

## **Joint Board Meeting between Morris & Benson Associations**

**April 3, 2006 7:00 pm Benson Civic Center**

Members present: Mike Lee, Jodi Crandall, Phil Goff, Mike Holte, Miriam Lindblad, Jim Rentz

### **Meeting Minutes**

A joint board meeting took place as stated above to discuss any revisions to the MBA storm hand book and to discuss the formation of a joint operations committee to operate the MBA Hockey program.

The first item of interest was the continued discussion of the formation of a joint committee to operate the MBA hockey program. The discussion was started by Mike Lee and he asked for an up date. Jim Rentz proceed to give an overview of what had been discussed prior and then addressed some changes. Jim also informed those present that he was invited to a meeting with Ann Vipond of the Morris Board to meet with Deb Economu a Morris Attorney who handles legal affairs for a number of charitable organizations. Ann was referred to Ms. Economu by the Stevens county attorney who is also he husband. The meeting took place on March 28, 2006 in Morris.

Ms. Economu was informed that the Morris Hockey Association and the Benson Hockey Association was looking into how the two associations could form a joint operations board to run the program yet keep the two associations separate to satisfy the financial and charitable gambling requirements for both associations. After a short discussion and a review of the Morris By-laws Ms. Economu thought the was a very do able thing. Her suggestion was that both boards pass a resolution forming a joint committee and empower this committee to do what is needed and how it should be structured. It is just a matter of the boards delegating powers to a committee to operate on the behalf of both boards. This committee it was suggested should report back to each board.

The formation of this committee would be taking our current Joint Work Group and the HOC Committee to the next level and giving them the control needed to make our program run even more effectively.

After some further discussion at this meeting, it was the consensus of this group to continue to move forward and try to implement this process. A draft copy of this committee proposal is enclosed as part of the meeting minutes.

After the discussion of the joint committee proposal the meeting moved to a discussion on the MBA Handbook. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed revisions which were all discussed at this joint meeting. The goal was to clarify language and procedures which were in place.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Jim Rentz