

## Hastings Hockey Boosters

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes January 13, 2009**

**Meeting called to order @ 7:06pm**

**Roll Call:** Jerry Baum, Jim Koch, Tracy Pavelka, Kris Porrez, Todd Wallace, Josh Duerkop, Marty Caneff, Mike McCoy, Jay Stark, Matt Klein and Rob Williams. Absent were Jeff Kuhn, Mike Klein and Jerry Claussen

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Mike McCoy, second by Kris Porrez. All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the December 9 meeting minutes by Todd Wallace, second by Kris Porrez. All in favor.

#### **Financial Update by Jim Koch:**

Our income from tournaments is falling short of our initial projections for the year. Will be e-mailing level directors if any players are still not paid, they need to sit out until payment is made. Team fees are due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion to approve the financials by Jim Koch, second by Rob Williams. All in favor.

#### **President's Briefing by Jerry Baum:**

We are still getting a few complaints from the arena staff that coaches and/or players are going onto the ice before the Zamboni is done. Also a reminder that coaches need to have helmets on for insurance purposes, and that only certified coaches can be on the ice and dryland facilities. The TV's are up in the lobby at the arena now; we still need to get the link to scroll the sponsors on one of them. Other announcements can be scrolled along with the sponsors. We may not be able to get locker room assignments on the last TV for a while, as software needs to be purchased by the City in order to do this.

#### **D8 Update by Jeff Kuhn:**

In Jeff's absence, Jerry reported that Jeff will be attending the District 8 meeting tomorrow night. For district tournaments, there will be a gate fee to be paid by each team instead of paying at the door.

#### **D8 Referee Update by Jesse Viall:**

No update.

#### **Director Updates:**

**Mini-Mites/Mites:** Rob Williams/Josh Duerkop – will be setting up year-end activities for the 3 levels. 1<sup>st</sup> tier (in-house blue) will have a medal ceremony; 2<sup>nd</sup> tier (in-house gold) will have a round-robin tournament; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier (in-house white) will have an in-house tourney with the Squirts.

**Squirts:** Mike McCoy – no update.  
**Peeweews:** Jay Stark – no update.  
**Bantams:** Jerry Claussen – absent – no update.  
**Jr. Gold:** Todd Wallace – no update.  
**Girls:** Marty Caneff – no update.  
**Coach-in-Chief:** Matt Klein – coaches clinic coming up.  
**Operations:** Mike Klein – absent – no update.  
**Volunteers:** Kris Porrez – no update.

### **Old Business:**

**Tournaments:** Currently we have 5 teams registered (including Hastings) at each level for the upcoming River Rumble Tournament, need 6 teams minimum.

### **New Business:**

**Elections:** Board positions open this year are: President, Director of Operations, Director of Volunteers, Director of Bantams, Director of Girls, and Director of Mites. Those interested must declare their candidacy to the association secretary by January 31<sup>st</sup> for the February 10<sup>th</sup> election. Rob Williams made a motion to hold the elections at the arena again this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Stark. All in favor.

**Recruiting Board Members/Coordinators:** We need to keep approaching people, talking to them and get them involved.

**Volunteer Hours:** Kris Porrez wanted to clarify: If parents have kids in both in-house and traveling teams, can their volunteer hours done for the in-house team count toward their traveling team volunteer obligation? Yes, their hours will count.

**Online Coaches Survey:** Jay Stark has looked into this: cost is a flat fee of \$200.00 for 1 year usage of Survey Monkey, or the price is \$19.99 per month up to 1000 surveys. Some discussion ensued and Jay Stark made a motion to do the online survey, with cost not to exceed \$200.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike McCoy. It was also clarified that it must be an invited e-mail list. All in favor.

**Squirt Proposal:** Member Mark Hokans presented the board with a request to add a Squirt B traveling team in addition to the A team. He also proposed the remaining in-house Squirt teams would play against each other for the first half of the season, and travel to other communities for the second half of the season. A lengthy discussion ensued. Hastings is lucky enough to have enough teams to be able to have an in-house Squirt program. Many other organizations don't have enough teams to play against each other, so they have to travel. Having to roster the teams with District 8 is another concern. Do kids at this age get discouraged too easily and drop out if they don't make a higher team? Jerry Baum stated that we used to have a model like this (where Squirts level was traveling teams) and we saw higher participation levels when we changed to an in-house program.

**Girls Hockey Night:** Marty Caneff asked if the association would donate a hockey stick or two for the event. Yes, no problem.

**Other Board Items:** None

**Membership Comment:** A parent has concerns with the leadership on the board in regards to an incident that previously occurred at the arena. He doesn't believe that the actions taken are enough. He says there is still bullying going on and wants to know at what point does the coach take responsibility for the players? Jerry Baum will investigate these new allegations, and will also sit down with the coaches of the team involved and discuss new pre-ice and post-ice policies with them, and will also hold a team meeting with parents and coaches.

**Adjournment:** Kris Porrez made a motion to adjourn at 9:40pm, second by Jim Koch. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Pavelka, HHB Secretary