

**Mankato Area Hockey Association
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 Monday, August 12, 2013
 North Mankato Fire Hall
 North Mankato, MN**

Board of Directors (X= present and E= excused)

President – Mike Steindl	X	Wade Adams	X	Steve Hatkin	X	Stephanie Maday	X
Vice President – Jim Steiert	X	Mike Birkmaier	X	Chuck Keller	E	Joel Oltman	E
Controller – Sue Salzle	X	Eric Boelter	E	Kirk Swenson	X	Brent Rundle	X
Secretary – Misty Como	X	Chuck Claude	X	Ryan Teig	X	Shawn Morgan	E
Registrar – Shelly Miller	X						

Non-Board Members

Gambling Manager – Tammy Ekstedt	E
HOC Chair – Marcus Peterson	X

Guests:

- Brenda Christensen

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

Review and Approve current agenda

M/S/P: Mike Birkmaier/Chuck Claude

Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting

General discussion covering the minutes.

M/S/P: Mike Birkmaier/Chuck Claude

Gambling Manager Report and Expense Approval: Presented by: Chuck Keller
 Reviewed the LG1004.

- No reports done yet...will be sent electronically
- VOTED VIA EMAIL: M/S/P: Mike Birkmaier/Wade Adams

Treasurers Report: - Sue Salzle

- Reviewed the check register from 07/17/13 through 08/12/13
- Balance in the General Fund checkbook as of \$58,376.16

M/S/P: Chuck Claude/Mike Birkmaier

Fundraising: Jim Steiert

- Things are updated on the website. Still had calls going to Char.
- Calendars are ordered. Should have them in time to hand out at placements.
- Fundraising will stay as is for players who are moving up after the season starts. They will not be required to pay more

Expansion and Growth: Mike Steindl/Brent Rundle

- Report is in from National Association of Sports Commissions. ASA board is disappointed in the report as it is not the analysis that they were expecting.
- Need another member on this committee as Marcus has moved into his new role.
- Should be receiving the free startup equipment we were awarded.
- There will be 2 Try Hockey for Free events this year. November 2nd and March 1st
- Handouts are off to the printer for registration.

Sponsorships: Eric Boelter

- Added US Bank as a new traveling team sponsor
- Have been in contact with most of the sponsors and so far everyone we expected are on board for next year.

Communications: Mike Birkmaier

- Fall Hockey is quite popular. 39 of 63 travelling players signed up for it as part of online registration. Plus we have an additional 10+ paper registrations.
- There was some concern that the additional fees for the payment plans weren't apparent until you got to the checkout, so we updated the home page, registration page and the registration session itself to ensure they weren't missed.
- The new AnthonyFord99.com site is up. MAHA now controls that domain.
- "mankato.pucksystems2.com" is now dead, long live "mankatohockey.com" - any old bookmarks/links will route to our home page
- Google ended their free email accounts but we were "grandfathered in". We are currently using 7 of our 10 free "@mankatohockey.com" emails.
- Re-organized the entry pages on the site (Association, Coaches, Players, Parents, Tournaments)
- Reviewed most of the pages. Some content needs to be updated. Fixed some myself. Sent emails to page owners for the others.
- Removed level 1-4 pages as we weren't using them.
- Created new seasons for all our travelling teams. We can add/remove later if necessary.
- Working with Shelly, Misty and Marcus to create a Coach/Team Manager registration session. It would take care of general contact info, USA Hockey and Background Screening. MN Hockey has new background screening forms so we're waiting on those. Should be ready in the next week. Everyone will need to be re-screened this year and then every other year after that.
- We're setup with Sweet Hockey. It will become enabled for all registered players mid-September.

Registrar Report: Shelly Miller

- Next year all players who are playing up to a higher level will pay the higher fee for the upper level.
- 104 registrants so far.
- Had a few questions on fall hockey for players who are moving up.
- Early advancement policy for Bantams needs to be reworded as follows: Any player that goes through MAHA placements and is placed on a team then goes through high school try-outs and makes a high school team will be refunded their MAHA player fees except for \$300.00.
 - o Motion to change the handbook to reflect this...M/S/P: Steve Hatkin/Sue Salzle

Tournament Committee Chair: Traci Hays

- New Ulm has requested that we do a tournament sharing program. We would attend each other's tournaments and not pay fees for each other's tournaments. Marcus would like more details before we make a commitment.

Grievance Committee: Shawn Morgan

- Nothing to report

HOC Chair Report: Marcus Peterson

- Try Hockey for Free will be Nov 2nd and March 1st. We need to decide if we will still be doing 2 days.
- Chicks with Sticks will be held in October.
- Safe Sport: this year each association needs a coordinator and that will need to be a board position. This person will be in charge of mandated training, insuring each assoc establishes and enforces all related safety policies, coordinates with teams/coaches on such policies, communicates SafeSport Information to parents, receiving SafeSport complaints, working with Minnesota SafeSport Coordinator to investigate and respond to complaints. It was decided that this will be put with the grievance position.
- Fall hockey dates will be finalized hopefully by the end of this week.

HOC Liason: Ryan Tieg

- HOC Meeting was held last week.
- Most things will be run the same as in the past. A lot more on-ice work will be done this year.
- A lot of coaches will be returning this year. Will be finishing up placing coaches. Bantam A is still open and Marcus will have the coaches interested apply for that position.
- An ad has been placed on mavjobs.com
- Will be doing coaching clinics again in late sept and possibly later in the season. An
- Checking clinic will be held during one of the skill nights early in the season. It will be set up with different stations with different types of contact.
- High school coaches will be having players sign up to help with mite practices when they don't have games.
- Goalies – trying to figure out who they can get to help out with goalie coaching. Talked to Ali and she will be giving a proposal to Marcus on how they can work with the goalies easier.
- Sweet Hands will be implemented through coach's clinics. Will be integrated in the website.

Stag Committee: Chuck Claude

- Nothing to report

Equipment: Chuck Keller

- Is working on getting all the equipment tagged so it can be tracked
- Coaches room is no longer accessible.

Risk Management: Traci Hays

- Traci has been in touch with Verizon to get insurance

Shoot for Good Grades Coordinator: Darcie Anderson

Merchandise Chair: Stephanie Maday

- Met with Bridget at 4 the Team and got a signed agreement.
- Looked through the website. Will be adding some new items and removing some items that are not selling.
- The braided necklace that all the kids wear was presented. We will be ordering some to sell at parent meetings.

Follow-up Business:

New Business/Open Floor:

- Per MAHA bylaws Steve Zellmer has been removed from the board for not attending meetings, unless he petitions to be on the board again.
- Need someone to take on the Risk Management role
 - o Brent Rundle volunteered to take over this role
- Need to get baseline testing scheduled for this season. Would like to have managers trained to do the testing so that there are more people able to administer the retest. Will be addressed at the team meetings.
- Discussion regarding using early ice time during school week. Brenda will check with the rink to see if the showers will be available. Will also be putting it out as an option for teams.
- Discussion regarding schedule for placements and trying to avoid other sports.

Next Regular Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2013, 7pm

Location: North Mankato Fire Hall, North Mankato, MN

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at

M/S/P: Kirk Swenson/Wade Adams