

Minnetonka Youth Hockey Association
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes (approved)
September 14, 2009
District Service Center, Minnetonka, MN

Board Members present: Anne Madson, Nicole Durocher, Tony Weinzetl, Jeff Williams, Lisa Sanderson, Doug Howe, Chris Evans, TJ Worrell, Sharon Morgan, Sheila McMillan, Jon Harris,

In attendance: Bret Meredith, Jeff Teal, Greg Clough, Kathy Latham

Meeting was called to order at 6:33p by Sharon Morgan.

The Board reviewed and then approved minutes from the August 17, 2009 meeting. Motion to Approve, Evans, Second, Howe

Request for Waiver - Bret Meredith

Bret Meredith talked to the Board requesting a waiver to play with Minnetonka for his son Kyle. Kyle played hockey for 3 years in Minnetonka and Bret coached. At one time, the Meredith's were residents of Minnetonka. They currently reside in Victoria and are in the Chaska School District. Kyle attends the International School which sits in the boundaries of the Hopkins Hockey Association. Bret mentioned his intention to open enroll Kyle in Minnetonka Schools sometime in the next few years. He requested a waiver and pending our approval would then ask to be released from Chaska Hockey, where he resides and Hopkins Hockey, where his school is located.

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding this request. The discussion revolved around several key topics including who is a Minnetonka Hockey Player? Is it someone who goes to school here? Is it someone who lives in our school district boundaries? After reviewing all of the details there was a motion made to deny the application for waiver to Kyle Meredith. Motion was made by Worrell, Second, by Williams and motion was passed.

Hockey Development Committee – Jeff Teal

Tournaments - Last year there was a team limit of 3 tournaments, keeping the practice to game ratio in a good place for Minnetonka teams also because out of town tournaments are expensive. This season teams will have the option of adding a 4th tournament under the following rules:

1. Teams must still stay under their game limit
2. 4th Tournament has to be in town
3. All parents of teams who are interested in adding the 4th tournament must agree that this is something they want to do
4. 4th tournament registration fees have to come out of the team checkbook

Code of Conduct – At the upcoming parents and coaches meetings there will be a code of conduct to be signed. Coaches, parents and players will each have to sign one.

Tryouts – HDC is requesting that the Association close tryouts to parents. The request is based on several factors including many other Association's hold closed tryouts, 70% of Minnetonka kids surveyed last year said they would prefer parents not there watching them. Other Associations who hold closed tryouts include Eastview, St Cloud, Eden Prairie, Burnsville. On the ice during tryouts will be high school players, A team coaches. There will be parent volunteers on the bench. Tryouts will have outside (non-Tonka) evaluators.

Board discussed closed tryouts. Motion to close tryouts for all levels (U10/Squirt through Junior Gold) was made by Howe, second, by Williams. Motion passed.

President's Report:

Ice Time Victoria & Minnetonka A & B – Discussed the structure of buying ice time from Chaska Chanhassen. They would like a 2 year agreement with Minnetonka for 690 hours. Our attorney is looking at the contract with Victoria. Minnetonka A & B have offered MYHA 700 hours. Contract for Minnetonka A & B ice was presented to the Board. Motion was made to approve the City of Minnetonka contract for ice at Minnetonka A & B by Morgan, second, by Howe. Motion passed.

High School Exception for Tryouts – Background: The process for high school tryouts related to each grade level are as follows, 9th grade is by invitation only, 10th through 12th grades can just attend tryouts. Players who are U14/Bantam eligible (10th graders) must decide to either play youth hockey or tryout for the high school team. The player must request a waiver to tryout for any high school team. Changes to the eligibility rules were presented to the Board for consideration and are as follows:

1. Players trying out for a High School team cannot participate with the Bantam/14U A team during the tryout period.
2. If the player fails to make the varsity team, he/she will be permitted to return to the Bantam/14U A team immediately.
3. Players who make a varsity or junior varsity team will forfeit all of their season fees. (2008-09 rule stated that players would forfeit half of their season fees)
4. If a player fails to receive a waiver for any reason, MYHA is not obligated to reserve a roster spot on any MYHA team and is not obligated to refund any portion of their season fees.

Motion was made by Morgan, second, by Durocher that a 10th grader who makes the JV team will forfeit all money paid to MYHA. Motion passed.

Audit – Information was given to the tax accounts for the audit.

Vice President's Report:

Pagel - has a new chart of accounts and new online books
Equipment Exchange – need one more Board member to help. Madson agreed to do it.

Secretary's Report:

District 6 update – Fighting penalty was passed changing the fighting rule to a 3 game suspension from a 1 game suspension. Coaches cannot be rostered if they don't have their certificate by rostering date. (if they expire 12/31/09) Coaches who are registering on USA hockey will only be reimbursed for fees if they are rostered. Because of flu, etc. referees will not be shaking hands this season.

Treasurer's Report:

-working with 6-7 families on scholarships, approximately \$1,400.

Girl's Director:

Registration – There is a fairly large group of girls who have not registered for the season (played with us in past and are registered for Pond Hockey). Girl's pre-tryout meeting is September 28.

Coaches - Have not found any non-parent coaches for girl's teams.

Boy's Director:

Tryouts- have coordinators for boy's tryouts. Parents pre-tryout meetings next week
Coaches – Secured coaches for Bantam A, B1 and Pee Wee A

Mite Director:

Mite Round Up – Good numbers. Boys Round Up only had 2 high school players, need more adults. Girls Round Up had more varsity skaters than kids.
Registration – closes October 20th for Mites. Mite Parents meetings scheduled for Mite 1&2 and Mite 3&4 for later in October.

Ice Director:

Game draws – October 1, October 6, October 8
Need to get Mite Jamboree Ice

Tournament Director:

Tournaments have been booked. U12 A on waitlist for Cake Eaters. Signed them up for Elk River as a back up. Hotel rooms have been booked.

Equipment Director:

MYHA will not provide water bottles to teams this season. Remind teams to tell players to provide their own water bottles clearly marked with players names. Mite goalie equipment is in.

Registrar's Report:

Downloaded 430 registrations as of Friday. Will provide breakdowns for those who need it.

Fundraising Director:

Drop ship date for coffee to be determined. Samples from Atomic Apparel were at walk in registration.

Volunteer Director:

Email is working to get members to sign up for volunteer opportunities. Report names/hours of those helping Board Committees to Sheila so they get credit.

Sponsorship Director:

No report

New Business:

none.

Old Business:

Jersey was delivered to Leonard Street and Deinard

A motion to adjourn was made by Worrell, second by Williams at 8:57pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Sanderson, MYHA Secretary

Minutes Approved: 10/12/09 Motion to Approve: McMillan Second: Howe