

Bemidji Youth Hockey Association Regular Meeting
October 15, 2008
Elks
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Tom Forseth, Jeff Lind, Jay Lehman, Rod Starkey, Gina Olson, Pam Isaacson, Kris Hammitt, Tara Baker, Mike Gregg, Beth Black, Judy Mackenroth, Clint Bruestle, David White

Board Members Absent:

Shannon Heifort, Jari Hanson, Dave Larson

Visitors:

HDC members, Squirt and Mite parents

- Vice President, Tom Forseth, called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

A. Administrative Matters

- a. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
 - i. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved with addition of the following Board Members added as Present: Clint Bruestle, Beth Black, Jari Hanson
 1. Motion to approve by Mike, Second by Jay, motion carried
- b. President's Report:
 - i. 14U jerseys have turned up
 - ii. Shannon has resigned from her position as Secretary of the Board and will assume other duties on Committees. Tara Baker will step into the position of Secretary of the Board.
 1. Motion to approve by Judy, Second by Mike, motion carried
- c. Treasurer's Report – Judy Mackenroth
 - i. Reconciliation Summary handouts were provided for the Board Members to review.
 - ii. Timber Assoc. donated \$995.50 for parking cars
 - iii. Audits are expected to be done by the end of this week
 - iv. Judy received an invoice from Bemidji State University for the years 2006-2008. Total amount owed is \$4,477.50. Judy has gone back and unable to find any cancelled checks or invoices. Judy has made payment arrangements with BSU.
 - v. Judy ordered checks that with a double signature line. Judy is requesting, Dave Larson, Tom Forseth, Pam Isaacson and Tara Baker also go in to Deerwood bank to be authorized as second signatures.
 - vi. Judy received \$850.00 from Image Photography for commissions.
 - vii. Authorized Jeff Lind \$300.00 for Grand Opening.

1. Motion to approve Treasure's Report by Jeff, Second by Kristin, motion carried
 - a. Discussion: Mike brought to the Boards attention that we need to make sure we have BSU accounted for in the Budget.
- d. Registration – Pam Isaacson
 - i. Pam reported the registration is going well. She will do an updated registration on October 16th.
 - ii. Pam states that if older players that do not have registrations in by the afternoon of October 16th will not be able to skate next week.
 - iii. Pam will do another updated registration October 21st.
 - iv. The following are the current numbers of registered hockey players at this time:
 1. Bantams – 31
 2. Pee Wee – 31
 3. 14U – 9
 4. 12U – 17
 5. 10U – 11
 6. Squirts – 51
 7. Mites – 75
 - a. Total numbers at this time are 225
 - v. There will be a table for registration set-up on November 1 at the BCA Grand Opening. There will also be registration information available at the upcoming Skating Clinic at the City Arena.
- e. Grievance Committee – None
- f. Policy & Procedure – Clint Bruestle
 - i. Second Reading of New Proposed Policies
 1. New policy reading 2 – *If circumstances exist which provide difficulty for registration fee to be paid in the required time frame, a request for an alternative payment plan may be requested by the BYHA Registrar. If, at the sole discretion of the BYHA Registrar, a revised payment plan is agreed upon, same shall be documented, signed by and copied to the BYHA Registrar, BYHA Treasurer and the Players Parents'/Guardian.*
 - a. "Aye" – all Board Members present voted Aye for this Policy to be approved.
 - b. "Nay" – None
 2. New policy reading 2 – *If player chooses not to play BYHA hockey within one month from registration, but prior to the first day of practice, a refund of 100% registration amount minus MN/USA Hockey fees will be available. After the season starts, but before December 15th, if a player chooses not to play because of a season ending injury, family relocation, or extreme personal issues, 50% of the registration fee will be available for refund. After December 15th, no refund will be available.*
 - a. "Aye" – all Board Members present voted Aye for this Policy to be approved.
 - b. "Nay" – None
 3. New policy reading 2 – *Page 22, Article XI Traveling Teams: Propose to change the language to read: Squirts/10U may not exceed 24 travel team games.*

- a. "Aye" - Tom Forseth, Jay Lehman, Rod Starkey, Gina Olson, Kris Hammitt, Tara Baker, Mike Gregg, Beth Black, Judy Mackenroth, Clint Bruestle
- b. "Nay" – Jeff Lind
 - i. With a 10-1 vote the Policy is approved.

B. Operations Matters

- a. HDC – Neil Huewe
 - i. The HDC met Sunday, October 12, 2008
 - ii. The player movement request cannot be acted on until after tryouts.
 - iii. Peach reported that 14U numbers are at eight (8) out skaters and one (1) goalie. Looking at moving a couple of 12U second year players up. One has committed and one is thinking about it. Also need to wait to see the outcome of the High School tryouts that will take place November 3, 4, 5, and 6 to see if any 14U eligible players opt to play with 14U.
- b. Coaches:
 - i. Coaches have been set for the older groups as follows:
 1. Bantam A – Head Coach, Corey Offerdahl; Asst Coach, Mike Tatro
 2. Bantam B – Co-Head Coaches – Matt Gerhan and Joe Prokop
 3. Pee Wee A – Head Coach, Neil Huewe; Asst Coach, Matt Stasch
 4. Pee Wee B – Head Coach, Alex Owens; Asst Coach, Aaron Thibert
 5. 14U – Head Coach, Jake Reiersen; Asst Coach, still working on
 6. 12U – Head Coach, Keith "Peach" Huerd; Asst Coach, Kevin Olson & Chris Tolman
 7. 10U – Head Coach, Mike Quillin; Asst Coach, Dave Smith
 8. Squirts – Brad Takkunen, Mitch Smith, Scott Johnson, Bob Fitzgerald, Travis Barnes, Neil Holmstrom, Mike Amble, Jeff Lind, Brian Hartje
- c. Tournaments: Steve Heller and Rod Starkey
 - i. Bantam A – 5 registered; need 3 more
 - ii. Bantam B – 15 – waiting on 1
 - iii. Pee Wee A – 16 – Full
 - iv. Pee Wee B – 11 – can accept 1-5 more
 - v. 14U – 6 – can accept 2 more
 - vi. 12U – 6 – can accept 2 more
 - vii. 10U – 4 – can accept 4 more
 - viii. Squirt A – 11 – can accept 1 more
 - ix. Squirt B – 10 – can accept 6 more
 - x. Out of town tournaments have all been scheduled except for the other two Squirt B teams. Steve will work on this.
- d. Equipment
 - i. Missing two sets of Squirt In-house jerseys.
 - ii. Still looking into Mite equipment for next year. Judy working on some information for getting equipment at a cheaper price.
 - iii. Beth Black and Kris Hammitt will work on organizing getting donated Mite equipment.
- e. Schedules
 - i. Schedules for the week of October 20, 2008 are out and posted on the website.
- f. Referees
 - i. We have them

- ii. Will look at having Bantam players help out with the Squirt in-house games as a second person on the ice.

g. HEP – None

C. Financial Matters

a. Budget – Judy Mackenroth

- i. Judy reports that the budget is okay. Will bring a copy of the operating budget to the meetings for review.

b. Concessions – Joe Bofferding

- i. Will need help with concessions for the Grand Opening
- ii. Neil will bring gas grill
- iii. Need 220 hook-up for pancake grill
- iv. Joe is recommending that he take the Food Manager license
- v. Scheduling for concessions
 - 1. Team Managers will be in charge of scheduling
- vi. Joe would like to see volunteering for concessions to be mandatory for upcoming years.
- vii. Parents cannot replace themselves from concessions with a child
- viii. Joe is talking with Bemidji Figure Skating Club on revenue sharing at the City Arena and having them responsible for running the concessions at City

c. Fundraising

- i. Calendars are being printed and will be done October 24, 2008. Calendars will be given out at the Grand Opening on November 1, 2008.
- ii. There will be an Open Skate from 12-2 the day of Grand Opening
- iii. Jeff Lind will be sending out the invitations for Grand Opening to City Council, County and School Board, Legislatures and the top 50 top contributors.
- iv. We have 200 flyers that also need to get out to businesses for advertising the Grand Opening
- v. Jeff is working on getting the information regarding the Grand Opening on the radio and television.
- vi. Jeff is looking into having a radio live broadcast set-up for the event
- vii. Speed Skating, Bemidji Figure Skating will have registration tables set-up at the Grand Opening. Clint will have an advertising table, Pam will have a registration table and there will also be a calendar table.
- viii. Expecting approximately 300 for the pancake breakfast
- ix. Calendars will be bundled per family. If family does not pick up it is then up to the age group rep to get them to the families.
- x. KA Tournament – we need a gambling number for the tickets before they are made up.

d. Sponsors

- i. In-house is full
- ii. Still need some travel team sponsors
 - 1. 2 Squirts
 - 2. 1 Pee Wee B
- iii. Need to get an updated banner at the rink before the Grand Opening listing all of the sponsors as the old banner does not include any new sponsors.

e. Gambling Report – None

D. Outreach Matters

a. Marketing – Jeff Lind

- i. Free Skate is full – talk to David White regarding any available dates that may be in open in November at the BCA to hold another Free Skate event.
 - ii. One Goal posters – being worked on
 - b. Pictures
 - i. Older teams – Mid-November
 - ii. Mites – Late November
 - iii. Image would like to store their digital equipment used for tournaments at the rink. This is not a problem.
 - c. Banquet
 - i. Bigger and Better. Will still hold at Bemidji High School

E. Facilities Matter

- a. Special Projects
 - i. Community Clean-up is October 25, 2008, 8:00 am – finish
 - ii. Outdoor Arena – Jeff & Mike will take a look to see what needs to be done; there are two weekends of Mite games scheduled at the outdoor, weather permitting
- b. Arena
 - i. Ice and lines will hopefully start the week of October 20, 2008
 - ii. Another clean-up at arena is scheduled for October 16, 2008, 6:00 pm
 - iii. BCA will be available for rental as time allows; contact Dan Dow with questions
 - iv. Dick Tolman has been hired as the full-time supervisor of the Arena
 - v. As time allows there will be Open Hockey at the Arena
 - vi. Need to get out to the families that everyone needs to do their part in keeping arena clean, supervise their children etc.

F. Old Business

- a. Mission statement – we do not have one
- b. Board – need to start talking about how the Board can be changed to make it smaller
 - i. Need to come up with committee members to help with this; Tracy Pogue, Judy Mackenroth, Mike Amble (?), Jim Grimm (?)

G. New Business – None

H. Adjournment – 9:28 pm; Motion to adjourn by Jeff, Second by Rod, motion carried