

Joint Work Group Meeting – Monday, November 21, 2005

In attendance: Juanita S., Jim R., Lonnie A., Mike H, Rob J., Dan A., Scott S., Troy K., Mike L. Jodi C.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jersey Bags – bills were provided to BHA and MHA for payment, no joint work group action required as each association is paying their own invoice. Jodi brought up the fact that Ron Sharstrom and Jean Schultz felt like the HS was blindsided with the jersey bag fee and that they feel that the HS jerseys / fees really should be maintained by the HS teams. Juanita indicated that the boys HS just had a meeting and there was no concern voiced at the meeting. The issue was dropped.

Web development second half payment – Lonnie reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> half bill had already been paid from the MBA Storm account, no further action required.

Scheduling – Jodi asked if practices were going to be held on Dec 23, it was left up to the coaches to cancel practice if they did not wish to have it. Ron discussed some small issues with overlapping times and problems with bantam practice sites and just asked that the schedules be reviewed and fine tuned.

Scheduler payment to BHA – nothing discussed.

Lonnie provided an MBA Storm financial report and asked each association for \$1000 to cover remaining tournament and miscellaneous expenses.

HOC meeting –

Jim provided minutes from the HOC meeting held on

There was a question regarding the number of games schedule for each team. Jim reported that the numbers of games was equal to or less than the number of games allowed in the MBA Storm handbook.

Jim asked about the game and practice cancellation policy. It was agreed that the following guidelines would be used:

For away games - it is be the responsibility of the coach with the help of the scheduler

For home games – it is the responsibility of the coach with the help of the rink manager

For both situations, it would be the responsibility of the coach to contact the team parent representative(s) to initiate the calling tree and notify the webmaster and the radio stations.

Based on the policy in the handbook, if school is closed or let out early in either Benson or Morris, all practices for that day will also be cancelled.

Scott asked about the PeeWee first aid kit which is missing – no one in attendance had seen or knew where the kit might be. Melissa S. is working on updating all the kits and putting a new kit together for the PeeWee's.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Busing – Yes or No – there was some discussion regarding the current busing policy and if the busing policy should be eliminated or changed. Currently 12U and Bantam teams don't have enough members to cover the bus fees and Squirt and PeeWee have too many members to fit players/coaches and families on the busses. This issues was tabled until a spring meeting.

Squirts and 12U have asked for all their scheduled busses to be canceled. Jim R was to talk with Jim B. regarding the PeeWee/Bantam bus to Moorhead.

New Players – Jodi asked about a policy on skaters new to the squirt and above programs who have never skated and suggested that they be a part of the initiation program until they actually learn to skate. Morris lost a squirt this year because he was overwhelmed when he arrived at the first practice and was not as prepared as the rest of the kids. Scott S. said in the past they had them participate in both programs so that they would still feel like part of the team. It was also suggested that we should do a better job at registration preparing them for what to expect and maybe Morris should start a learn to skate program similar to what Benson does.

Storm Clothing – Mike L passed on a request from Barb S that she be allowed to do a sweatshirt order similar to the one that was done last year and also order stocking hats. There was no discussion, however it was suggested that Barb work with Ryan W so that pricing would be similar at each rink and we both did not get stuck with a lot of extra inventory at the end of the season.

There was some discussion regarding storm clothing for the new coaches. We have 5 new coaches this year. The Bantams wanted a jacket to give to Tony when he arrived home from Iraq, Morris had one that was given to Mike L. Justin B and Terry K wanted jackets, Adam V wanted pants (L) and Jim R was going to check with Rick L to find out what he wanted. Rob J was to get jacket sizes for Justin and Terry and give them to Ryan to order.

The meeting is set for Monday, December 19 at 6:30 pm in Benson.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted

Jodi Crandall