



JULY BOARD MEETING JULY 19, 2011

President Neal Krauss called the July Board meeting to order at 1805.

Those in attendance: Michaels Hughes Mark VanderMeulen
Aimee Guzman-Jones Lisa Leary
John Sempeck Brenda Orr
Rick Murcek Neal Krauss
Jodi Kozol

Absent: Andy Ketterson Kirk Hutton
Michael Dudzinski

Old Business:

The June minutes were reviewed. Aimee Guzman-Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Michael Hughes. All in favor, none opposed.

It was decided that starting next month, we would give Growth Development and Retention time during the meeting for updates.

Personal fundraising proposal presented by Christie Naberhaus. Christie has 4 specific items that she would like to present to the Board for approval. Each fundraiser would run for a 2 week period. Each fundraiser would allow people to keep their profit and write ONE check to OHC for the cost of the items.

- 1) Barn Candles out of Hastings (now)
 - a. Minimum 50% profit
 - b. If we sell 500 as a club, we get 60% and free shipping.
 - c. We would sell for \$16 each (tax – Christie to check to see if included, but she does not believe so, but that cost would be covered by the buyer.)
How would we handle this not knowing the tax or shipping and handling.
We would have each player keep \$8 off each candle.
 - d. Mark VanderMeulen is against any fundraiser that has a tax associated with it.
 - e. Aimee to get Christie the name of the Omaha Candle rep. They did this one last year and there was not tax and no shipping. If this is the case, we

will go with Omaha Candles instead. It does not need to be brought to the Board if this fundraiser is approved.

- 2) Gatorade pouches
 - a. Sell for \$2.50 each, each pouch makes 1 gallon
 - b. Make 40% profit.
- 3) Butter Braids (Sept)
 - a. Sell for \$11 each. The cost is \$6.50 and the player keeps \$4.50
 - b. If we sell 250, we get free shipping. This should not be a problem.
- 4) Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies (Oct/Nov)
 - a. \$15 a tub. The cost is \$9 and the player keeps \$6.
 - b. No shipping

Motion made by Neal Krauss to go with the candles, butterbraids and the cookies, 2nd by Aimee Guzman-Jones. All in favor, none opposed.

Treasurer – Mark VanderMeulen:

Registration opened on Wednesday, July 13th at 5 pm. As of 5 pm tonight, we have had 134 player registered. There was one glitch that was quickly found and rectified.

House budgets have been finalized. The Travel budgets will use the same template but we have to wait until the coaches are selected to fill in some of the blanks.

For the HS Midwest JV and Varsity the framework for the budget is mostly complete. Still have some factors to figure out; number of players, ice times, etc.

We need to purchase checks that can be printed thru the computer using Quickbooks. We can get 1000 checks for \$164.99 (+ \$10 for our logo) and \$115 for the window envelopes. But are 1000 enough? If we jump to 2000 the cost would be \$260 for the checks and \$190 for the envelopes. This is from the Quickbooks company. Can we get them cheaper? Aimee has a contact that she will check with. *Rick Murcek made a motion to approve the purchase of checks and envelopes not to exceed \$500, 2nd by Lisa Leary. All in favor, none opposed.*

IP-Mite – Aimee Guzman-Jones:

The IP grading date is set for 8/14/11 to grade out of IP. The coaches are all lined up. We are anticipating about 100 skaters. We have had about 250 kids thru IP this year (Fall, Winter and Spring). As soon as players get registered, we can figure out how we are doing on retention.

Would like to get the times for IP this Fall. This will help us with the marketing of the program. We are getting a lot of phone calls already. Neal informed Aimee that we for sure will have it by grading.

Working on training a new IP overall commissioner. This is the person that will be doing what Stacy Bradley did last year.

Working on the Mite schedule. We would like to purchase at least 3 flip score boards for our jamboree weekends. They run about \$41.00 each. One question asked is do we really need to keep score? The kids keep score anyway and they enjoy seeing the scores. *Aimee Guzman-Jones made a motion to purchase flip score boards, no to exceed \$200.00, seconded by Rick Murcek. All in favor, none opposed.*

Earlier in the year, we approved to purchase 10 sets of mite goalie gear, but we will have 12 teams this year. We need 2 more sets. *Rick Murcek made a motion to buy 2 more sets of standard goalie gear, seconded by John Sempeck. All in favor, none opposed.*

We would like to put on an in house ADM coaching clinic (approx 1 hour). There would be both on ice and off ice times. This would be mandatory for all IP and Mite coaches. We would like this to be on a Sunday, maybe the last weekend in August, but not the Labor Day weekend. This way coaches can be picked and they can meet for the season starts. Should the coaches also have “learn to skate” training as well? Yes, but that should be a separate session. Aimee to get with Brenda to get this 1 hour of ice that is needed.

Where does the Mite Select program stand? Neal stated that he just got the 2 electronic forms from Aimee before the meeting and will get these off to Les Teplicky. There will be a Mite Select program this year, we just do not know what it will look like. Rick will be seeing Les this weekend, so maybe he can discuss this with Les.

How many kids are in Mites? We are hoping for 144 kids, approximately 12 teams, 12 kids per team and 3 teams on the ice at a time.

Growth and Retention – Stacy Bradley –

For players that are already registered and have played hockey, we will be having a Player information day/Back to Hockey event on September 11th. USA Hockey promotes a Welcome Back Week to encourage players to play again. *Neal made a motion to host the Player information day/Back to Hockey event on 9/11/11, seconded by Mark VanderMeulen. All in favor, none opposed.* Maybe this event should be expanded to more than just 8 & under kids? That would all depend on if we can get the volunteers. We need to see if we can get vendors to set up for this event. Stick & Kicks, Lawlors, etc.

Stacy presented the ad for the Family Magazine. It was discussed that perhaps we need to look at putting a lower age on those skaters that we will accept. The kids need to be at least 4 years old, and if they are younger, we will have them go to the “Learn to Skate” program. We will not kick anyone out of the program that is already in the program. The ad looks good, except we should take the phone number off and also take off the “No experience necessary”. *Mark VanderMeulen made a motion that we will put the ad in the*

Family Magazine with the above changes, \$100 for temporary tattoos and \$200 for staff t-shirts (purchased thru Lawlors). Neal Krauss seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Squirt-Bantam – Michael Hughes:

We have been getting in applications for commissioners. We have 2 for both Squirts and PeeWees, but we are still searching for a couple of people for the Bantams.

We have received many coaches' applications. We are waiting to make decisions on coaches until after the travel coaches are picked because there are some people who applied for both.

Michael is meeting with Brenda to discuss and finalize the dates for tryouts next week.

The Squirt-Bantam steering committee is meeting on 7/28/11 at Moylan IcePlex. We are looking at having a preseason tournament, similar to what the HS does with the Fall Freeze.

Nebraska Hockey League update – Michael met with the officials on 6/30/11. It looks very promising that we will be participating in the NHL again this year. They have implemented some better communication devices and want to improve upon their scheduling for the upcoming season. They are looking at approx 12 league games plus 4 tournament games for a total of 16 games. They would like to increase the number of games if possible.

We have been awarded a Douglas County Visitors Improvement Grant to assist with the Spring Tournament/Joust for the select teams. Originally wanted to do this on President's Day weekend for a combined Select/A/Girls tournament, but with Select finals that weekend, we are looking at Feb 24-26. Travel A is good for that weekend with the exception of Squirt A that might be in Fargo. Maybe we can ask the NHL to move their finals to the second week in March and we can have this tournament the first weekend in March.

The tryouts for the C teams will likely be in October (ideally the 17th – 21st). The Select weekends are as follows, but the locations have not been decided:

- Dec 16 – 18 First round
- Jan 13 – 15 Second round
- Feb 17 – 20 Finals weekend

High School League Director – Lisa Leary:

There will be a meeting with Brenda and Brian on 7/28/11 to work on the HS schedule.

The steering committee has begun to work on the end of the year banquet. We have narrowed next season's venue down to 3 locations that have the capacity for up to 400

people (Anthony's, DC Center and Bellevue Berry Farm). We will be discussing the menu and cost over the next couple of months.

We will be ordering jerseys about the 1st of August. The game jerseys will be the same as last season. The practice jerseys will be an offsetting color with the OHC "O" on the front.

All of our HS teams will be eligible to go to Nationals. We don't anticipate any team not wanting to go. Whoever wins the end of the year tournament will be allowed to go to Nationals.

Fund-raising – we will be ordering HS t-shirts. We are also looking at having a bake sale during the Fall Freeze. There is a chance that we can get a local culinary program to donate goods. Dean Anderson is working on setting up a fundraising event for the Miller family. All proceeds will go to the family. Looks like he is arranging a pay to play game event.

The Steering committee is reviewing the HS Rules and will post on line once done.

Coaching selection is going good. All but 2 coaches have been selected. There are 3 to interview for the Papillion coach and we are still looking for a Fremont coach.

HS Midwest League Director – John Sempeck:

The Varsity coach is Mike Morton and the JV coach is Brett Davis. The coaches will select their assistant coaches.

Tryouts are scheduled for 8/12-8/14. The cost will be \$25. We are expecting to take 36 players.

They moved the HS Midwest meeting to 8/27.

Working on finalizing ice times for practices. We are also looking at supplemental for a Midget AA level team that can go to a national tournament. Mike Morton is willing to coach this team. But we need to have 20 games at that level on top of the 32 HS Midwest games.

Travel Director – Rick Murcek:

The coaching interviews were held the last 2 weeks. We don't have a Bantam A coach yet. There were no AA interviews, since only 1 application at each level. There were 4 applicants for the Squirt and PeeWee A. There was a committee of 5 individuals, plus Rick, that made all selections.

Tryouts have been posted, changed and revised and reposted. They are scheduled between 8/15 – 8/30. There are 4-90 min sessions. All teams will be picked by 9/1/11,

and team meeting to be held starting 9/3/11. Nothing is scheduled for call backs. If we need them, we will need to schedule them.

Level 4 coaching clinic is scheduled for 8/19-8/21 here in Omaha, and the registration is open. The cost is \$230, 140 coaches allowed. In the past, we have reimbursed coaches who get their Level 4 at the same as the recertification for Level 3, \$50. Rick bump up the reimbursement in the budgets to \$75. We have \$6400 in the budget for house coach training. Rick did some research and guesses that even if we have 60 coach/asst coaches that are reimbursed \$ 75, that would be \$4500 of the \$6400 budgeted amount (we budgeted \$50). *Mark VanderMeulen made a motion to reimburse up to \$50 per House coach for Squirt => HS per year. Neal Krauss seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.*

We will be having a Level 1, 2, and 3. We don't have dates set yet. We can set those up whenever. They are not as time intensive. Looking at doing the Level 2 & 3 in late Sept/early Oct. and the Level 1 in November or the first part of December Is it possible to have 2 Level 1 clinics? Have one closer to the end of the year? Rick will set our dates and then keep an eye out on Lincoln and Fremont to see what their dates are.

Changes in CEP:

- Must advance one level every year
- Can only advance one level every year
- Level 3 can be recerted twice (may be good for 2 years)
- Age specific online course for every coach

Some new rule changes for this year:

- No checking at PeeWees – need to educate our coaches on what this means.
- Icing – icing on penalty kills will be called dead. We need to look at changing to a stop clock?
- Penalties from 2 minutes to 1 ½ minutes.

Omaha AAA – Kirk Hutton (absent):

Coaches have been named: U18 Todd Jones, U16 David Wilkie

President – Neal Krauss:

We need an Ace Director. We will table this until next month. The Ace Director will need to schedule our coaching clinics.

Ralston Rink update – not sure exactly when it is going to open. They are projecting October 2012. They are putting together a mock schedule so we would be able to see what blocks are available to us.

New Business:

We have Thursday night ice at Motto from 7pm -915pm in September. Do we will have this, or has it been sold? Brenda will check on this. If it is still ours, HS Midwest will take it.

Motion made by Neal Krauss to adjourn the July Board meeting. Seconded by Rick Murcek. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 2130.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Jodi Kozol
Board Secretary