

# Hastings Hockey Boosters

## Monthly Meeting Minutes February, 2007

**Meeting called to order @ 7:07pm**

**Roll Call:** Rob Williams, Jay Stark, Steve Murray, Marty Caneff, Jim Koch, Jeff Bussey, Jim Meier, Tracie Karbo, Jerry Baum, Mike Klein

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Jeff Bussey, second by Jim Meier. All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the November minutes by Jeff Bussey, second by Steve Murray. All in favor.

**Financial/Registration Update:** Jim Koch – Reconciliation Statement handed out. Haven't gotten all data together from registration and end of year fees yet, due to the amount of transactions to enter, need one more week. The financial statement will be sent to the board by next week. We are in the process of paying the ice bills.

Tournament Income/Expenses: Ice hours hurt us with the AB Peewee tournament. Right now we're about \$400 under budget on tournaments. We still have the in-house tournament. There are still some team fees out. We're about \$6000 short to date on team fees. As a whole we're doing pretty good, most will be in very soon. 1099 Form – about 5 refs had a 1099 form issued this year, they go to refs who made over \$599. Financial statement will be approved next month after it's finalized.

### Presidents Briefing:

We are working on sending out our sponsor packages. All will be done and sent by tomorrow. The cost for the banner at the arena was split 3 ways with the high school, the city and us. It was money well spent. We need a few more logos for the sponsor banner on the dryland facility.

I would like the board to consider some realignment on the board. I would like to add a volunteer coordinator to the board. We'll have a lot more problems soon if we don't address this issue now. We need to do better at organizing and recruiting for volunteer positions.

### District 8 Update:

Jerry Baum - District 8 has asked us to take a look at forming some inter-league play, since redistricting won't be getting done on the state level. District 8 and District 4 would like to take it on themselves, to split these districts into 3 regions. There's a meeting coming up to vote on it. My intention is to vote for its approval unless the Board has any objections. One of our concessions would be 2 non-conference games, one home and one away, possibly at far as Albert Lea. Some levels work better than others with this new proposal. We may have to have more out-of-division games to accommodate some of the teams. District playoffs will still be run by USA Hockey rules. After much discussion, the Board approves of the changes proposed.

### District 8 Referee Update:

None.

## **AGENDA:**

### Old Business:

**Tournament Update** – We need to fill in volunteer spots for the Bantam District tournament coming up this weekend.

**Dryland Facility** – There was an issue with some Squirt level coaches regarding the dryland facility and its use. This issue has been discussed and the board may make some changes for next year. Everyone needs to vacuum up after themselves after dryland practice.

**Outdoor Ice** – There were several complaints through the City that got to us about teams that took over the outdoor ice without getting on the schedule through the City. All outdoor ice time needs to be scheduled through the city outdoor ice coordinator.

**April Elections** – All who are going to declare their candidacy are encouraged to do so sooner, rather than later. The last day to declare candidacy for any position is March 31, 2007.

### **New Business:**

**Goalie Camp** –Lenny Weiss – August 20-24, 2007 Greg Heinz will be coming to Hastings Arena for a Goalie Camp. Camp goes from 9am-3pm. There is ice training, lunch and dryland training. We need 20 goalies to run the camp. I have verbal commitments from 22 goalies from Hastings only already. Cost is \$395. There is a 20% discount for 10 or more kids. Jerry Baum did a review of the proposed contract. There are a few issues that need to be addressed. There is a skater camp option that could be pursued also. There are several goalies that I still need to get a hold of about camp. All information was handed out in folders to the Board. The point of this is to have a consistent camp to come to Hastings. Shooters and counselors are needed for the camp as a paid position as well. Any questions should go to Lenny Weiss. Please let him know if you are interested in attending this camp. A poster will be up in the Hastings arena and neighboring arenas. Contact Information: Lenny Weiss, h-437-4844, w-952-891-7109, email: lenny.weiss@co.dakota.mn.us

**Summer Ice** – The arena will be opening in August this summer. We are looking to open 2 weeks earlier than last year, this depends on the high school also. The City will be completely in charge of selling the summer ice this year. The ice rate has not been set yet for Summer ice. The only thing HHB is doing for summer is just organizing some hours for HHB events. HHB will not be running any camps, these will all be run by individuals.

**HHB 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Jerry Baum/Mike Klein – The 2008-2009 season will be the 50th Anniversary of the Hastings Hockey Boosters. We'd like to put together several special things for this and do some events. It will take a while for planning, so everyone should start thinking of things to do. We would like to collect stories, photos and timeline stuff to document. Everyone is encourage to start doing some research.

**07/08 Player Planning** – Jerry Baum – All directors please put together a list of players that will be in each lever for next year's season so we can start doing some pre-season planning.

**Squirt In-House Teams** – Some have been requested to scrimmage or practice with other association teams. Jeff Bussey would like to register all Squirt teams next year so that they are covered by USA Hockey. All coaches would have to be Level 2 certified, which they'll need to use the dryland facility anyway. Some restrictions will need to be set, but Squirts would be able to participate in some Jamborees. It would simplify our registration of Squirts also. Budgeting for next season should include Level 2 certification for all Squirt coaches.

### **Other Board Items –**

**Mite/Squirt tournament** – Jim Meier – Would like to hold a raffle for sports tickets during the Mite/Squirt Tournament. Looking for ideas from Board also.

**Equipment Return** – Mike Klein – Mini-Mites and Mites need to have equipment collected immediately following their final practice.

### **Board Comment:**

None.

### **Membership Comment:**

Dana Leibrand – Would like to have coach's wives be able to get into the home tournament for free. Just as a courtesy, not a money issue.

**Next Meeting:**      **March 13, 2007-Green Mill, 7pm**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn @ 9:07pm by Jeff Bussey, second by Jim Meier. All in favor.