



AUGUST BOARD MEETING AUGUST 17, 2010

President Neal Krauss called the August Board meeting to order at 1810.

Those in attendance:

Lisa Leary	Neal Krauss	Brian Grady
Aimee Guzman-Jones		Mark VanderMeulen
Shawn Spencer	Mark Stinson	Molly Howell
Andy Ketterson	Tony Ivaskevicius	Loretta Goodwater
Joel High	Steph Woodward	Kathy Hughes
Michael Hughes	Norm Elvig	Pam Elvig
Kathy Baranko	Jonathan Rich	Kirk Hutton
Jodi Kozol		

Absent: Rick Murcek

Old Business:

Motion made by Mark Stinson to accept the July minutes with a few changes as announced, second by Aimee Guzman-Jones. All in favor, none opposed.

There is not much information regarding the Lancers Ticket Raffle. As more information becomes available, we will let everyone know.

There is some information from the rink that needs to be passed along to everyone:

- 1) There has been some instances of players going on the ice for drop in and not paying. Please let the players/parents know that they need to pay before getting on the ice and get a wrist band.
- 2) There is a possibility that if this happens continually with one player, they will not be on the ice.

Treasurer – Mark VanderMeulen:

Once the travel teams are selected, we can sit down with the coaches and set the budgets. Then we can make them available at the parent's meeting.

The bank accounts have officially been merged and the new ones open.

Mark is working on getting bids for apparel. This would be one company that would do the Jr. Lancer stuff and we would not actually own any of the apparel and we would get a percentage of the sales back to us either monthly or quarterly. We would have no risk. The time frame is to have it up and running by the end of September.

IP-Mite – Aimee Guzman-Jones:

So far we have: 65 IP registered (not including summer IP skaters) and 70 mites (a lot have not registered, may have up to 120 skaters).

There will be an ADM meeting with our Affiliate at the end of the month. Les Teplicky, President of MWAHA) will be meeting with the membership on 8/30/10 from 7-9pm. Gilinda is looking for a location and we will post it as soon as we know. We are being looked at by USA Hockey as leading the ADM. We are trying for a grant for \$1000 from our Affiliate, and right now we are unsure of what to use it for.

We have a donor who is interested in donating money for us to get more rental equipment.

Our first committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 8/29 @ 5:30 at Motto. We will have meetings as needed. There is some concern from the membership on the time and day that the meetings will be held. There is a lot of concern about what the IP-Mite program will entail. This is the reason that many of the parents have not registered their children. Until we see the numbers, ages and skill level, we will not know exactly how the program will run. This issue should only be this year with the merger of the two programs. OHC wants to do what is best for the kids and everything is based on the numbers. Would it be possible to send out an e-mail to all the people who have not registered? Aimee said that people can call her anytime with questions.

Squirt-Bantam – Brian Grady:

Due to the number of players who have currently registered and the registrations slowly coming in, some assumptions need to be made. With that in mind it looks like:

- 8 – Squirt teams (at least 10 on a team)
- 4 – Pee Wee Teams (at least 10 a team)
- 6 – Bantam Teams (at least 10 a team)

The committee had a meeting last Saturday. They will get getting information out on the number of teams and start time (first weekend in October, at least 40 ice touches) in an e-mail and on the web site.

We have a nice slate of coaches. However, we may be a little short on coaches. Looking at having coaches announced in the next 3 weeks.

We need to get commissioners for each level within the next week.

Girls Hockey – Andy Ketterson:

We are planning on several girls clinics this year, for all ages. Ross Scholz has volunteered to run these. Would like to have the first one in September.

Tryouts- Monday, 8/23 U12 – Select/hybrid (9-12 year olds)
2nd tryout in about a month to get more girls.

Hoping to have a U19 team playing in the Heartland (Midwest) Girls League, both a JV & Varsity.

The Coach from the UNL girl's club hockey team is planning on coming and talking to the girls to let them know that they can play hockey with no checking.

High School League Commissioner – Lisa Leary:

There is a good possibility of having 14 high school teams. As of 8/13, we had 194 players registered. Registrations are still coming in and not all who tried out are registered. There are also 17 players who did not make the JV/Varsity. We could have a total of 211 players, above the 200 we budgeted for. 150 of those are for Omaha teams. If 31 more players register for an Omaha team, we will need to make that extra team.

We will be ordering jersey's this week. We may be ordering that 14th set just to be on the safe side.

The Steering Committee has reviewed all of the coaching applications and the selections have been made, but not posted. These need to be run past the Board. Still on track to post these by Sept 1. Rosters should be posted in early September.

The tentative schedule is done, there may be some changes depending on the number of teams and we will get with Molly once that is figured out. We are trying to obtain practice times for Tri-City and Lincoln to include in the schedule. Mr. Hughes is also working on an on-line calendar for the schedule so teams will have access – there is not cost for this service.

We are still waiting on confirmation of dates and times that we have for ice in Kearney and Lincoln. We tentatively have Wednesday night ice in Lincoln at 6:30, 7:40 & 8:50 pm (there are 3 Wednesday nights not available due to Star's games).

We have tentative Kearny ice for 5 weekends at 3:30 and 6 pm, we are waiting for confirmation on the dates.

We are meeting with the Lancers to discuss having the All-Star game in conjunction with a Lancer's game again this season, possibly also having a few regular season games as well.

The Committee is looking into fundraisers to help cover the cost of the players attending their end of year banquet. Moylan has OK'd us to have a pancake breakfast at the rink. Also, we are working on HS Club T-shirts to sell. We are looking at listing all the High Schools (not just teams) that have players in the Club.

Michael Hughes was given the floor to discuss the Fall Freeze and Education Foundation Cards. The schedule is done for 13 teams. It will be run the same as before, with a 2 game guarantee. The cost of the Fall Freeze is included in the HS player registration.

We also will be doing the Education Foundation Cards this year. We are still working on getting businesses signed up. We are hoping to have the cards out no later than the end of September.

HS Midwest League Director – Mark Stinson:

We had our final tryout last weekend. We have selected 41 players and they are listed on the web site.

We have ordered jerseys. Coaches and managers have been selected.

Track practice starts next week. Varsity has their first games early October.

The membership asked the cost to play. The cost per player is \$2800. In addition we have secured a tremendous deal where for \$150 each player will receive matching warm ups, a hockey bag, t-shirt, shorts, stocking cap and ball cap.

Ice Scheduler – Molly Howell:

Fall Freeze is scheduled.

IP-Mite and Squirt house practices are on one weeknight and one weekend. Mites might need one more hour of ice, if more kids register. But, we don't want more ice than we need.

Omaha AAA – Kirk Hutton:

The 2 teams have been mostly completed. This will be the first year for the U16 team. There are 20 contracts out. We may have 2 practice players.

Our Education Director for this year is Thomas Broniecki and our Housing Coordinator is Lori Teese.

The U18 has 16 of 20 players signed and 2 a day practices have started. The U16 has 5 of 20 players signed and their practice starts this week.

The first games are in Blaine, MN on 9/15.

Vice President – Shawn Spencer:

The Policy & Procedures are still being worked on. Should be done by the next meeting.

President – Neal Krauss:

There are a number of people that will be attending the Midwest and MWAHA meeting at the end of the month. We will be putting in for as many tournaments as we can.

We are continuing to work and look at NHL. We need to make sure it is up and running correctly before we commit.

We have been meeting with Tranquility quite a bit. The ice contract is not finalized yet, but we have locked down a price @ \$185 for the 1st 2 years (5 year contract) after that the cost will increase based on CPI up to 5%.

Our offices are moving. We will be having a trophy case. Gilinda found someone to donate the supplies and time.

The rink assures us that they are working on a girl's locker room, they are moving the refs. They also are addressing the figure skating coaches walking in on the girls. The rink is also looking at remodeling the regular locker rooms. We need to keep the locker rooms clean. According to the ice contract, we can be penalized if the locker rooms are left a mess. What about the visiting teams, will they be accountable? This is a subject we are discussing with the rink.

USA Hockey states that a parent/team manager or coach must be in the locker room at all times when the players are in there.

Neal Krauss made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Lisa Leary. All in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 1930.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Jodi Kozol
Board Secretary