

**Mankato Area Hockey Association
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 Monday, July 25, 2011
 North Mankato Fire Department
 North Mankato, MN**

Board Members attending: (X = present, E= excused absence)

Kirk Swenson, President	X	Chuck Claude	X	Brent Rundle	X	Shelli Nornes	X
Mike Steindl, Vice President	X	Darren Bruns	X	Chad Lebert	X	Shelly Miller	X
Sue Salzle, Controller	X	Lynette Cline	E	Tresa Lacina	E	Chuck Keller	E
Traci Hays, Secretary	X	Shaun Reddy	E	Char Rivers	X	Teresa Langworthy	X
		Steve Hatkin	E	Steve Zellmer	E		

Other Members

Chris Hvinden	X						
Jo Nickels, Gambling Mgr.	E						

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by President Kirk Swenson

Guests: none present

Review and Approve current agenda

Motion to approve agenda with the addition of adding Logo Discussion to the New Business
 M/S/P: Darren/Chad

Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting

General discussion covering the minutes.
 M/S/P: Char/Brent

Gambling Manager Report and Expense Approval: Presented by Kirk Swenson, President
Reviewed the LG1004.

- Transfer from the Gambling account to the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for June actual
 M/S/P: Chuck/Char

Grievance Committee Update: Chad Lebert

- Nothing to report

Treasurers Report: - Sue Salzle

- Reviewed the check register from 6/13/11 to 7/15/11
 - Balance in the General Fund checkbook as of 7/15/11 is \$79,761.34
 M/S/P: Darren/Brent

Fundraising Report: Char Rivers

- Kirk Swenson, President has signed the Coffee Contract with Maravonda
- Turn in dates have not yet been determined
- We are selling it for \$13.00 per bag and we make \$6.00 per bag
- Traveling will sell 10 calendars and 25 bags of coffee
- In house will sell 5 calendars and 15 bags of coffee

M/S/P:

Expansion and Growth: Mike Steindl/Brent Rundle

- Need to verify the dates and make sure November 5th is open, either Vinny or Traci will follow up.
- Brent had the flyer done for Let's Play Hockey for Free
- Brent is working on flyer for the schools as well
- Flyers should be done by the end of August
- Mike Steindl has a spreadsheet with the quantities we need
- Brent will obtain quotes for printing and compare to last year. We will try to bundle and have our Fundraising contracts as well
- We were approved for a grant from USA Hockey so we will have 60 starter sets
- Paul would like to start on the dry land facility at the end of August even if the grant doesn't go through. They will design something that can be moved if necessary.
- Paul will put in \$5000.00 and MAHA has been asked to kick in \$5000.00. MAHA will check with the local High Schools to see if they would like to participate to help offset the cost. Once it has been determined who would like to be a part of the project then we will determine who would like to purchase what equipment
- Chris is waiting for quotes to come back for some machines for the dry land facility
- We are in the process of getting bids for new jersey's and determining if we would sell the old jersey's and for how much
- Traci Hays will obtain a mock up of the two jersey's we have chosen from K1
- Kirk Swenson will obtain a jersey and a quote from Letterman's

Logo Discussion:

- In the past whenever we have used the "Maverick Bull" we have had to obtain permission from MSU.
- We are going to ask for someone to design a new logo and see what we get

Sponsorships – Mike Steindl

- Mike is working on sponsors for upcoming season
- Darren has a lead for a possible Goals For Kids sponsor

Registrar Report –Shelly Miller

- Do we want to have a Players Code of Conduct form for Players to sign? We will find one.

Communications: – Shelli Nornes

- Shelli has found a website that we can set up for apparel and we can choose 18 items, individuals can shop on line and things will be sent to their house. We earn 5% of all items purchased on line.
- The Board approved setting up the site so now we need to decide what we want to do with and logo.
- It was suggested to have the apparel company design 3 logos and bring them back to the Board
- Anthony Ford page has been added to the website
- Academic Excellence page which talks about the Skating programs
- Added a Charitable Gambling page – Jo Nickels will take care of this page
- Registration page has also been added. Forms will be added to this and there are also step by step instructions on there as far as how to register.
- Need to figure out a way to obtain contact information for Association members
- We will have laptops at registration to obtain e-mails and addresses etc.

M/S/P: Chuck Claude/Char

Tournament Committee: Traci Hays

- Need to send tournament to Jason Johanssen so he can post on the D9 website.
- Tournament dates have been set and advertised

HOC Chair Report: Chris Hvinden

- D9 meeting recap
- USA passed the no checking rule at the PeeWee level
- MN Hockey wanted to hold off on passing the checking rule for a couple of years, not enough time to implement and have teams adjust and they were voted down by USA Hockey
- Bantams and U14 will now have the tag up rule all other teams will not
- 2012/2013 State Tournaments will now have an A and a AA tournament and will follow the High School model. We will fall into the A model but there is an option to play up or down. HOC will discuss this. Written justifications need to be submitted to do this.
- League structure for Bantam A and PeeWee A for Rochester, Red team will again play an independent schedule. The district representative will decide their schedule and will continue with the same structure.
- **They have put 3 options out on the table as far as how they will do the league next year**
 - a) Play each team in your league only one time, this will give more opportunity to schedule some of your independent games. This is an 11 game schedule
 - b) Split East and West with 16 games so you would play each team on your side twice and then you will have two cross over games which is a random selection
 - c) Split into East and West and just have 16 games total
- Option A gives us the option to play teams we would like to. It would be a good opportunity to see what competition is out there
- PeeWee B2 League, everyone was on board with this until they determined that quite a few associations will have a PeeWee C team. This will be voted on at the Sept. 20th D9 meeting and it would be a PeeWee C league with 10 or 11 teams

- Chris feels we would be better going with a Bantam C and playing with D6
- We need to make our decisions before Sept. 20th as far as what teams we want to host
- If they do a PeeWee B2 rather than a PeeWee C there would not be a District tournament it would be an invitational
- This year all coaches at every level will need to go on line and recertify. No one is exempt
- In house coaches are exempt from the on line portion. More information will be coming out on MN Hockey and USA Hockey
- At the June HOC meeting they talked about implementing a pilot program for Bantam A and B levels only for the first year. For the first 4 weeks there would be a roster of 20 players, each week there would be different players playing. 6 players would go back and forth between the A and B teams to play and gives the bubble players an opportunity to prove themselves and makes the players work harder and be more competitive. Question would be: do parents and players want to extend the try out period. Players are not required to take this option. It is also hard to get 4 evaluators to come back for 4 weeks. Do we try to keep the evaluators or do we let coaches make the final decision?
- Pilot program would also allow us to get in a few pre-season scrimmages with a local team within our district
- We will give this pilot program a chance and see how it works.

Equipment Room Clean up:

- Mike will send out a Doodle request to find a night that works for the group

Follow-up Business:

- Audit Reports - when will Eide Bailly auditors be available
- Hockey Day Mankato
- Handbook specifications regarding "Move Up" policy
- Discuss new jersey's
- Discuss what we want to do for a new logo (for next meeting)

New Business:

- Talked about options for a new logo, what names and logos can we use

Next Regular Meeting

Monday, August 8th, 7pm 2011

Location : North Mankato Fire Hall

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:20pm

M/S/P: Darren/Sue