 1

Jeff Plank – Team 4  
Jason Berzinski – Team 5  
Judd Mann – Team 6  
Alex Dohman – Team 6  
Rick Erredge – Team 7  
Josh Duerkop – Team 7  
Kyle Kropelnicki – Team 8  
Chad Stewart – Team 8

Brooks Savage made a motion to approve the following head coaches for White Mites, seconded by Brian Dooley. Motion carried.

Brooks Savage – Team 1  
Ryan Stoffel – Team 2  
Steve Benson – Team 3  
Josh Duerkop – Team 4  
Jeff Costello – Team 5  
Jim Zaccardi – Team 6

Brooks Savage made a motion to approve the following head coaches for Gold Mites and U8, seconded by Brian Dooley. Motion carried.

Bobby Neuville – Team 1  
Dave Seeley – Team 2  
Scott Onnen – Team 3  
Shane Hudells – Team 4  
Ben Peine – Team 5  
Matt Riches – U8  
Jim Zaccardi – U8  
John Husting – U8  
Jay Stark – U8

Motion by Jim Boogren to approve the following head coaches and assistant coaches for In-house Squirts, seconded by Matt Larson. Motion carried.

Mavericks –  
Jim Zaccardi – Head coach  
Jason McCarville – Asst.  
Joe Stark – Asst.

Sioux –  
Rob Williams – Head coach  
Charlie Ratgen – Asst.  
Mark Vieth – Asst.  
Mike Schauer – Asst.

Gophers –  
Joe Harris – Head Coach  
Brian Dooley – Asst.

Jim Boogren moved approval of the following Assistant coaches for the Squirt A team: Jesse Polk and Dave Foster, seconded Matt Larson. Motion carried.

Rick Erredge moved approval of the following head and assistant coaches for PeeWee, seconded by Matt Larson. Motion carried.

A –  
Matt Larson – Head coach  
Paul Reifenberger – Asst.  
Paul Huettl – Asst.  
Jason Watters – Asst.

B1 –  
Rick Erredge – Asst.  
Bobby Neuville – Asst.  
Joe Newman – Asst.  
Brian Tuin – Asst  
Steve Nicklay – Asst.

B2 –  
Alex Baum – Head Coach  
Trevor Bradley – Asst.  
Alec Birk – Asst.

C –  
Rick Navarro – Head Coach  
Dave Greengo – Asst.  
Jason McCarville – Asst.

Matt Larson made a motion to approve the following as Head and Assistant coaches of U10B, U10A, U12B, U12A and U14, seconded by Brooks Savange. Motion carried.

U10B –  
Jeff Hubbart – Head Coach  
Matt Larson – Asst.  
Tim Rudh – Asst.

U10A –  
Todd Judge – Co-Head coach  
Bobby Buck – Asst.

U12B –  
Brian Siebenaler – Asst.

U12A –  
Todd Johnson – Asst.  
John McKenzie – Asst.

U14 –  
Marty Caneff – Asst.

Chorney moved approval of the following Assistant Coaches for the Bantam A team: Kelly Reis and Kurt Welch, seconded by Boogren. Motion carried.

Chorney moved approval of the following Assistant Coach for the Bantam B team: Dustin Strong, seconded by Boogren. Motion carried.

Chorney moved approval of the following Head Coaches and Assistant coaches for the Bantam C, seconded by Dustin Vogelgesang. Motion carried.

Bantam C –  
Rob Alleman – Head coach  
Matt Hamann – Asst.  
Tyler Kendle – Asst.  
Brian Jensen – Asst.

**February Elections:** Brian Jones

Elections will be moved to February 16, 2012. Bylaws state that the elections will be held at the arena. Motion by Dooley to hold the 2012 Elections on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at the Hastings Ice Arena from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, seconded by Larson. Motion carried.

**Hockey Apparel:** Brian Jones

Discussed above in President's Report.

**Ice Scheduling Update:** Marc Chorney

Scheduling is done. Marc encourages the level directors and managers to review schedules.

**Sponsorship Update:** Char Stark

No changes in sponsors. Traveling team sponsors have been chosen. The water bottles have been ordered and will be handed out on picture day. Raffle tickets are ready and will also be delivered on picture day. Char is getting pricing on banners for the four home tournaments. Sliv has agreed to hang them in the lobby. A donation will take care of the banner cost.

**Player and Coaches Registration Update:** Jay Stark and Brian Jones

557 players. 57 coaches. Handful of Jr. Gold registrations coming.

**Debrief Clinics and Tryouts: All**

The bylaws regarding tryouts should be revised. There is too much gray area. There needs to be some guidelines established regarding the perceptions of tryouts. Chorney stated that the HHB should have a standard form used for tryouts. Jay Stark mentioned that the Farmington website has a good example of a tryout form. Erredge would like to see a one day reduction for the PeeWee tryouts. All players would be evaluated during the first three days, A & B days four and five and the C teams on the last day. He would like to see a parent meeting held on the first day to explain the process and answer questions. Larson would like to see the whole process started two weeks earlier. Jones will work to clarify the roles of directors and coaches in the tryout process.

There was a question regarding who pays for clinics. Larson stated that clinics are paid for by the players and are based on the amount of ice time.

**Continuation of Board of Directors Restructure Discussion: Dustin Vogelgesang**

No discussion was held.

**Locker Room Monitoring:** Discussed under Registration update.

**Mite T-shirt:** Brooks Savage

Alecia Duerkop is doing t-shirts for Mite level players. She currently sells them at the arena for \$10.00 each. There was some concern about using player's names on the shirt and if she is making a profit selling the t-shirts. The HHB is not a sponsor of the t-shirt sales. Brooks will contact Alecia to let her know that she can continue selling them.

**Board Comment:**

**Membership Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Jim Boogren made a motion to adjourn at 9:53 pm, second by Char Brooks Savage. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** January 10, 2011 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Sundheim.