

*****PLEASE NOTE: MEETING MINUTES ARE ALWAYS POSTED ONE MONTH BEHIND, AS CURRENT MINUTES NEED TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING*****

MVYHA General Board Meeting

January 6, 2014

Present:

Tim Herold, Beth Kraetsch, Rich Nelson, Anne Lalla, Jason Sprague, Troy McCulloch, Don Ortloff,, Jim DeMay, Dave Schavee

Not Present: Jim Wurst

3 non-members in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Tim Herold

President's Report

- Introduced Randy Jiskra as interim Secretary
- Introduced guest speaker Brent Eilefson from IYHA to discuss coop for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 hockey seasons. Discussion focused on long term solutions and the benefits for all the kids participating. Current level coops for IYHA – Bantams with St. Francis and Peewees with North Metro and U8, U10 and U12 girls with MV
- Proposal presented for a sub-committee with both associations to work out detail
- District level coops – Districts forcing associations to merge in an effort to make more competitive teams
- Discussions for long term board member structure. Seeking replacements for the following positions: Treasurer, Team Manager's Manager, Boy's Coordinator and Secretary
- Vadnais Arena Update: Bond holders will be seeking new deal for ownership. Ramsey County offer still stands. If accepted Mounds View and White Bear Lake would share equal usage of both the ice and dome facilities

Vice President's Report

- Don created a database of current and prior companies who have donated to MVYHA, plans to reach out to prior companies and gain support for the association
- Ramsey County is now requiring all advertising to go through them with a three year contract at the time of agreement. Ramsey County will cut checks back to MVYHS as funds are received
- Allegiance Fitness donated funds to get their advertisement on the Shoreview Zamboni in effort to get name out in the community

Secretary's Report

- No meeting minutes for December as meeting was cancelled
- Motion by Anne Lalla to approve November meeting minutes
- Second by Beth Kraetsch
- Tim approved

Treasurer's Report

- Team finances look good and team registration is moving along nicely. Only a handful of families yet to register. Team Manager has been asked to give friendly reminder
- Budgets are tracking nicely as well and estimates are holding steady for all teams
- No invoice for jerseys has been obtained. Socks were paid for last month
- Discussion on transition of duties to new board member
- Discussion held on how current team budgets are created and finalized. Question raised on use of discretionary funds

Boy's Coordinator Report

- Don Ortloff opened discussions on multiple levels of shared ice practices and possibilities of having Bantams show drills to mites/squirts. Concerns of limited amount of practice ice for mites and squirts may make it difficult to coordinate

Girl's Coordinator Report

- In general, the U12 and U10 teams are performing as expected (all about .500)
 - There has been some feedback regarding the tournaments the U12 and U10 teams have been registered in so far which is appreciated for next year's planning (i.e. scheduling the two U10B teams in each tournament is good in theory, but the teams have now played each other at least four times)
- Anne has volunteered to help get some additional games scheduled for the U8 Green team (thank you!). Beth is checking with D2 to see if our U8s can play outside of the district; more to come
- Student coaches from the high school varsity team have been assigned; three for U8, two for U10 Black, and two for the U12A team. Student coaches will be on the ice as their own schedule permits
- A reminder that girls youth night is **1/18/2014** for the high school varsity game
- Our Mounds View Girls night at the Gopher's game is **1/25/2014**. We will need an email to all of the manager's regarding tickets, etc
- Beth has already been asking the non-parent coaches if they are interested in coming back next season. The response has been positive so far which is very promising
- Initial projections for the next two years are as follows based on this year's registration numbers:
2014-2015:
 - U8 – 21 girls
 - Two teams (at this time we would have three second graders...the rest would be third graders)
 - U10 – 53 girls
 - If I counted the kids correctly, we could have enough for **four** teams of 13
 - One A team, three B teams
 - U12 – 21 girls
 - Two small teams of 11
 - One A and one B team
 - Would potentially need to move one U10 player up to fill out the team
 - U14 – 27 girls
 - Two teams...this does not count the four who may return and does not count any ID girls who are U14 eligible next year and playing at Roseville this year. If we can get them, then we would have three teams. This also assumes that all U14 girls play U14s and don't jump to the high school team. Beth will be working very closely with the high school coach on this one. We will set it up like Tartan...commit early so we can start early
 - Initial declaration would be for one A and one B. However, at U14s we can have two A teams. If we can squeak out three teams, maybe two A teams and one B. Would 100% depend on who shows up. This year there are only 16 U14B teams in the state

2015-2016

U10s – 48 girls (three teams)
U12- 36 girls (three teams)
U14 – 35 girls (three teams)

Mite Coordinator Report

- Mites teams are moving along very nicely with district play starting in early January

Retention and Recruitment Coordinator

- Jim received a \$1,000 grant for equipment from Champion Foundation
- Writing a grant for more funds for upcoming 2014-2015 season
- Discussions on how to use/spend grant money
- Discussions for fund raising or community event around winter Olympic games
- Flag bearer with Squirts for MV high school games a big success

Registrar's Report

- Nine coaches have missed December 31st deadline for certifications
- Ice schedules for January and February have been finalized and compared to ice hours with Super Rink

Equipment Manager Report

- No report

D2 Representative

- D2 receiving feedback on issues with officials commenting on minor penalties
- D2 reported issues with score sheets filled out incorrectly
- D2 was asked to host U14B tournament with volunteers from D2 associations
- Junior Gold district tournament dates to be finalized by next meeting. Projected for end of February
- District 8 is offering to combine districts AA level teams. Discussions are focused on potential future impacts to combining districts and associations
- Discussion for creating playing rules for mite level teams. Currently mites play under squirt rules
- Discussion with having team coaches officiating mite games/scrimmages. D2 is ok with proposal
- D10 has B2 level teams at Squirt level. D2 asking is associations if they want B2 level Squirt teams
- Maple Grove spread cost over association for their mini mite programs and have seen an increase in number of kids at mite level

Try-Out Coordinator Report

- No report

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Discussions for jamboree costs for U8 teams, which are not budgeted by teams to be covered by association. Ex. New Richmond jamboree \$300 or about \$30 per player. Beth made motion for association to cover jamboree entrance fees. Motion passed (1 – no vote – Troy M.) with each player subsidized for \$20
- Discussions for team declarations for upcoming season
- Boys Coordinator position discussion. Don has reached out to a couple of suitable contacts with ties to association. Both have declined
- Contract with Premier Goaltending is expiring at end of season. Looking at other options that will offer both on ice and clinic session training
- Discussions for goalie development and retention
- Don Ortloff made motion for free registration, equipment and \$100 ice credit for goalies. Motion declined with suggestion of creating sub-committee for offline discussions
- Discussion for coaches surveys to create a survey for parent coaches and survey for non-parent coaches
- Ideas proposed for coach's end of season recognition event. Looking at Flaherty's Arden Bowl
- Summer training camp: No interest from association as too costly with low number of participants. Association lost money on 2013 summer camp

Tim made motion to adjourn meeting @ 8:55 PM

Don second