



September Board Meeting September 21, 2010

President Neal Krauss called the September Board meeting to order.

Those in attendance: Neal Krauss, Aimee Guzman-Jones, Brian Grady, Molly Howell, Mark Stinson, Rick Murcek, Mark VanderMeulen, Kirk Hutton, Andy Ketterson, Lisa Leary,

Absent: Shawn Spencer, Jodi Kozol

President – Neal Krauss:

Announcement: Neal Krauss made an announcement that our Office Manager, Gilinda Giles' husband, Chris, passed away this month.

Motion made by Neal Krauss to accept the minutes of the August meeting, seconded by Mark Stinson. All in favor, none opposed.

Neal gave an update on the Lancer's raffle fundraiser. We are the only organization selling the tickets. They cost \$100 each and you have the possibility to win many prizes. Each ticket comes with 4 lancer game ticket vouchers. There will be TWO drawing throughout the year. The person who sells the most wins a trip to Pittsburgh. We are asking every family to sell at least one. If they get lost, the family is responsible for the \$100. We are selling or signing out the tickets at house grading. We may also sell them at Lancer games. Jodi is going to put the information in the newsletter.

NHL-Neal announced that the NHL is recognized by MWAHA. Member, Tim Vanderloo said that Les Teplicky said that all of the NHL's paperwork is sent in and in order. Tim also announced that Fremont, Tri-City, and Lincoln will be participating along with us. It went well last year. It is not travel, so there will be no additional cost. There will be 6 home games and 6 away. The Squirt's End of the Year Tournament will be in Omaha. The tournament will give each team 4 additional games ending with a "State Champion". The bantam Championship will be in Kearney and the PW in Fremont. The books will be

zeroed out at the end of the year with any surplus going to each club. The kids love the tournament...the feel of travel. The NHL is going to avoid Midwest weekends. There will be minimal travel, only 2-3 times a year. Neal expressed worry about the Bantams going to Kearney for the end of the year tournament. Tim said that it is not a worry. They surveyed the families and everyone thought it was exciting. They are doing it in Kearney to keep the older kids the farthest away. Brian Grady likes the concept. He thinks it will grow hockey in NE. OHC Bantams will have 6 teams, Fremont 1, Lincoln, 1, Kearney 1, making 9 teams total. Tim stated that most of the travel will be done by Lincoln, Fremont, and Kearney. There will be double headers so that the travel is less. The NHL schedulers are Josh Cohen and Steve Woodward, if OHC says it's ok. Mike said that this is a good transition to HS Club. Brian asked...Can we allow Bantams to move up and call the whole Bantam division Midgets? That way Rookie Midgets can play too? Tim said, "Yes, that is what we did last year." Mark VanderMeulen said that the NHL teams will sell pins and t-shirts to make money. Molly will oversee the schedule along with Fremont's Evan Schnasi. It was decided that the \$500 for the end of the year tournament would not be additional...it would be a wash. Brian made a motion to have Sq-Bant play in NHL. Aimee Seconded it. All were in favor. No one opposed.

Neal...Final draft of Tranquility agreement...there were no changes. Locker rooms. There are eight. There will be a \$25 cleaning fee for excessive mess. This shouldn't be a big deal with a parent/adult/coach in the locker room. There will be a \$100 fine for damage. Brian Sauser is not looking to charge us. There will only be a charge if the cleaning will take more than 15 minutes or if anything was done purposeful. Locker room keys will be checked out to an adult of any visiting team and an OHC person will check the room after. We will need a parent for each team to make sure that the team manager gets a rink employee to check the locker room before they turn in the key. We do have a no compete clause. We need to add this to the contract: We would be the only one at Moylan to run a USA Hockey sponsored program. Brian is checking with the Moylan family to see if that is ok. Aimee wants it in there. It's hard to explain to parents what is "ours" and "theirs". Neal said that Moylan markets their IP as a "Learn to Skate" Aimee reminded everyone that just because you did their LTS, does not mean you go into our House. We decided that we'll all work together to make sure it's done correctly. Mark Stinson wanted to change #6...second paragraph. Kirk wondered if they were going to remodel the locker rooms. Neal said that they are planning on putting 30-40K into the rooms by next season. Kirk said that the AAA took locker room #1 and #2. They are two of the largest. Mark Stinson said we need locker rooms. Mark V wondered what holidays we are closed. Molly said that she would check with Brian. Mark said that Thanksgiving Day, Xmas Eve, Xmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are NOT in the budget. Brian Grady wants to know what to do with the locker room situation. Molly will look into it.

Treasurer – Mark VanderMeulen

House numbers...

We planned for 384, but we got 407 (plus probably 23 more from IP-Bant) We have far exceeded the numbers we were expecting in IP and Mite. We will have no trouble meeting our revenue target. He will continue to update as we get closer. He'll submit a final budget soon.

Sq A, Sq AA, PW A, and Bant A submitted budgets to board. This will include everything except a possible change in tournament fees and coaches expenses.

Sq A- \$1,290

Sq AA- \$2,000

PW A- \$1,314

Bant A- \$1,648

This makes for good control over how money is spent. Mark will submit report to Secretary. He will report how each group is doing as a whole in the future.

IP-Mite – Aimee Guzman-Jones:

Sept 11...IP info and grading went well. Parents loved it. We explained everything to the parents both the Summer Moylan and Motto IP kids took to the ice for grading.

Jerseys are getting done. All black. Should be done by 10/2

Aimee and Stacy explained to IP parents of '04s and '05s. They were able to choose IP/Mite.

The IP numbers are over 105 and Mites are at 109 and we still have some not registered. Aimee will contact those that she knows need to register still. We will have more!

Mites have 8 teams and 8 head coaches. The mites will do a cross ice tournament to grade. We got the mini goals ordered. They should be here by 10/2. They cost \$119 per goal. \$35 to ship two of them. They will keep 2 sets at Moylan and one at Motto. We will use regular nets plus the mini nets. Real goalies will be placed in front of regular nets.

Aimee apologized for not getting some emails and explained our email problem. It should be fixed.

IP will be either orange and silver.

Aimee told about the “Build the Sport” meeting in Des Moines. We will be doing a “Bring a Friend” Event at Motto on Nov. 12th. Free. Only cost to OHC will be for flyers.

Squirt-Bantam – Brian Grady

Submitted list of suggested Commissioners and coaches. This will be moved to closed session.

Fremont got some kids to go to Bantams from HS Club and now the Bantam numbers are better. We have 66 kids...11 per team...6 teams We are still looking for one more Bantam Coach. We think we are missing some applications.

Pee Wees will have 4 teams...54 kids

Squirts will have 7 teams...79 kids Need a home for the extra 1/2 sheet of ice.

Neal spoke of a checking clinic. 2 weeks Oct. 2nd and 9th

We will have student coaches. Ace coordinator is in charge of them. We’ll require them to take the level 1 class.

Aimee said that the Mites will NOT have student coaches. It is too distracting. She would like authority to decline student coaches. She will go to AI with that request.

Girls’ Hockey Director – Andy Ketterson-

Tryouts for U12...12 are committed and 2 more are a maybe

U19...there were not enough to do a U19, but they may do one weekend/tourney.

Andy asked if the girls could play in the Squirt House division...yes, we’ll put them on the extra 1/2 per week.

On Sunday there was a girls cookout. Clinic at Motto and grilled out. All ages. \$10 included food and icetime. Girls need at least a helmet. Ross Sholz ran the on-ice part and Kim McLintic helped. Participants signed waivers. There will be no pucks unless they are all wearing full helmets.

High School League Commissioner – Lisa Leary:

Rosters were released to coaches except Prep until they have their Evaluation.

The schedule was sent to Molly for approval. Lisa will schedule security.

Mark V will make sure the other clubs send us their invoices promptly.

Fall Freeze...Nov 12-14. For the Fall Freeze...they picked the brackets by picking team names out of a hat. They don't have year end tourney planned yet, but the last day for reg play will be March 6th. Not sure of the style of year end tourney yet either.

T-shirt ordered at Lawlors. They will be available at the Fall Freeze. Money made will go towards end of year banquet.

Sept. 26th is coaches meeting. 2:00-3:00 and managers meeting 3:00-4:00 at Moylan.

Scheels wants an old OMAHA and Gladiator jersey to display. He is trying to revamp his hockey department. Wants to put up a standings board too. Lisa wants to sell Education Foundation cards at Scheels.

13 teams in HS Club with 12-15 players each.

They are pre-selling the Cards for \$10. They will cost \$15 after September. She will give out to team managers at meeting on Sept 26th.

HS Midwest League Director – Mark Stinson:

Meeting went well. Large numbers at our merge really helped Omaha. We have a full roster. We are the only team with a full roster.

Jerseys have been ordered.

On Oct 9th, we'll play Shattuck...Varsity.

Talked about offenses...Alcohol...4 games...tobacco...2 games....second offense is doubled. Third offense...you are out. All rules from last year are the same this year. All split breezers must be closed from now on. No Cat eye goalie masks.

This will be the last year for the All Star Game unless they get more serious. No more goofing off.

Tickets to games will be about the same cost as last year. Mark will check on it. They might do students in free???

We are going to TRY to have a game or two at Moylan. When we get the schedule from Midwest, Mark will give it to Molly and she will check with Brian.

Year end tourney...JV...Last week in February. Varsity...First Week in March.

Ice Scheduler – Molly Howell:

Molly was taking notes and does not have record of this.

Travel Director – Rick Murcek:

Tryouts are over and teams are announced.

Sq...55 players came out...2 teams made
PW...35 players came out...2 teams made
Bant...55 players came out...3 teams made

In a couple of years we may have enough to do three teams at each level.

Jerseys are ordered. Should be in the first week in October.

Placards are ordered too. We are working on warmup suits and Jackets.

Everyone loved the budget/payment plan. We'll have everyone paid by 12/31

We will have a level 2/3 on Nov 6th at Qwest. Great all-star lineup. Level 1 on Oct 25th.
More info to come.

Changes for next year...

Taking Coach applications and naming them in May and do Spring tryout camp with nobody picked yet. Tryouts bumped up in August. Will be posted way in advance.

MWLeague dates are set. No places yet. Only one AA weekend now due to low numbers of AA in midwest.

Up and Backs...Teams will pay even if they do not use them. We have a contracted amount of ice that we have to pay for.

Budgets look great! We truly did bring the cost of hockey down.

Omaha AAA – Kirk Hutton:

We started with first tourney. 5 games...U16 went 4-1 and U18 went 0-4. It was good exposure.

Still working on filling the U18 spots. There are a couple of kids out on injury. With 4 kids down, we are short 40K in budget.

The entire year's schedule is on the website.

HS Club Security-Jeff Chubb -

Rink security is waiting for schedule from HS Club. Lisa will email it to Jeff.

At the team manager meeting, they needed to know rules. Adults must be in locker room if a kid is kicked out of the game.

Parking Lot-It is city owned. They can now do things (security, arrests) in parking lot. They will watch out for break-ins or fights.

They will have one officer at all games, but can have more if needed. They will be in uniform.

What about Lincoln? Jeff's guys can do it in t-shirts, but not uniform. He is going to talk to Lincoln PD to see if they have a contract with the Lincoln rink.

Neal suggested security at the Fall Freeze...Mark V. said that security is in the FF Budget.

Security prob not needed in Kearney. Not many rowdy fans there. But, yes in Lincoln.

If Drugs/alcohol are present the Omaha PD will make an arrest.

Stacy Bradley-IP-

Stacy would like to be the PR person to edit blast emails and things on the website and newsletters. She wants to make everything very clear for everyone.

Molly made a motion to accept Stacy as our editor/PR person. Neal seconded it. All were in favor. It will be just things for the whole organization, not individual team stuff.

Vice President – Shawn Spencer (absent):

New Business:

Motion made by Neal Krauss to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andy Ketterson. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Molly Howell (Ice Scheduler and Interim Board Secretary)