



## **JULY BOARD MEETING JULY 20, 2010**

President Neal Krauss called the May Board meeting to order at 1823.

Those in attendance: Lisa Leary                      Jodi Kozol                      Christie Naberhaus  
Kathy Baranko                      Steph Woodward                      Tony Ivaskevicius  
Michael Hughes                      Kathy Hughes                      Molly Howell  
Aimee Guzman-Jones                      Ronna Howell  
Loretta Goodwater                      Shawn Spencer                      Mark Stinson

Absent:                      Kirk Hutton    Brian Grady    Mark VanderMeulen

### **Old Business:**

Motion made by Mark Stinson to accept the minutes of the June meeting, seconded by Lisa Leary. All in favor, none opposed.

Neal gave an update on the Lancer's voucher ticket sales fundraiser. This is something we will not be doing. Ben Robert wanted us to have it be mandatory that each family sells so many tickets and that was not something we were willing to do.

### **Treasurer – Mark VanderMeulen (absent):**

Mark was not present, however he did send a report to Neal to be discussed at the Board meeting.

First, the paid in full discount has been moved to 8/1/10.

Bank accounts are being merged and we will have 3 separate accounts now: HS Scholarship, Hardship and General Operating Fund. There will be three (3) signers on the account: Neal Krauss, Gilinda Giles and Kathy Baranko. All checks will require two (2) signatures and any check over \$5,000 will require Neal Krauss to sign. All checks must have Board approval.

All requests for reimbursement must be turned in within 30 days of the charge.

**IP-Mite – Aimee Guzman-Jones:**

Right now we have around 30 IP kids signed up and we are anticipating the numbers to at least double. Aimee is receiving e-mails daily with requests for information about playing hockey.

33 Mite age kids are registered. We are also anticipating these numbers to at least double.

Coaches are looking good, however we are still looking for a few more.

Looking at having an IP-Mite meeting in August and then move forward with the program from there. The big question that everyone has is what are the ice times?

Kids moving out of IP will be based on the skater's skill level. It is easier to move someone up then it is to bring them back down.

Stacey Bradley will be heading the IP program. She is great at getting information out to the parents. She sends out weekly reminders and explains everything to the families.

Working on a coaching outline for what needs to be taught at each level.

August 22 is Moylan's IP graduation. We should have someone from OHC there to help them sign up.

**High School League Commissioner – Lisa Leary:**

HS is on its way with about 125 indicating they are not trying out for HS Midwest. Need about 70 more players to be on budget. Once HS Midwest has its teams selected, we will have another influx of players.

Lisa has gotten a hold of both Lincoln and Kearney, but they have not started planning for next season yet. Right now it looks like 12 players on the Fremont team and 9-10 for the Kearney team.

Ron Growbeck and Michael Hughes are working on the HS education cards.

Looking at ordering the jersey's the first part of August.

It is not looking good for the third Lincoln team. We are shooting for Sept 1 for announcing the coaches and their teams. All but 2 teams are waiting on seeing if the coach from last year wants to commit to coaching again this year.

Lisa sent out the Fall Freeze ice times to Molly and they will be getting together to talk about these (based on 13 teams).

Elkhorn volunteered to take a 930pm ice time for practice. They also volunteered to be the 5<sup>th</sup> team to go to Kearney.

Need to work on fundraiser for the Year End Banquet so that the players do not have to pay for it.

Between Christmas and New Years the only thing scheduled is practices, no games.

### **HS Midwest League Director – Mark Stinson:**

The first tryouts we had 70-75 skaters sign up, it was very well attended. The next session of tryouts is scheduled for 8/14 & 8/15 and is invite only. The coaches invited back about 50 skaters. It is looking like we will have 2 very competitive teams. The teams will be announced the week after tryouts.

The practice ice time is secured and we are working on the game schedule. Our draft needs to be to the league by 8/1.

Varsity is set to play in Nationals. The cost for both JV and Varsity is \$2,800.

All players need to be registered with OHC. Mark will check with JT to compare the list he got from Kathy.

Rick will be ordering the jerseys.

### **Ice Scheduler – Molly Howell:**

A lot of people want to know their ice times. The City took away our Thursday ice and gave it to the figure skaters.

We agreed to sign a year contract with the. So the city split the hours, 1 to us and 1 to the figure skaters. However, the figure skaters may need both of the hours. The City ice scheduler is on vacation until next week.

The HS club needs 1 extra hour on Wednesday night (615 pm-715 pm) if we have the 13<sup>th</sup> team.

We need to set up a face to face meeting with Neal, Molly and Brian to make sure that all of our ice time is set for the up coming year. The ice contract has been verbally finalized; Brian is putting it in writing.

Aimee would like to know if there is anyway that we can finalize the IP ice times. As new families come in, they don't know what is going on or when. We don't need an exact time, but a general day and time of day would be helpful. Molly doesn't think that the Mite and IP times will change, so we can release this information if the Board agrees.

After some discussion, it was decided to release the IP times, but not the Mite times. The IP are as follows:

Thursday 615 pm – 745 pm at Moylan (2 – 45 min sessions)  
Saturday 1215 pm at Motto (2 – 45 min sessions)

Molly is working with HS club for the Fall Freeze. They need 18 hours. Brian is concerned because we already have a lot of weekend hours.

The Girls Hockey tryouts have been scheduled:

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 6-7 pm at Moylan (2-30 min sessions)  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – 6-7 pm at Moylan (2-30 min sessions for call backs)  
Thursday -8-9pm – girls travel tryouts

Are we charging for these tryouts? How are we paying for the ice? We are guessing yes, we will need to ask Andy.

Still not sure if we have enough ice for the Travel teams. Not even sure how many Travel teams we are going to have.

Summer camps went well:

19 goalies at the Goalie Camp  
Motto summer IP did great and brought in \$3,000-\$4,000.

There was a discussion about putting an ad in the Omaha Family Magazine and Sports Source. The Omaha Family Magazine would cost \$475 for ½ page, full color that would go to the schools and drop stations. This is a one time printing. Sports Source would cost \$209 for a ¼ page ad for a fall printing. Motion made by Mark Stinson to go ahead and put ads in both the Omaha Family Magazine and the Sports Source. Seconded by Neal Krauss. All in favor, none opposed.

### **Travel Director – Rick Murcek:**

There is a Travel hockey update on the website including tentative tryout times. The times may change when the coaches are selected.

Bantam coaches will be announced this week. PeeWee and Squirt coaches will follow. There are not a lot of applicants for the PeeWee division; however we have quite a few for the Squirt division.

The Travel budgets have been rebuilt. 100% of the registration fee goes into the team budget and there is a G&A attached to each team.

There is a change with Midwest; a parent must be in the locker room at all times for all teams.

Looking at holding a Level 1, 2, and 3 coaching clinics in Omaha. Maybe in August. And then holding another Level 1 in Sept/Oct to catch the new parent's that might be

interested. The clinic fees for the coaches are included in the budgets. Rick is working hard to get a Level 4 Coaching clinic in Omaha, maybe in Nov/Dec.

We need to name an Ace Director in the next few months. Some ideas, but need to check with these people.

The new ice schedule has freed up some weekend hours, so we should be able to put on 4 or 5 team tournaments for around \$650. We are working with Brian and he is willing to allow us to bring in food for these.

Rick is working on the jerseys. He has it narrowed down to 5 styles. Would like to get about 20 people to look at these and vote on them (maybe some coaches and HS players). Shooting for a cost of \$75 (\$150 for the set). There is no minimum order. The ink is baked into the jersey, so no big patches. The goal is to get the order done in within the next 3 weeks. Motion made by Mark Stinson to allow Rick to order the jerseys once they are picked. Seconded by Shawn Spencer. All in favor, none opposed.

Would like to get a written coaching philosophy for the organization.

There are a lot of good hockey resources in Omaha. Rick is working on getting some of these people into the rink to work with the kids once a month: power skating, goalie camps, etc. These would be self funded. \$10-\$15 per player to get on the ice. We would make it age appropriate levels at first and see how the response is. We could run it thru the rink, we won't have the risk if not enough kids show up.

Are we able to use the Moylan off-ice equipment? This is something we can talk with Brian about. Neal is guessing there will be a cost involved, but not sure how much.

If the teams are going to mandate off-ice training for Travel teams, this must be added to the budget at tryouts.

### **Omaha AAA – Kirk Hutton:**

Still finalizing the teams. U16 has been chosen, just waiting on the contracts to come back.

We are in the final stages of the budget. We will need to fundraise about \$35,000 to keep the U18 fees at \$10,000.

What is going to be done about the ice time when AAA is on the road? Right now, AAA is going to be charged for those times. Kirk to get with Molly and discuss the times.

We are struggling to find housing. We need housing for 17 players. We do not know how many Omaha kids have made the teams yet.

### **Vice President – Shawn Spencer:**

The Rules and Regulation's draft is written. Shawn is still reviewing it. Once that it done, the draft will be sent out to the Board.

Talking with Conagra to use their rink and they might agree to sponsor us.

**President – Neal Krauss:**

We will be doing a Candle Fundraiser. The information is on the web site. The sales end on 8/4/10, with a delivery date of 8/18/10.

We have already received some applications for Hardship, on last years form. We need to review the Hardship applications. We need to add mandatory volunteer time. We will more than likely go over these in an executive meeting in October. Right now the applications go to Kathy. Neal suggests that we have a committee that reviews these applications and presents their thoughts to the Board. On that committee we propose: Neal Krauss, Mark VanderMeulen, Lisa Leary, Brian Grady and Aimee Guzman-Jones. Motion made by Mark Stinson to have this committee formed, seconded by Rich Murcek. All in favor, none opposed.

What about sponsorships? Is money going to an individual player OK for a tax deduction? Per our accountant and several other tax individuals, as long as Omaha Hockey Club gets the money, we can disperse the money however we see fit.

So, now that we can do the sponsorship program, we need to work on the form. Gilinda will make the changes on the form that are discussed below:

- \$100-250 listing on web site and a link
- \$251-500 listing, link and listing in newsletter
- \$501 listing, link, newsletter and banner at the rink
- We will add a line item for \$10 to purchase a plaque.

We will have a separate banner for HS Midwest JR Lancers Team so that it can be displaced at their home rink in Fremont.

Motion was made by Mark Stinson to accept the new, revised donation form, seconded by Rick Murcek. All in favor, none opposed.

**New Business:**

There is another fundraiser that we have had submitted to us with no mandatory purchase per family. The Lancers, in conjunction with their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is going to hold a raffle. They will be selling 1500 tickets at \$100 each. With this, you get 4 vouchers to Lancer games and a chance to win a long list of prizes, including a truck. We will get 25% of the profits from this fundraiser. Neal will check with Ben to make sure that this is not just 25% of the tickets we sell. Mark Stinson made a motion that we go ahead with this fundraiser, seconded by Shawn Spencer. All in favor, none opposed.

Motion made by Lisa Leary to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rick Murcek. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 2030.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Jodi Kozol  
Board Secretary