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MVYHA General Board Meeting  
January 9th, 2012

**Present:**

Keith Larson, Mark Simser, Anne Lalla, Dave Schavee, Jason Sprague, Mike Gallagher, Jay Guerin, Phil Neururer, Jim Wurst, Mike Collins, Carrie Northrop

**Absent:**

Beth Kraetsch

One non-board member present at meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President Keith Larson

**President's Report**

- Keith initiated discussion on filling the MV required volunteer positions at the upcoming D2 tournaments. It was decided to wait to see our requirements before putting a plan in place.
- Keith asked Jim to look into getting a 'final' billing put together for Jr. Gold.
- Keith inquired with Mike G. about a youth banner project that is in the works. Mike informed him that the project is currently on hold.
- He then inquired about a 3 on 3 event that the boys' HS team is planning for 1-21. No new info was offered up at the time.
- Keith offered up the Bantam A spaghetti tickets for sale. No takers from the meeting!
- Keith asked about upcoming elections. Gallagher will start the process of determining what positions are up for election and will then get the word out to the Association.
- Keith asked Jay & Mike C. to ask HEAD coaches to send feedback on this season, and offer suggestions for improvement if they have any.

**Vice President's Report**

- Beth was not present; Keith reported on her behalf.
- Reported \$24,000 profit from our two tournaments. \$6000+ will be diverted from the general fund to the 'volunteers' that worked the tournaments.
- Beth is still working corporate fundraising, along with Jim Lemay. Expect around \$7,000.
- Beth would like to have an end of regular season/prior to playoffs open house for Association, possibly at the Shoreview CC. The Tavern in Blaine has offered to give us a nice discount if we use them for food.
- Beth will be exploring changes to the two tournaments we host. Drop them, split them with Irondale, have an outside agency run them or keep them as is. Lots of options, which will create lots of discussion.
- The Mermaid in Mounds View has been reserved for the Association to host a pancake breakfast/registration event on 9/9/12 (Sunday).

**Secretary**

- Mike had passed out the December Minutes electronically a couple times prior to the meeting. Jay made a motion to approve, seconded by Phil. Motion passed.

### **Boy's Coordinator Report**

- Phil reported on the results of all the boys' teams in their most recent tournaments.

### **Girl's Coordinator Report**

- U14 Co-op team going very well. Coach is well liked and they are having success in tournaments.
- U12B ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in State!
- U10's & U8's also doing well and having fun.

### **Mite Coordinator Report**

- Mark would like approval to either a) reimburse or b) apply 2011 registration fee to next year for a first year Mite who broke his collarbone the week before the season started and held out hope he would get doctor's clearance to play. This didn't happen so they have given up for the year. The decision was to reimburse the family.
- Mite 3's are having difficulty getting games within district. Dave has many unreturned messages into Michelle at D2 requesting approval. Discussion ensued on what is the best 'next step'.
- Working with Will and Jim on auditing ice hours/expenses for final billing of Mite teams.

### **Retention and Recruitment Coordinator**

- Jay is working with HS coach Thomas to set up as many as 3 Youth Nights with the HS team.
- Jay will be working on the September 9<sup>th</sup> 'Meet & Greet/Equipment Exchange'. Might also parlay that into the first Try Hockey Day. More info throughout the next several months will be forthcoming.

### **Registrar's Report**

- Anne reported that the final numbers show 379 registered players this season; 386 last year. However, only 363 are on active rosters, due to waivers, high school move-ups etc. etc.

### **Equipment Manager Report**

- Carrie has had two board members clean up the shed recently.

### **D2 Representative**

- Dave reported that A/B playoffs will be Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> and the C playoffs will be Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Try-Out Coordinator Report**

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Jim passed out the December financials and did a verbal summary as well.
- Jim wants to finalize the team budgets. After a good board discussion it was decided that all team bills need to be submitted by January 20<sup>th</sup> and the final team invoices will be processed at the end of January. Any costs incurred by teams after January 20<sup>th</sup> will be the individual team's responsibility.
- Jay made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Phil. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **Old Business**

- No old business discussed.

## New Business

- Keith informed the board that HS coach Thomas wants to change STP to have FHIT run it. It would be a SIGNIFICANT cost increase over previous years. After another good board discussion it was decided that the MVYHA would support Coach Thomas' proposal, but we will also explore other options that are financially more in line with previous years.
- Jim introduced a refund policy that he would like added to our handbook. Jay made a motion to approve his policy, with the following amendments: add '*or suspended*' to the sentence referencing injured players and add a comment that NO refunds would include processing fees that go to outside agencies. Phil seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.
- Jay initiated a discussion on creating some financial support to families with goaltenders or potential goaltenders, in an effort to address the glaring shortage of goalies in our younger levels. After another good board discussion Phil made a motion to approve a \$1,500 budget for Jay to work with. Jay seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. The current idea is to offer up to \$150 for any family to have their son/daughter participate in a GDI sponsored camp, and we will work with GDI to possibly secure some good pricing. Final details will be brought to a future board meeting.
- Jay initiated a discussion on finding a way to acknowledge the volunteer parent coaches in our Association. A number of ideas were thrown around, but nothing definitive was finalized. More discussion on this subject will happen at future meetings.

Jay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil. Motion passed with all in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.