



JUNE BOARD MEETING

JUNE 14, 2010

President Neal Krauss called the June Board meeting to order at 1831.

Those in attendance:

Kathy Baranko	Gilinda Giles
Carly James	Loretta Goodwater
Christie Naberhaus	Tony Ivaskevicius
Jay Cooper	Bonnie Cooper
Aimee Guzman-Jones	Neal Krauss
Lisa Leary	Mark Stinson
Kirk Hutton	Andy Ketterson
Molly Howell	Brian Grady
Jodi Kozol	

Absent:

- Rick Murcek
- Mark VanderMeulen
- Shawn Spencer

Old Business: Motion to accept the May Board Minutes as written made by Kirk Hutton, second by Aimee Guzman-Jones. All in favor, none opposed.

We have an opportunity to make some money to go into our general fund. This is presented by the Lancer organization. We have the opportunity to sell ticket vouchers to Lancer games at \$10 per voucher (\$6 of this would go to the Lancer and \$4 would go to the Omaha Hockey Club General Fund). Everyone who purchased a ticket would be entered into a drawing to win one of two trips for two to attend a NHL game in either LA or Pittsburgh and sit in the owner's box. There would be a chance at 3 different prizes for the players that sell the most; 1st place would also get a chance at the trip, 2nd place would get a Sidney Crosby signed jersey and 3rd place would get a Sidney Crosby signed stick.

The Lancers would like a minimum commitment from families due to the cost that the Lancer Organization will be putting out for the trips. The recommendation from Neal is that we have family sell 10 vouchers (approx 750 families would bring in \$30,000 to the General Fund). One question that was asked was do we make this mandatory? Do we sell per team? Change the prizes so that more kids are awarded something for selling? Just have a minimum for the organization to sell as a whole? Neal is unsure what the

Lancers will do if we do not have a guarantee number of tickets to sell, but he will bring it to Ben Robert and see what he says.

Neal made a motion that we move forward with the Lancer voucher fundraiser. Each family will get 10 vouchers to sell that can be return by a certain date at no charge. Change the prize for the voucher buyer to one trip and give the sellers two trips. Any family that sells 25 vouchers can get to go to a skate with the Lancers held at Tranquility. Second made by Lisa Leary. All in favor, none opposed.

Treasurers Report - Mark VanderMeulen (report given by Neal Krauss per outline that Mark provided):

The registration fees for the upcoming season are:

IP	\$225
Mite	\$575
Squirt-Bantam	\$675
HS Club	\$795
HS Midwest	\$2,800

Initial budgets for the travel teams have been put together, however these budgets and fees will not be finalized until after the coaches are chosen and the coaches and the Travel Director/Committee meet to review and finalize.

This year the online registration tool did not include online payment options; however this is an option we will look at in the future. There are 4 approved payment methods for the upcoming season:

- Payment in full by check
- Payment in full by credit card
- Payment plan using a credit card
- Payment plan using direct withdrawal from a bank account

There is a savings of \$20 per player (Mite-Bantam) and \$25 per player (HS Club) if either of the payment in full options is selected. Full payments must be received by July 15th for Mite-HS Club to receive the lower rate.

We will be adding information to the website that addresses the key information regarding what the registration fee covers.

The board of the Gladiators Hockey Association met last week to approve the final payouts relating to last season's costs. Before the July Board meeting, I will meet with Wells Fargo to officially merge the bank accounts from both organizations together into the new Omaha Hockey Club account.

To ensure full transparency regarding the financial position of each of the "old" organizations prior to the merging of the accounts, here is a summary of each organization's pre-merger financial position:

Gladiators:

Bank balance as of June 13= \$18,534.60
Less: outstanding checks = \$11,721.86
Adjusted balance = \$6,812.74
Less: Summer ice cost = \$4,320.00
Surplus to Omaha Hockey Club = \$2,492.74

Included in the outstanding checks are payments to families who had a credit balance from the past season due to overpayment of fees resulting from fundraising efforts. Therefore, there are not outstanding credits owed to former Gladiator families that must be applied to their Omaha Hockey Club fees.

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Bank Balance (prior to depositing 10-11 registration fees) = \$4,437.86
Less: outstanding checks = \$3,372.75
Adjusted balance = \$1,065.11
Outstanding Bills = \$20,771.03 (the 3 largest outstanding expenses are the \$4,000 owed to the HS Scholarship Foundation, the \$12,991.20 owed to LIHA, and \$3,479.20 for withholding taxes)
Outstanding player credits = \$ 5,969.34 (to be applied to 10-11 fees)
Total deficit = \$25,675.26
Add back expenses since May 1st = \$5,969.41 (these are attributed to the Omaha Hockey Club and are built into this year's budget)
Deficit at April 30th = \$ 20, 238.85

In addition to merging the bank accounts, the Omaha Hockey Club will also be opening a separate account for the HS Scholarship Foundation so that these monies can be kept physically separate from the main Omaha Hockey Club operating account.

And finally, it is important to understand that when the fees were set up for the 2010-2011 season, there were no fundraising dollars or corporate sponsorships built into the plan. Going forward, it is the intention of the OHC to apply fundraising dollars and corporate sponsorships earned in the current season to reduce the costs for the following season. In this way, we will avoid getting into a situation where we are counting on fundraising dollars or corporate sponsorships that have not yet been secured in order to balance the current year's budget. In other words, we must earn it before we can spend it.

In order to secure and protect the assets of the Omaha Hockey Club, we will be implementing a new process for approving invoices and expenses this season.

Once team managers are selected, I will be meeting with the team managers to go over their budgets and to implement a new Excel-based check request form to be used for all coach's expenses, tournament requests, and other miscellaneous requests.

IP-Mite – Aimee Guzman-Jones:

Right now working hard on getting kids signed up and answering questions.

The question was brought up about kids in IP playing up. There will be a skills set for each group when looking at moving up (positions is hard to teach in IP). With the older kids, it will be up to both coaches to agree that the player should move up and out of IP.

There have been no committee meetings yet, however she does have people that are interested in serving on the committee. Looking at scheduling a committee meeting after July 15th.

Hoping to start the year off with a Mini-Mite Jamboree and an IP Jamboree.

Squirt-Bantam – Brian Grady:

Had our first committee on June 13th. There are 5 members on the committee, but would like to find one more at the Bantam level.

One thing that needs to be worked on is communications throughout the year. Would like to have a meeting with all the coaches, team managers and commissioners to keep the lines of communications open, perhaps as often as once a month.

Would like to list on the website a job description for the commissioners. Gilinda has a job description.

NHL, are we going to participate. The NHL needs to working on being compliant with USA Hockey guidelines. Josh Gohen is looking into getting NHS into compliance. We do want them to become compliant. It is a good opportunity for the kids. Will the kids need to be registered as travel players? No. Per Gilinda, squirt down are registered as House.

How do we get more kids into ice hockey? Getting information out to the schools. Sports Source. Getting roller hockey kids into ice hockey.

Girls Hockey – Andy Ketterson:

Looks like we will be putting two girls teams on the ice this upcoming season. A U12 team that will be a house team and maybe play squirts or peewees, and will be treated as a C team and take to a couple of tournaments.

A U19 team. They would play for their own team, and get girls on the Midwest League, play 5 weekends. Hopefully Omaha would get to host 1 tournament.

A girls committee has been formed and there are 5 people and are hoping to have their first meeting in the next week. Always looking for more parents.

Need to get a coach for U19. There are a few candidates. The U8 girls will play with the mite teams. U9 and U10 may go with U12 if they want.

Moylan is looking at expanding the girls locker-room and putting a lock on it.

High School League Commissioner – Lisa Leary:

The High School committee has had another meeting and Diana Cassada resigned. Need to get people to be in charge of the All Star game and the HS Foundation card.

Doing a lot of brainstorming on how to raise money for the end of the year banquet so that the players do not need to pay to attend.

David Craig will be the “Face of HS hockey” and be the HS commissioner.

After some discussion, it was decided that the HS hockey statistics page does not need to be password protected.

Teams will be playing in Lincoln and Kearney. Lisa Leary and Mike Hughes are working on a tentative draft.

The Fall Freeze is set for Nov 12-14. We will get the hours we need to Molly. The cost of this was put in the registration.

We will have one team from Kearney and two, maybe three, teams from Lincoln. We should have 12 teams for sure.

When the jerseys are ordered, we are planning on getting the names and numbers put on the jerseys before they are handed out to the players.

We are hoping to announce the coaches in late July. If they coached last year, we will use their application from last year.

HS Midwest League Director – Mark Stinson:

The coaches have been named; John Thomas will be coaching varsity and Mike Morton will be coaching JV. Looking at Asst coaches.

We are looking at having a manager for each team, as well as, on/off ice officials, and a fundraising person added to the committee.

The tryouts have been set as follows:

Open tryouts	July 9 & 10
Invite only tryouts	Aug 7 & 8

Moylan is holding drop in for HS hockey players. The first 30 high school age kids can play.

Ice Scheduler – Molly Howell:

There is a rough draft of the ice schedule completed. Still looking at making changes with the girls and AAA schedule. Basically, the shell is made for the year and just need to plug in teams for ice time. No house ice on Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas weekend and New Year's weekend. We can get the ice if we need it, but we will need to know soon. Most likely, every division will have time at both rinks.

Travel Director – Rick Murcek (report given by Neal Krauss):

The coaches applications are due by June 20th.

Tryouts are tentatively set for the last 3 weeks of August. Will get together an outline of how tryouts will be run.

Looking at jerseys, under \$75.

Omaha AAA – Kirk Hutton:

The U16 tryouts are set for 6/25 – 6/27. The majority of the U16 will be local players. We are holding mini camps for the U18 players to bring new kids in.

Need to get committees together for Education, Housing and Corporate Sponsorship. If interested, contact Kirk.

Lancers are looking at having their “bubble” kids play in Omaha on the AAA team so they can keep an eye on them.

President – Neal Krauss:

All forms for the merger and 501c3 have been filed with the state and are listed on the website.

The website registration is up and running. The first day there were a few kinks and errors, but it all seems to be running smoothly now. On line registration is up to 100.

We are still working on the ice contract. The cost of ice has been set at \$185 (not including tax or cleans). The new rink manager is very easy to work with and helpful. The ice will be mostly at Moylan and Motto. Benson does not look to be reopening. HS Midwest has one practice and all games in Fremont right now. However, when the schedule comes out, Moylan will get the chance to see if they can work with the times for the HS Midwest games

New Business:

Christie Naberhaus is planning a swap meet for this Saturday for 8-12 for the sale of donated equipment and practice jerseys to coincide with the first day of summer IP. Also, if players from last year would like to purchase their jerseys, they can get them at this time (\$20). Looking at June 26th for the full blown “garage sale”. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Aimee Guzman-Jones makes a motion for Lisa Bochman to be in charge of individual fundraising. Second by Lisa Leary. All in favor as long as she knows that she need Board approval for anything that she does, none opposed.

Motion made by Lisa Leary to adjourn the meeting, second by Aimee Guzman-Jones. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 2047.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Jodi Kozol
Board Secretary