

Mahtomedi Youth Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes: 4/16/08

Mahtomedi Middle School Commons Area

Meeting called to order: 6:10pm

In lieu of sitting Secretary being present, John Schwartz, President of MYHA, volunteered to take minutes.

Board Members Present: John Schwartz, Eric Blegen, Rick Geier, Jeff Marshall, Tom Strelow, Bob Stoker.

Board Members Absent: Jason Brown, Joan Rose, Tom Lydon, Russ Becker, Kyle Kangas, Brian Hamernick

Additions Deletions to Today's Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes From Prior Meeting(s):

The Minutes from the March 26th, 2008 meeting were approved as recorded.

Treasurer's Report: Estimated YTD Net Income for the year (May 01, 07 thru Apr 10, 2008) was approximately \$10,300 – although it includes all net expenses/revenues related to the Gold Plate Dinner as well as the \$18k+ invested in the outdoor rinks, it did not yet reflect additional invoices we expect to come in before the end of April '08. Approximate cash in checking is \$44k.

Presidents Update:

The Ballots for the 2008 Annual Elections were approved as prepared and included the following:

- President (2 year term 4/17/08 – 4/21/2010) – choose 1: John Schwartz
- Board Members (2 year terms 4/17/08 – 4/21/2010) – choose 4: Russ Becker, Jeff Marshall, Mari Campbell, Jeff Murphy
- The Secretary position (requires 1 year of previous experience on the MYHA Board) was left vacant. This position will filled in the coming May '08 MYHA Board meeting.

There were no write-ins offered from the floor.

John Schwartz provided an update on the filling of some of our critical positions:

- Ice Scheduler: Jeff Murphy has stepped up and accepted the challenge; he is already working with Eric Blegen to transition the knowledge. Eric will remain available as a resource to Jeff as he gets acquainted.

- Registrar: Ann Kegley had stepped down from her duties and will be sorely missed. Melanie Humanansky has graciously stepped up to the challenge and will take the reigns over from Ann.
- Mite Coordinator: Sara Fabian has agreed to take the reigns over from Anna Sullivan.
- Mini-Mite Coordinator: Brenda Farrell has agreed to take over this coming season from Julie Buttermore who has done a fantastic job over the past 2 seasons.

Open Forum: Greg Wholers addressed the group to provide an update on the goalie equipment that he has been storing in his garage. He suggested that we buy new equipment for mites/mini and squirt level kids – he will have some prices to the Board by July so that we will have them in time for the 2009 season. He will be getting the Board an inventory list of the equipment that he has in his garage so that we can send out a communication to the Association (or perhaps post it on the website). He indicated that there was some interest in Goalie clinics over the summer and he will look into the possibility of putting one on in late August.

Committee Reports:

Gold Plate Dinner Planning: None

CPRB: None

Ice Scheduler: None

Long Range Planning: None

D2: John Schwartz described that District 2 will be using an Online Registration for the coming season where all players will register directly with the D2 website and submit both the MN Hockey and USA Hockey fees. Individuals will then Register directly with MYHA and pay the remainder to us. Although this will create a lot of confusion as we get thru it, the process will greatly simplify the job of the Registrar and cut the administrative burden within the process.

WebSite: Bob Stoker addressed the group with the research he has done on changing our Web-Site to be more flexible and consistent with the online experience that surrounding Associations offer their members.

The current MYHA website is inflexible and requires that one person always be available to upload changes or send out broadcast communications on behalf of the Association.

Bob has contacted Team Sport Technologies (<http://www.teamssporttech.com/>) and discussed options with them. They provided a hosted solution that is HTML/browser based and allows portions of the site to be delegated out for others to maintain/edit (e.g., allowing the Managers for every team to manage the pages related to their teams).

Several surrounding communities use them (Roseville, Stillwater and St. Croix Rec Center)

The pricing was estimated at a one time fee (migration) of \$294 and then a \$65/mo charge for ongoing service (this is required upfront at a cost of \$780/yr). Our current site is hosted by VISI.COM and the cost was not available during the meeting.

One of the challenges is that the package listed above does not include a “broadcast email” facility. That facility is included in their “buy up” package that provides the “online registration” – the transactional fees for which are cost prohibitive.

Rick Geier requested that we take time to look at other vendors. Several members indicated that the competitor vendors would all be similar in price and scope of services. Also, due to the fact that Team Sports was already the vendor for several local hockey associations, that brought some credibility.

Bob and Eric both felt that it was important that we move ahead and get an approval put in place so that we could plan for the migration in the event it needed to occur in May. Given the new Online registration from D2, the sooner the migration occurs, the better.

Eric Blegen made a motion, John Schwartz seconded and all approved to move ahead with a contract providing there were no “deal-breakers related to:

1. We can find an acceptable solution to the broadcast email issue
2. The advertising that is used to generate revenue on the sites can be adequately looked at to make sure it is not going to be offensive.
3. Competitive pricing is procured

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.