

MBA Storm Joint Operations Committee

Meeting minutes

Monday August, 7, 2006

Benson Civic Center

Attending: Board members: Dan Aarhus, Jodi Crandall, Steve Delehanty, Rob Jergenson, Miraim Lindblad, Jim Rentz, Barb Swarz, Scott Schwendemann, Steph Sherod, Juanita Staples, Ann Vipond. Association member Rick Lowe.

1. Called to order by Jim Rentz. July minutes did not go through an email Miriam L. sent and was not discovered until today. They will be posted with the August Minutes.
No additions to agenda
2. New Business Subcommittee reports
 - a. Hockey Operations met with parents and youth regarding the 12u/14u/Girls high school teams for this year. At the meeting it was thought that the option of having the girls who wish to play on a Junior Varsity team, practicing with varsity would be the best. This does limit the girls who would be in 6th grade or younger as ineligible for JV or V as well as an 8th grader from Murdock. Since the meeting others have voiced a wish for a 14 U team. Motion made to plan for registration of a 14U team contingent on 11 registered skaters; if not enough then JV option or youth hockey. MSP Barb S, Dan A. There also needs to be clear support of the association to have girls JV hockey in addition.
 - i. Jeff Mahoney offered to contact the Morris Athletic Director to talk about getting JV games possibly scheduled and to find how many games are possible. There is no guarantee.
 - b. Scheduling Committee has two applicants for the scheduler position. The position description is the same with suggestion to change the dates from August to perhaps Feb. from October to April. Payment will stay the same. The committee met separately to review both applicants and made recommendation to the full joint committee. Motion to approve Jodi Crandall as the scheduler for the 06-07 season pending the signed agreement and date arrangements. MSP Steph S. Steve D.
 - i. Tournaments are posted on the website and ads going to Let's Play Hockey.
 - c. Communication Committee reports the handbook final draft was emailed out and the grievance policy. The cover will be changed to current date. Motion to accept the handbook and approve. MSP Miriam L. Ann V. Copies will be printed for team meetings and each lobby, otherwise refer to the website. Have discussed possible charges for businesses referenced in the website. A rink directory website was recommended to look at for ideas/rates. Consider advertisers in the rinks and the tournament booklets as they have been contacted in the past, would be ideal to send the requests/options at one time.
 - d. Registration Committee reports development of a flyer listing the registration picnic to have at the Stevens County Fair and have been in contact with area Community Education Offices for fall bulletins. Sept 17th 5:30-7:00pm at the Lee Community Center. Hoping to have HS coaches speak, Blizzard players'

autographs, coaches available to answer questions. Pot luck meal with teams designated. Committee will seek donations for plates, napkins, drinks, plastic-ware. Also may have equipment available by Cowing Robards or Hockey Zone or individuals wanting to sell. First Year skaters are no charge. The geography is split on a map for which association. Sept 19th will be continued registration in each town. The committee will assign tasks for the evening to board members(set up, tables, chairs, moving people etc)

- e. No grievances to review
- f. Budgets need to be ready from each committee for the Joint Committee, please mail these to Jim Rentz.

3. Other

- a. Question about the jersey money collected last year was clarified. It is in a designated account about \$1920 and needs to continue to build. The first year of MBA jerseys cost was roughly \$24,000. Reminder also that High School league requires the whole team have the exact same fabric, etc, so almost impossible to replace one jersey at that level.
- b. Goalie Clinics were attended by youth skaters, Motion to reimburse up to \$500 for the youth that follow the instruction of contacting Jim Rentz and turning in the receipt/report from the camp. MSP Jodi C. Scott S. Board is aware of two youth who have requested reimbursement.
- c. The idea of a banner to be skated out for all home varsity games was reviewed and placed in the Communication subcommittee to follow up.
- d. Clarification requested about the hockey associations and the funding for high school hockey as well as other differences in each association. Rick Lowe shared he hopes that every penny is available for the youth skaters that is possible. His philosophy is that he is here to coach and give 110% and asks the associations do the same for the benefit of the kids. The board responded that indeed each association is different with respect to the high school level as is each schools agreements and funds.
- e. Other ideas to promote hockey from Barb S. Possible to have a sign in and kids get credit for extra time skating outside of practice in a Rink Rat award with possible small prizes at set times. Also possible is the SKATE program to look at 2nd and 3rd quarter academic success of a youth with B or C average grades to enter a drawing for prizes or small prize for each. This would have to be set for certain ages/grade level. Ideas for prizes are a tee shirt from concession stand, food, Storm logo on calculator.
- f. Fall camp and hockey start up needs to be considered and possible contact with Blizzard to hold a clinic locally. Robby Glantz is not planned this year in Benson.

4. Meeting adjourned. N

Next meeting Tuesday September 5th 7:00pm at Lee Community Center, note it is Tuesday.

Submitted by Miriam Lindblad, secretary