

**MBA Storm Joint Operations Committee**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**7:00 pm September 5, 2006**  
**Lee Community Center, Morris**

Attending: Attending: Dan Aarhus, Jodi Crandall, Steve Delehanty,, Sue Helberg, Mike Holte, Rob Jergenson, Mike Lee, Miriam Lindblad, Jim Rentz, Barb Schwarz, Steph Sherod, Juanita Staples, Ann Vipond, Ryan Watzke, Jim Kennedy, John Schultz, Dale and Charles Michaelson, Darin Huot.

- Boys Varsity coach Jim Kennedy was introduced to the board and those at the meeting. Coach Kennedy stated he looks forward to promote the hockey program to the fullest potential, promoting and extending on current traditions. He plans to meet with the athletic director regarding details. He shared ideas for hockey promotion of asking varsity players to help with youth hockey practices occasionally and having players of the month for teams. He may be interested in promoting a fall clinic. The Joint Board welcomes Jim to the position and area.
- Sub committees met for 25 minutes
- August meeting minutes approved.
- Operations committee decided on tentative clinic times on Oct 19, 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:15am Squirts and Girls; 11:30-12:45pm Pee Wee and Bantams in Benson.  
Oct 23, 24, 26, 27 6:00-7:15pm Squirts and girls; 7:30-8:45 pm for Pee Wee and Bantams in Morris.  
Rink Rat program ideas to have skaters get adult signature or sign in when practicing beyond scheduled hockey practice, dry land, shooting or open hockey/skate. Goal of 30 hours per season, prize a "rink rat" t shirt.  
Discussed the SKATE program or similar program to encourage academic improvement in hockey players. Undecided what to base it on, GPA, letter grade or level of improvement for 7-12 graders. Program would be voluntary by player. Details needed yet, no consensus.
- Scheduling reports the preliminary schedule is out. The contract is being fine tuned as to dates. The away tournaments for all teams will be scheduled with coach approval. Notification of any cancellations due to travel issues must be communicated to the coach and the arena attendant. Scheduler is not going to handle the bus scheduling.
- Communication reported by Jodi Crandall that the handbook in online, website hosting is now under Jodi's name and will be renewed annually. The bill is due to be submitted April 07. Advertising on the MBA website is not recommended. WE may still want consider saying for \$35 or some amount they could be mentioned on the site. The flag idea may still be possible will check with athletic directors, an official did not think it a problem.
- Registration has been advertised in community event listings in newspapers, community education and school handouts. A flyer will be mailed to every current household in hockey. Job assignments were distributed to have board members help that night with set up, etc. Set your own price at equipment swap.
- No Grievances

- Budget page set up listing 04-05 season and 05-06 with a planned amount for 06-07. See attached. This is an initial guideline. Discussed it is very hard to find away tournaments for <\$400., perhaps MBA needs to consider for future years. It seems anything east of St Cloud is \$500.
- Long range planning: Think of ideas to promote hockey, review the initiation programs in each association and how they are registered. Coaches pay structure may need review.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

NEXT MEETING  
Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00pm  
Benson Civic Center

Submitted by Miriam Lindblad