

MBA Storm Joint Operations Committee
Meeting minutes
October 2, 2006
Benson Civic Center

Attending: Attending: Jodi Crandall, Steve Delehanty, Sue Helberg, Mike Lee, Miriam Lindblad, Jim Rentz, Barb Schwarz, Steph Sherod, Juanita Staples, Todd Valnes, Ann Vipond

1. Subcommittees met for 20 minutes.
2. September meeting minutes distributed and reviewed, no changes
3. Financial report by Ann Vipond previous balance of 2, 027.99 payment for goalie camp for Will Johnson \$500. Each association deposited \$1500 in Sept. with ending balance of \$4527.99, including the Jersey account of \$1920.00. Bills approved for PeeWee Tournament \$450. Goalie Camp Andrew Faith \$475, purchase of squirt goalie equipment \$212.97, Lets Play Hockey tournament advertising \$630. Approved to ask each association for \$500. to deposit the joint account in October.
4. Subcommittee reports:
 - a. Registration has been held in both associations with the joint pot luck and another night in each association. The registration needs to be sent in to the district this week. There are two squirt level players from Ortonville who have requested to join Benson, are waiting for approval from associations.

	Benson	Morris	Total
Mite/mini- mite	15	initiation 29	
Squirts	6 (+2)	8	16
PeeWee	5	12	17
Bantam	4	7	11
14U	3	5	8

Discussion about 14 u team as not enough to register. All but one of these players are in 7th grade and could join the JV Varsity girls program. There is one girl who prefers to play Squirts level so there are not enough to move to a 12 u either with out new members joining. Agreed that the decision had been made last month that if not 11 players then there will not be a 12 or 14 u team. The program really needs the level especially at 12 under to feed into the upper levels. Barb S will call those registered in Benson and Juanita will call the Morris registered girls to tell them there will not be a 14 u team so they could play with the Youth hockey or the high school depending on grade.

There is one written request for a Morris mite to move to squirts, reviewed the request and discussed and approved.

- b. Hockey operations see a need to recruit at bantam level as well. Discussed they are still getting coaches arranged for teams. The fall mini-camp with HS coach Kennedy will be held with no fee for association participants planned for Oct 19, 20th in Benson and Oct 23, 24, 26, 27 in Morris. Donations accepted and boards to plan to find some funding for the coach.
Rink Rat program will be started this year. Form at the rink with Name, amount of time and adult signature. 30 hours for season will get t shirt
SKATE program is online to promote academic excellence in hockey, decided to table this.

c. Scheduling: The scheduler is Jodi Crandall she has been trying to reach Wadena and Long Prairie to schedule games yet. Has 40 games scheduled for Pee Wee and Bantams. Squirts still need some yet. She has tried to schedule closer games on Friday nights. We need written approval to play Breck Whapeton blades at B and C level squirts. Jodi will contact the district for the written approval. Scheduler position description signed. Tournament information sheet distributed listing tournaments in each town at each level. Adjustments in the schedule to take out 14 u practice will be made.

d. Communication: Parent meetings to have agenda and orientation. Points to cover include: HEP program, Jim R getting materials; Handbook review and sign page; Standard of play for Pee wee and older; all sign in , Morris collect jersey fee; managers; fund raisers. Oct 15th PW at Morris, tentative Nov 8th squirt and mite at each association. Web site regarding hotels and restaurants are on a website page if in tournament book will be on web, will get lists from tournament booklets. Blizzard contacted Jodi about having mite or squirts skate between periods of a game, parents get discount on tickets, agreed to get more information. Send the registration forms to the webmaster for the email addresses and names of members. Contact was made with Benson athletic director and oked the skating of a flag before the first period of the high school games.

e. Helmets for coaches were brought up by hockey operations, Hockey Zone will give 25% discount with coaching certificate, Play it Again will also. Coaches will also be told they can borrow from the association or purchase their own.

f. No grievances

g. Next **meeting November 6th 7pm at Morris**

Submitted by Miriam Lindblad