

**MBA Joint committee meeting**  
**Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**  
**Benson Hockey Rink**

Attending: Jim Rentz, Jamie Beyer, Dan Aarhus, Ann Vipond, Sue Helberg, Barb Schwarz, Kristin Ohren,, Troy Kennedy, Ryan Watzke, Miriam Lindblad. Amy Christenson, Todd Valnes, Jeff DeHaan, Rob Jergenson  
Others: Kathy Claussen, Mrs Dan Aarhus,

**Meeting opened** by Jim Rentz.

September and October meeting minutes were approved. Ryan W. Barb S. MSP  
Treasure report included balance \$5510.77 including the \$3840. of Jersey fund. Jersey fees for this season have not been put in yet. Morris jersey fees are collected.  
One payment request for a tournament registration is on hand.  
Motion made to pay the difference for the Bantam tournament fee. Ryan W. Troy K. MSP. Motion to reimburse the approved \$500. for goalie camp for Will Johnson as documentation has been received. Ryan W. Troy K. MSP.  
Motion to approve the financial, treasurers report by Rob J. Troy K. MSP

Suggestion to consider increasing the tournament allowances for next season and review of the handbook by \$150/ team.

**Registration report:** Morris registrations for players are all entered and transmitted. There needs to be clarification to get the teams registered with the right players listed. Discussion held regarding the Squirt teams, there are 31 registered. Plans have been made for two teams and coaches arranged.

**Moving Players discussion:** Benson Hockey Association has formal written requests from two Mite age players to move up to the Squirt level. One of these skaters listed he has developed many hockey skills and would seem to fit the level of play at Squirts. The other request comes from a skater who is actually a first year member but misses the cut off date by days and is requesting to play with school class mates rather than at the Mite level.

In light of these two requests two other Mite skaters in Benson represented by parents at the meeting have questioned what that leaves for them as a Mite team, at this point looks like there would be three players. These skaters want to continue on a team for practice and games. Some of the skaters on last years Mite team have moved to the 10 U girls team which consists of 13 skaters. Long discussion held about where these skaters should be placed on teams and the resulting team sizes of Mites or Squirts. One offer is to have the Benson and Morris mites join for games and perhaps a practice a week in Morris. The Benson program though would do well to have a Mite practice available to encourage future skaters. Other options of three Squirt teams seems very difficult to get games and coaches.

There is also another formal written request from a Benson skater to move from Squirts to Pee Wees. There are currently 14 PeeWees and with this request would make 15 on the team.

Motion made to accept Tanner Gimberlains request to move to PeeWees by Troy K. Barb W. MSP with one opposed.

Motion made to have the other players skate at age appropriate level for 2 weeks by Miriam L. Ann V. MSP with one opposed.

Squirts may try to have scheduled individual team practice every other week.

Decision made to have a special meeting regarding the Mite programs to be held November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Benson Rink 7:00pm. November 13<sup>th</sup> practice starts. Benson Board will notify the parents. Hope to also have input from the coaches regarding options.

Squirt coach Todd Collins will be available more soon following harvest, Troy Kennedy and Steve offered to help.

Kristy Oonincx has offered to help with the girls varsity program when practicing in Benson and the also the youth girls and possibly other teams. Funding will be made available to her and a schedule arranged.

**Scheduling** report: The master schedule can be printed now from the website. Each team has the practices and games on their respective page. The 10 u is found under girls and then says 12U as a header. There will be a few more changes coming. Update is always listed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm Jamie B., Ann V., MSP

Minutes by Miriam Lindblad

**Next joint Board meeting December 3 7:00pm at Morris Rink**  
**Additional meeting Sunday November 18, 7:00 pm Benson Rink.**