



NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2010

President Neal Krauss called the May Board meeting to order at 1815.

Those in attendance: Jodi Kozol Mark VanderMeulen
Rick Murcek Neal Krauss
Kirk Hutton Ai mee Guzman-Jones
Shawn Spencer Molly Howell

Absent: Andy Ketterson Lisa Leary
Mark Stinson

Old Business: Kirk Hutton made a motion to accept the minutes, Mark VanderMeulen seconded the motion. All approve, none opposed.

Once the minutes of the Board meetings are approved, they will be posted on the website.

Treasurer – Mark VanderMeulen:

So far the year is going as projected. We currently have over \$300,000 in the bank, as expected. Still working on finalizing the select teams budgets. So far it looks like the Squirts will be at \$423 and the PeeWees at @465 (due to a full sheet of ice every other week). Still working on the Bantam and Mite select team budgets.

The P&L from May 1 thru November 16, 2010 and the Balance Sheet as of November 16, 2010 were presented to the membership.

There has been a change of plan with the Select Team jerseys. Originally they were going to have the same jerseys as the travel teams, but we are looking at a less expensive jersey so that we will have a 2 year payback, not a 3 year payback. The plan is to number the jerseys so that we can rotate jerseys based on sizes: 1-32 Mite; 33-75 Squirts, etc.)

The budgets for all the travel teams are being maintained and updated and we are closely tracking the spending vs. the budget. Mark will be sending these to Rick later this week for review.

IP-Mite – Aimee Guzman-Jones:

To date we have 144 registered IP and 125 registered Mite skaters. We are constantly receiving phone calls about kids starting the IP program. We are totally out of rental gear and will be until later in the Spring. We are having the parents go through the stuff in the back and selling that equipment to them for \$5 each piece. If anyone has any little equipment, can you please bring it in. If we continue to get IP skater, we will give them a prorated cost after January 1, 2011. We are not actively promoting IP due to the fact that we have so many skaters and not enough ice time.

Last night there was a coaches meeting with all the IP teams. Each coach will take lead for about 2 weeks and rotate. The color of the IP teams are based on their level:

White – beginner – HS players to help

Gray – intermediate

Orange – advanced

The Lancer players will be back in December to help again with the IP players.

The Mites grew a bit because we had players move out of IP.

Next weekend is the Tiny Turkey IP/Mite Jamboree. We are taking registrations forms from our players if they would like to play. The money earned from this will be earmarked for bumpers and goals.

Precision Distribution donated \$2200 toward bumpers. THANKS. Should be here on November 19, 2010. We also received \$200 from Mr & Mrs Cooper toward bumpers. THANKS.

Some of the AAA coaches and players are interested in helping with the IP skaters. If anyone is interested, just see Aimee.

Squirt-Bantam :

Again an open position. There was someone filling it for a few weeks, but she had to resign. So, Neal is once again watching over this.

NHL has started. C teams have been selected. So far people seem to like their practice schedules. The schedule for December is posted on the website. We need to see if we can rotate teams through the Saturday night practice. Many players/parents would like to attend Mavs/Lancer games. Molly will have them rotate every other Saturday.

What are we hosting for Mid-West:

Squirt AA Championship in February (4 teams)

Bantam A Championship in February

We should have enough ice for these, but if we need to we can overflow to Fremont.

Last year Motto took away hockey ice time for the skaters for a week, maybe they would

do that for us this year. Molly will check if needed. This is all that is for sure. Aimee voiced that the Mites would like to host if at all possible.

We have games scheduled for Sunday, December 26, 2010. Due to the holidays and people traveling, we will make these scrimmages and cancel the refs.

There is some question as to when Select teams will miss NHL games.

Squirts – will not attend any games when NHL games are scheduled

PeeWee – yes, they will attend Select games/tournaments when there are NHL games. They will just find other kids to fill that team.

Bantams – have not heard for sure, but guessing they will go.

Girls Hockey – Andy Ketterson (absent):

Andy was absent from the Board meeting, but sent an e-mail with updates.

“Nothing major to report. Both of the girls 1st two games in the Squirt division have been competitive (4-1 loss to Lincoln, shots 20-19, 4-3 win friendship game vs. Murcek, shots about 35-22 in favor of Murcek), so it appears early on that the approval to let them play there this year has been a good one as they seem pretty evenly matched thus far.”

“The girls Halloween session/clinic was sparsely attended, so we’ll mark that down as a lesson learned and try to stay away from busy hockey weekends and holidays (this was both). Ross, Pam and I are going to put our heads together and see what we can come up with after the 1st of the year. We’ve got a few initial thoughts and will bounce them off everyone soon.”

“KC is still looking to have us participate in their high school weekend in January. I’ll make one last push, but as of now, we would tentatively only have about 6 skaters, 4 of whom are 12 or younger. A full slate of high school games that Sunday may end up making it tough to pull that off.”

High School League Commissioner – Lisa Leary (absent):

Lisa was absent, but sent a report to Neal.

Prep White won the Fall Freeze.

There is really not much going on. The next big event will be the All-Star game on Jan 29th. So far we have had 3 injuries this year.

There have been several complaints about the language on the ice used by the officials and their attitude toward the players. Also, there is a lot of inconsistency in the calls by the refs (more than normal).

They are working on the end of year banquet. It will be held at the Atrium at NE Crossings. The cost of the banquet is about \$6600 and each person is charged \$25 dollars. This year we are trying to make it so that all the players get in for free or at least at a reduced price. So far we have collected \$1060 from admissions to the Fall Freeze and \$1000 in shirt sales.

There are a lot of questions about the HS kids being in the small locker rooms. Are the AAA locker rooms ever going to be available for us to use, or only when they are out of town? How/Why were the big locker rooms given to the AAA? This was a decision made by the Rink and the Organization, because we are competing with other organizations who go above and beyond for these teams.

Per Mark, we have not seen an ice bill from Kearney or Lincoln. He has already sent an e-mail to Lisa about this.

HS Midwest League Director – Mark Stinson (absent):

The HS teams are in Lincoln tonight. If the varsity wins, they will be in a two way tie for second. If JV wins, they will be in a three way tie for second. If the varsity wins the Lincoln games, they can go to Nationals if they would like.

Ice Scheduler – Molly Howell:

The December schedules are out. There have been many questions about why the schedule for the year can't be put out for house teams. The simple answer is that there are too many changes that need to be made with NHL, tournaments, etc. The NHL schedule is out on the NHL website, but is subject to change.

HS only has practices scheduled for over Christmas break. However, the house teams do have NHL games.

We are having a hard time finding ice for Select teams friendship games. Looking into Fremont for ice.

HS likes the long block of ice and games on Sunday.

The Rink is working on getting the other set of bleachers out to go on the NHL side.

We will try to get the HS Championship game on the OLY.

Travel Director – Rick Murcek:

Some of the warm ups came in. The bigger sizes have come in (Bantam size), but the smaller sizes are a problem.

No clue where the patches are. They shipped last week and are enroute.

The 4 hours that are reserved for Travel friendly's are pretty booked. I would be nice to have a few hours on Sunday. Something to look into next year.

Omaha AAA – Kirk Hutton:

The teams are getting ready to go to Dallas over Thanksgiving.

The U16 is at the top of their league. There are many scouts looking at the kids.

U18 is a work in progress. They are not doing really good. It is hard on the kids getting pulled up and down by the North American Leagues

We have a meeting scheduled with Scheels. A team in ND did a raffle with Scheels and made quite a bit of money. They do have an interest in hockey and maybe they could do something with us.

Vice President – Shawn Spencer:

The Consent to Screen forms were sent in this week.

Taught a risk management course to the coaches in the Level II coaching clinic.

Had the first disciplinary meeting this week with something new. It took a lot of research by Officer Chubb and Lisa Leary to figure this out. The issue is alcohol consumption. The player was given a 4 game suspension, 1 year probation and has to write a letter of apology to his team and the coaches (2nd offense in calendar year – year suspension, 3rd offense in calendar year – can no long play). We sent a strong message to him and the other players, but we did give him a second chance. Our Rules & Regulations state Zero Tolerance Policy, but what if that is broken, there is no disciplinary action attached to this policy. We used the Midwest HS Hockey League's policy as a guideline. We should add something to our Rules & Regulations stating the consequences if this policy is broken. Officer Chubb recommends that the Board send a letter to the families letting them know of the "alcohol incident". It will be in the minutes for all to read about.

President – Neal Krauss:

Good job to Rick and Shawn. The coaching clinics were good.

The pictures are in and ready to be given to team parents/managers.

Cookie dough is being delivered.

There is a new individual fundraiser, Butterbraids. \$4 of each one goes to the players account.

The first drawing for the Lancer's Raffle is November 27th. If you have raffle tickets out, you need to get them turned in by November 23rd. So far we have sold about 30 of our goal of 800.

Big questions about the Ralston Rink. They are having a meeting tonight to finalize. It is not scheduled to be open next year. It still needs to go to a vote of the people.

The ice contract with Moylan is signed. USA Hockey did not see any problems with it. Apparel at Lawlor's is now available on the floor.

Hardship t-shirts are due in hopefully this week.

Is it possible to get O car decals? Molly said yes, she can order some, as long as they will sell.

Motion made by Rick Murcek to adjourn the meeting, second by Molly Howell. Meeting adjourned at 1945.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Jodi Kozol
Board Secretary