

All Select fees are due today. There are some outstanding fees that will that will need to have letters given to team managers to be given to parents. There is about \$9400 in outstanding fees owed by the Select teams (\$20,000 for the club). We need to get the letters back by next weekend, February 18, 2011, or they can't get on the ice. They players will need to have either payment in full or arrangements for payment by finals weekend, 3/5 & 6, with the exception of Hardship players. Outstanding for Selects: 7 Bantams, 4 Squirt, 9 Mites, all girls have made arrangements.

IP-Mite – Aimee Guzman-Jones:

There was an issue with Mite coaching playing full ice games, and they need to be cross ice games. Neal and Aimee have already talked to the parties involved and taken care of it.

IP grading is set. The year end tournament is set for March, the information is together.

The Mite end of year tournament is set for 3 days in March. The 10 teams will all play each other.

Both Mite Select teams are seated in the top 4 in the Midwest rankings.

“Try Hockey for Free” is being put together by Stacy Bradley, the IP commissioner. If anyone is available, please feel free to come and help. This is the first year and we have no idea how many kids to expect. There will be 2 sessions on Saturday, for boys and girls ages 4-9 years old. All they kids need to do is to bring a helmet (bike helmet works) and a pair of gloves (can be snow gloves). The rink is providing free skate rental. Door prizes have been donated. There will be 15 coaches along with HS players on the ice. We will have access to the off –ice equipment. We will have stations set up just like the practices. There is an incentive for the club that has the most non-USA Hockey registered participants. A printer donated the printing of valentines and posters to promote our program. The only thing we are paying for is the ice time, which is Mite ice time since the Selects are out of town. Dan Oswald volunteered to purchase sticks from Sticks & Kicks at cost.

Squirt-Bantam – Aimee Guzman-Jones:

We have gotten great feedback regarding the 3v3 tournament for the non-Select Squirt players. There will also be 8 girls participating in the next upcoming 3v3 tournament.

The new Pee-Wee coach is Eric Tompson. He also coaches at Creighton. The non-Select Pee-Wees will be having scrimmages while the Select players are out of town. There will be announcing and music.

The Bantams are trying to get an understanding of what they want and need.

Kearney has left the NHL at all levels. They left due to the fact that they had Travel A players playing on the House teams. Per NHL bylaws, they are for House players only. Since Kearney does not have any true "House" teams, they have decided to leave. We have not had a representative at any of the meeting, so not sure what is going on exactly.

Girls Hockey – Andy Ketterson:

There is a good video on the web site promoting girls hockey. The girls just got back from St Louis and games with the Cyclones. We are looking at having a girls tournament here next year it looks good for getting teams to come in.

We are looking at having an end of the year sleepover at one of the rinks. Both rinks are open to having a sleepover.

Working on putting together a survey to be given to the parents and maybe some of the girls also.

There will be 2 girls too old for U12 next year. Andy is working on getting together a U14 team together for next year. U10's are on co-ed teams and then come together for some practices and tournaments.

High School League Commissioner – Lisa Leary:

The All-Star game went well. All parents, players and coaches that Lisa spoke with had a good time. This year minimal checking was allowed, which is different than in the past.

We will hopefully get firework permit notification later this week. 77 applications were turned in, 19 of them by 1 person

There are a lot of questions concerning the year end tournament, we are still waiting on ice time. Officer Chubb stated that he needed 2.5 weeks notice to schedule security. We are down to the last 2 weeks of regular season. March 6th is the final scheduled regular season game. The HS Steering committee has decided to go with a 2 person officiating crew rather than the 3 from last year.

The HS Steering committee will be meeting every 2 weeks from now until the year end banquet. Final arrangements for the banquet are in the works. The cut off for lower price players is 2/15/11 (\$17.50) with full price being \$25. Responses have been good for attendance, we have roughly gotten 150-175 responses, and hoping to get 300.

There have been some issues with parents violating the zero tolerance policy. WE have spoken to security and will be sending e-mails to team managers to remind their parents that their behavior effect the players on and off the ice.

A team has asked to add an additional (impact) player to their roster at this time. They have been told no. But they continue to ask. It would not be fair to add a new impact player at this point in the season.

HS Midwest League Director – Mark Stinson:

This is the last weekend for both teams. The JV team is in the playoffs, and the Varsity needs to do good this weekend.

23 of our 40 players have a 3.0 average. 4 seniors have a 3.5 average. 1 senior has Navel Academy recommendations. 1 player had a perfect ACT score.

The Varsity team is going to go to Nationals to represent Nebraska.

Ice Scheduler – Molly Howell:

Working on the March schedule. It has been a very crazy month with the NHL Squirt Finals here, HS year end tournament and AAA is hosting games.

Travel Director – Rick Murcek (absent) as reported by Neal Krauss:

Squirt AA won their Midwest Championship. Bantam A also won their Midwest Championship. At the Bantam A we actually received comments on how good the referees were.

Squirt A and Bantam AA both received a second place trophy.

There is a cooling tower and compressor issue causing freezing issues. We think this has been taken care of. If there are any more issues, please contact Neal or Rick. It is getting fixed. The rink has lowered the temperature to try to compensate.

Omaha AAA – Kirk Hutton:

This weekend we are traveling to Michigan for the end of the year games.

The U16 is in the championship bracket with a good chance to win. U18 is not in the championship bracket, losing kids to the Juniors all season.

There are recruiting meetings going on already for next season. Rumor has it Russel Stover may be going to MN.

We need to have the support of the Lancers to send “bubble” players to us so that they can watch them.

U16 & U18 will be having games at Moylan on March 4, 5, 6.

Vice President – Shawn Spencer:

Disciplinary Board this year has been great. Good discipline keeps the issues down.

The Affiliate was asked to provide money to all teams going to Nationals. They will be giving \$500 to each team. Shawn will submit for the money, we just need to get him which teams are going.

USA Hockey contacted us regarding team going to Nationals from NE. IA has no team yet, and KC states no team will go.

There are issues with ice next year in KC. The Pepsi Center may not be coming back up and if it does, it will only have 1 sheet of ice.

Have we gotten the \$1000 from the Affiliate for using the ADM Model? We need to give the receipts for the nets and bumpers that we already purchased.

Shawn has been asked to help with the merger that is going on in KC between the Saints, Outlaws, Stars and Mavericks.

President – Neal Krauss:

The Board voted via e-mail to give the Bantam AA and HS Varsity \$500 from the Omaha Hockey Club to help fund their trip to Nationals.

New Business:

The Annual meeting will be held on April 19th at DJ Dugout @ 6 pm. There will be free soda, adults can purchase other beverages, and OHC will purchase some party trays.

Neal made a motion that we have a Budget Committee set up consisting of the Treasure, VP and President. This committee will meet in April, after the annual meeting and will set a budget and do all the leg work and then present it to the Board. The committee will consist of both outgoing and incoming directors. Motion seconded by Kirk Hutton. All in favor, none opposed.

Aimee suggested that we go a survey for all the parents in this organization as to how this last year went. Maybe we could do something on the website or send out an e-mail letting everyone know they need to check in with their team managers or division commissioners with there comments and concerns? Someone else asked if this was not the reason we had monthly Board meetings? It was decided that a survey may be a good thing but must be done correctly and not rushed into or else if accomplishes nothing. This is something we may look into for next season.

Motion was made by Neal Krauss to adjourn the Board meeting, seconded by Kirk Hutton. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Jodi Kozol
Board Secretary