**Minutes**

Mesabi East Youth Hockey Board

*Sunday, December 12th, 2021 Hoyt Lakes Arena*

In Attendance

President: Angie Gnerer

Vice President: Jay Norberg

Secretary: Christine Peterson

Treasurer: excused

Ace Coordinator: Lindsey Sova

Registrar: excused

Tournament Coordinator: Andrea Conklin

Hockey Hut Manager: Jill Eckman

Volunteer Coordinator: Misty Klemke

Hut Co-Manager: Heather Ruotsalainen

Fundraising Coordinator: vacant

Apparel Coordinator: vacant

Equipment Manager: Carrie Berndt

Scheduler: excused

Website Manager: excused

4x4 Coordinator: excused

Covid Coordinator: Kim Wolner

Other attendees: Adelia Kindstrand

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 by Angie.

Approval of Minutes

Add to minutes for Daniel Radtke that it needs to be discussed every season. Minutes from previous meeting approved once update added. 4-0

Budget

* Main – Emily update on TeamReach this week
* Hockey Hut – Emily will update on TeamReach this week
  + JR Gold game made $600
  + Rest of weekend made $900

Old Business

Pictures went good. Individual pictures were taken off ice so the ice was left empty. Next year will schedule Termites/Pops/Mites/Squirts in November so parents can get pictures back before Christmas. Will schedule JG later since their team is chosen later.

Squirts tournament went good. They decided not to do bake sale. The big-ticket raffles made $230.

The donation letters went out to Essentia Health and US Steel. Lindse will check with Nick for CNN railroad. Chris is doing BCBSMN. Stef was going to do Chamber.

Gambling license. Angie is getting help from Cherie. We need a gambling license for everything. It’s suggested that we pay to have someone do it. Carrie will get info from Casey Biondich.

Upcoming Tournaments – Andrea needs to see if she needs to applications for Mites/Pops since they are considered jamborees. PWBs and BB have not had any interest from other teams. Coaches of these teams would prefer to go to another tournament. PWBs would like to go to Silver Bay. Need to make sure they can enter it since it is a B2 tournament. Try to make reservations for hotels for teams. Andrea will follow up with Emily to make sure Pops and Mites get signed up for Ely.

Burger Fry went pretty well. We had lots of volunteers but everyone left at 7:00 and forgot they needed to stay to help clean up and others had to jump in to do clean up. Next time we will need to make sure to add time for clean- up crew. Made $1400 total minus expenses of $784.72. Gave leftover pop and water to the Hockey Hut. Leftover burgers and bags of buns will be used for Mites Tournament in January.

Squirts only had 1 goalie and another signed up but he needed full left- handed stick, glove and blocker and Andrea purchased all 3 for $238 which was approved by the Board ahead of time.

It’s been 4 years since we purchased jackets for the ME coaches. Discussed getting jackets for the new coaches. Eveleth gives up to $100 reimbursement. We’d just need 3 for Jeff, Jake and Jed. Angie has the file to send to Range Sports. Angie made motion to cover $100 per coach for all 3 coaches. Motion passed 4-0.

We received our cost for jerseys and socks, it’s $4460 for 10U , 12U girls and Jr. Gold.

New Business

Adelia has skate program to present. SKATE - Skaters Keep Achieving Through Education through MN Hockey. Rewards kids K-5 have to have 2.5 GPA. Older kids in youth hockey 3.0 average during main quarter of season. End of quarter turn in report cards for eligibility. Special Education cases also that can be signed on. Cost per participant – set fundraising goal to determine prize.

In Silver Bay – they had buckets for donations explaining what it is and send out letter to all different businesses asking for donations to sponsor the kids. Depending how many kids qualify, we didn’t have to do any further fundraising. Was able to do jackets with logo. Random hockey training gifts like sticks, pucks to give out at banquet. Pizza party banquet. Extra prizes if whole teams make it.

She would help run it. She’s going to send out information to see if MN Hockey still runs it.

Skate sharpening. Butler is offering to give 20% discount offering to Jr. Gold team. Kathy created letter to get fundraising to help cover the costs since the varsity team does not have to pay for theirs.

Pictures for EG teams will be on January 6, 2021. Chris will contact Carrie K. from EG to see if JG can do them there. Chris will contact Danielle to see if she can make the big canvas posters for pops through JG all ME only.

Hockey Hut would like a pretzel warmer and slushy machine. See if City will cover. Heather and Jill will get some quotes and get them to Becky.

We need more workers for the Hockey Hut. Andrea will talk to the school counselor to see if we can find more workers. Chris will make an application to give out. They need to be age 15 and up.

Fundraising Coordinator resigned so we’ll need to post to FB. Chris will get thank you card for Stef and Dianna. Chris will do the cash calendar until we get it filled. Chris will get envelopes from Stef.

Discussions on how to get scheduler position filled.

Ice time. Discussions on Jr. Gold getting more ice time and earlier than the younger kids. Jr Gold needs to be later than the younger kids and prefer they practice 2-3 days a week. 1 ½ hours for PWBs and Bantams 3-4 times a week. 1 hr for pops/termites/Mites and would like to keep them on Wednesday and Sundays. Squirts would like to keep at 3 practices for 1 hr a week. Since no younger teams can do early Wednesday, Jr. Gold could be scheduled at 3:00.

Coach from Moorhead came up after the game and said the student spectators were terrible. Discussions need to be had about player conduct on the ice on the Jr. Gold team.

We are out of medium helmets. 1 of the pops needs one. Found a helmet for the meantime but will need to order more later. Found a lot of old jerseys in the back. Jill and Andrea will go through them to see what we have. We’ll need to come up with ideas on what to do with them.

PWBs. Lots of issues with the PWBs. Locker room monitors needed but parents only want males. Coaches said they’ll take care of having someone in the locker room.

Update on Jr. Gold. Pat McBride wants to volunteer to do all the clock shifts for Jr. Gold games except for January 27. He wants to rotate through the team to give volunteer hours to different families. Michelle Oman thinks that Jr Gold games need EMTs. She did the first game, Tony did 2nd one. They are going to ask if Sabrina Rice and John Shenett will volunteer and they can apply those to their volunteer hours. Otherwise, EMTs would need to hire out. EMS charges $20 an hour.

We’ve been trying to figure out registration with Jr. Gold. There are 5 Mesabi East players that have paid but a few have registered with different associations. Trying to figure out how to proceed with those. Angie has tried to talk to Virginia registrar but he’s not been responsive. Might just leave it as is if we can’t get any answers.

Leah is still needing birth certificates. She will follow up with Mites on Wednesday to get birth certificates handed in.

Action Items

* Post Fundraising Coordinator position on Facebook
* Get Thank You’s for Dianna and Stef
* Contact Carrie K regarding Jr. Gold pictures
* Contact Danielle to see if we can get canvas pictures of teams
* Work on putting together an application for the Hockey Hut
* Get donation letter to BCBSMN

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned 8:05

Sunday, January 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the arena