

**MINNETONKA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER
September 15, 2008**

Meeting called to order 6:34 p.m. (Morgan)

Board Members Present: Morgan, Townsend, Fallon, Bowman, Lundberg, Worrell, Williams, Sanderson, Holstrom, Evans, Durocher, Hoerauf, Howe

Board Members Absent: Krueger.

Others Present: T. Fleck, J. Kraimer, C. Molenaar.

I. Old Business –

- A. Minutes – Motion to approve 8/18/2008 Minutes (Lundberg, Howe 2nd)
Motion carried unanimously.

II. Open Discussion/Member Forum

A. Kraimer inquired regarding format of Jr. Gold Program. Evans responded and gave summary of program.

B. Fleck inquired regarding coaches recruiting efforts. Lundberg responded that several non-parent coaches have accepted, and a few offers are outstanding.

III. Director Reports –

A. President – Morgan reported:

- MYHA has reached agreement with the City of Victoria regarding 2002 Ice Agreement, and has received ice agreement from City of Victoria for 2008-2009 Season.
 - Motion to approved settlement agreement with slight revisions to language based on counsel's input (Holstrom, Worrell 2nd)
 - § Motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion to approve proposed ice agreement with City of Victoria for 2008-2009 Season subject to Holstrom's confirmation of ice. (Durocher, Sanderson 2nd).
 - § Motion carried unanimously.

- Minnesota Hockey has suspended application of player eligibility rules across state pending wording review by Minnesota Hockey. MH is apparently supportive of rule, but is looking at wording and consistency across state.
- Pagel – Townsend will be working with Pagel to address outstanding action items from audit and review Pagel financial information. Need updated signatories to MYHA General Account and MYHA Pagel Account.
 - Motion to approve the following persons to have signing authority on the MYHA Checking Accounts: Sharon Morgan, President; Jackie Fallon, Treasurer; Kathy Latham; and Rick Domaas. (Morgan, Townsend 2nd)
 - § Motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion to approve the following persons to have signing authority on the MYHA Pagel Accounts: Sharon Morgan, President; Jackie Fallon, Treasurer; Rick Domaas; Greg Clough; and Denise Deboer. (Morgan, Worrell 2nd)
 - § Motion carried unanimously.
- Pagel Refinance – Domaas continues to work with attorneys on Pagel refinancing which will result in estimated finance savings and address balloon payment issue. Hope to have refinancing complete by end of month.
- Academic Recognition – Cassey Murphy has agreed to organize the academic achievement program which is scheduled for March 19, 2009.
- Picture Day – In need of volunteers to schedule dates, times, and locations for pictures and to organize picture event.

B. Vice President – Townsend solicited a small group of volunteer board members to assist with Pagel project.

C. Secretary – Bowman reported:

- Neck guard rule was updated by District 6 to eliminate burden on officials of distinguishing between various styles of neck guards.
- District 6 has asked for association input on interest in District 6 creating a Mite and Squirt advanced development camp. Concerns raised about cost, having to give up association ice to support such a program, undermining association development efforts, and a program which would compete with association efforts. No board member supported such a program.

- District 6 is intending to allow St. Thomas to field a team at the Bantam B2 (or possibly B1) level and the team would be registered through Prior Lake. Team would be eligible for some playoffs. Substantial concerns were raised about this issue, including: Such a team is not bound by the same rules (ie. residency) as association; does team have to take all players as associations do, requirement of increased travel by District 6 teams to St. Thomas arena, difficulty in ice scheduling given the additional travel time, and competitive concerns about the ability of one team within the district to be able to recruit from a much broader geographic base than association teams. No board members supported such a team.
- Game Draw Commences October 4, 2008
- Team declarations due to district by September 25, 2008.

D. Treasurer – Fallon reported:

- Correction – Annual report is not on website.
- Is available to answer questions re: MYHA finances from Assoc. members.
- Record number of payment plans have been requested this year.
- Refund checks and/or invoices from last season have been sent out.

E. Girls Director – Worrell reported on the following projected team numbers and team estimates now that registration is closed:

- 10U – 26 skaters/1 goalies (2 teams – A, B) – 3 not registered who have played in past.
- 12U – 31 skaters/2 goalies (2 teams – A, B) – 2 not registered who have played in past.
- 14U – 24 skaters/2 goalies (2 teams – A, B) – 3 not registered who have played in past.

F. Boys Team Director – Lundberg reported on the following projected team numbers and team estimates now that registration is closed with caveat that additional numbers may be received and HDC will be discussing team levels further:

- Bantam – 82 skaters/7 Goalies (6 Teams: A, B1, B2, B2, C, C). Five skaters are currently undecided.
- PeeWee – 85 skaters/17 Goalies (6 Teams: A, B1, B2, B2, C, C). Twelve skaters unaccounted for.
- Squirts – 78 skaters/2 goalies.

Discussion by Board for need to cut off registration in order to allow for team planning and team declarations. Late registrations make team planning and declaration very difficult and can lead to oversized teams which could be prevented with timely registration. Consensus that registration cut off will be September 18, 2008, and MYHA will only accept late registrations after that date if a team has room (ie. under 15 skaters).

G. Mites – Williams reported:

- 56 Mites signed up at Jamboree and walk-in registration.
- Mite 3 and 4 teams should be set by November 22, 2008.
- Mite development program planning is underway.

H. Ice – Holstrom reported:

- Ice volume will be approximately the same as last year, but with better times.
- Game draw commences October 4, 2008.

I. Equipment – Howe reported:

- Blue Jerseys have arrived.
- Socks should be shipped by September 19, 2008.
- In process of obtaining pullovers and mite jerseys.

J. Tournaments – Evans reported:

- Home Tournaments: Jr. Gold A Tournament is full; Jr. Gold B tournament has 7 of 8 teams registered.
- Away Tournaments: Bantam B1 did not get into one of the local tournaments planned. Looking into alternatives.

K. Registrar – Sanderson reported that registration numbers have been reported on above. Sanderson to post on website that late registration will close September 18, 2008, after which registration will be taken only if team/level has room.

L. Fundraiser – Durocher brought same of coffee bag, and is looking into Mite sweatshirts. Durocher raised question of whether fundraiser obligation could be reduced or eliminated for families with over a certain number of hockey players. Discussion on topic ensued. Consensus that because fundraiser is used to pay individual player's hard expenses for season, the result of such a proposal would be that some players would pay less for season and that other players would have to subsidize this shortfall. No motion or support for such a proposal.

IV. New Business

Bowman sought approval to purchase and have two Minnetonka Jerseys framed and presented to counsel who represented MYHA in the dispute with the City of Victoria as recognition gesture of appreciation for their efforts on behalf of MYHA. Board consensus to proceed with purchase and presentation.

Motion to Adjourn (Lundberg/Evans 2nd)

Motion carried unanimously – meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Bowman.

APPROVED 10/13/2008