

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call: Board members present include Brian Jones, Jim Boogren, Rick Erredge, Brooks Savage, Marc Chorney, Matt Larson, Lisa Foster, Mike Lavin, Char Stark, Jay Stark and Dustin Vogelgesang. Absent was Paul Huettl.

Approval of Agenda: Dustin Vogelgesang made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Jim Boogren. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Matt Larson made a motion to approve the minutes with changes, second by Rick Erredge. Motion passed.

Financial Update (Char Stark):

Cash balance of \$8,844 as of 8/7/11. Checks have been going out for tournament registrations. A few checks have been received for tournament registrations as well. Two receivables are still outstanding. Motion by Marc Chorney to approve the financial statement as presented, second by Jim Boogren. Motion passed.

Presidents Briefing (Brian Jones):

Rivertown Days HHB Float Committee Debrief - thank you to co-chairs Angie Schiller and Kelly Sweeney, as well as the rest of the committee on a fabulous job. Pictures of the float are on the website.

Stepan/Chorney/Taffe NHL Players Charity Game Debrief - thank you to all the players, Brad Stepan, and Matt Larson for a great job on this project. It resulted in significant proceeds for the beneficiaries of the event, a donation of 25 sets of equipment to HHB from the NHL Players Association, marketing for our association before and during registration, as well as many intangibles for parents and children.

Vice President Vacancy - received two applications for the position. Will form an interview panel and have an appointment by the September board meeting.

Tournaments - the Executive Committee, Jim Foster, Lisa Foster, and Jay Stark met on July 24th to continue discussing tournaments, including team registrations, hotel options, gift bags, etc.

Meeting with Team Managers - Brian Jones, Lisa Foster, Jenni Johnson, and Kari Gruden met on August 3rd to prepare for this season's meeting with the team managers, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st from 6:30-8:30pm at Green Mill. We are putting together a draft agenda for the meeting, revising the team manager documents on the HHB website, and preparing team books for the season.

Mite Equipment Handout Dates and Times - these will be on September 29, October 3, and October 5 from 6:00-8:00pm at the arena.

No DIBS Points for Penalty Box During District 8 Home Games - heard mixed reactions from parents, although they seem to understand the change in policy when hear about difficulty getting volunteers at end of year.

Coaching Evaluations - heard concerns about HHB not doing coaching evaluations following the last season. We will look at doing these immediately following the 2011-2012 season.

D8 Update (Brian Jones):

Nothing to report

Director Updates:

Blue Mites: Ryan Stoffel – Registration has started and is going well and is organized by blue, gold and white levels. Ryan has been receiving numerous emails from parents with questions.

Gold and White Mites: Brooks Savage – Brooks has received questions regarding white vs. gold. Many parents are not happy about the increase in fees. The increase in fees can be minimized by participating in the raffle.

Squirts: Jim Boogren – Jim met with Woodbury and Cottage Grove associations to start a SE division. One of the rinks will be hosting a tournament (3 on 3) of the Holiday break. There will be 12 teams and games will be played on Saturday or Sunday.

PeeWees: Rick Erredge – Need a coach approval for B1 head coach and that will be discussed later in the meeting. All teams are registered for tournaments.

Bantams: Marc Chorney – Bantams are in need of a C coach. Marc is busy signing up teams for tournaments. Bantams has a player that will be participating in tryouts here as well as trying out for an outside team. Player will need to sign a release. If player does not make the outside team he will be put on the team that he was selected to.

Jr. Gold: Matt Larson – JR Gold is moving along and Matt is working on tournament registrations. Matt would like to do some brainstorming at the next meeting regarding JR Gold registration.

Girls: Mike Lavin – Coaches contacted players and their parents regarding Pee Wee level cross-over. All of those contacted will be playing U12. Corkish got involved and talked with goalies. There may be an acceptance made with a U14 goalie. U10B needs a head coach. There will be two U14 teams this year – a U14A and U14B.

Coaching: Dustin Vogelgesang – Level Directors should be looking at CEP clinics. The new rule goes into effect 9/1/11. The CEP requirements, FAQ's, plus some additional documents can be found on the HHB website. There are plans to hold clinics in Hastings, but nothing has been confirmed yet. Also, once you have completed your CEP training you can go to the Coach's registration page on the website to submit your information. You will need your USA Hockey #, team level and CEP #.

Operations: Paul Huettl – Nothing to report.

Volunteers: Lisa Foster – Four additional volunteers are needed for the upcoming golf tournament. The Sponsorship Committee is meeting this Thursday, August 11th. Lisa will be putting a conversion chart for penalties at both timeclocks.

Technology Update: Jay Stark – Jay will be getting the blackbox from Jerry.

Secretary Update: Kellie Sundheim – Nothing to report.

Tournament Update: Jim Foster – Jim would like to add a fastest skater and skills competition to our tournaments. Green Mill would be willing to donate pizzas to the winning teams. The board liked the idea of the fastest skater competition. Jim would also like to turn the dryland area into a Coaches room during tournaments. Tournaments are filling fast with Pee Wee's being lite on registrations. Jim also talked about gift bags and hotel options.

Old Business:

Training Facility: Marc Chorney

A parent and alumni committees are being formed. There will be an open house regarding the training facility on September 27th, October 12th and November 2nd at the Hastings High School Lecture Room.

HHB Golf Tournament Update: Brad Stepan

The tournament is in good shape. There is a meeting tomorrow night – August 10th. Hole sponsorship is down slightly. 13 teams have committed. Brad would like to get a total of 32 teams. Tee-off is at 2:00 p.m. Brad asks the board members to think about getting a team together and to talk with family and friends. We will celebrate a successful tournament at the next meeting.

Registration Update: Jay Stark

Currently 140 players registered. Mites = 60, Bantams = 5 and JR Gold = 6. Also, all level directors can go out to the website to see which players have registered and get contact information if they need to start making calls. Registration will be shut down after the 15th. Registration can be made private, it will still be open but players will need to get a link. Brian went over the schedule and will be sending out a reminder.

New Business:

Gold and White Level Jerseys: Ryan, Brooks and Paul

There may not be enough jerseys to go around this season. New white level jerseys should be ordered. Westwood provided a quote of \$15.25 per jersey. Jersey's would have a professional team name on them. They will wait to order jerseys until after team numbers have been confirmed.

Equipment Handout – Ryan, Brooks and Paul

Mite equipment handout will be in late September and early October. Players must be registered and submit a \$100 deposit before equipment will be provided.

NHL Charity Game Proceeds: Char Stark

The Defending the Blue Line organization was instrumental in the success of the NHL Charity Game. They provided contacts as well as non-cash rewards. They also helped in the promotion of the event. Marc Chorney made a motion to donate \$5,000 of the proceeds to the Defending The Blue Line with the remainder of the proceeds going to the HHB General Fund, second by Dustin Vogelgesant. Motion passed with Rick Erredge abstaining from the vote.

Proposed Handbook Revisions: Brian Jones

Brian went over proposed changes to the HHB Handbook. Marc Chorney made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the HHB Handbook, second by Jim Boogren. Motion passed.

Ice Scheduling Update: Marc Chorney

Marc is working on getting tournaments and tryout dates posted. Tryout schedules will remain the same as last year.

Sponsorship Update: Char Stark

There will be a meeting of the Sponsorship Committee on Thursday, August 11th. An update will be provided at the September meeting.

Team & Individual Apparel: Brian Jones

Teams will handle their apparel orders separately, but should try to remain consistent with other teams and to keep costs down. Advanced Sportswear is the main vendor for apparel, but teams can feel free to contact other vendors as well.

Coaching Approval (Pee Wee B1) – Rick Erredge

Rick Erredge made a motion to approve Tim Ruud as head coach of the Pee Wee B1 team, second by Matt Larson. Motion passed.

Coaching Approval (Bantam B) - Marc Chorney

Marc Chorney made a motion to approve Greg Jacobson head coach of the Bantam B team, second by Ryan Stoffel. Motion passed.

Marc Chorney made a motion to approve Jeff Bussey as assistant coach of the Bantam B team, second by Dustin Vogelgesang. Motion passed.

Coaching Approval (U16) – Matt Larson

Matt Larson made a motion to approve Butch Klimek as head coach of the U16 team, second by Marc Chorney. Motion passed.

Board Comment: None

Membership Comment: None

Adjournment: Mike Lavin made a motion to adjourn at 10:12pm, second by Rick Erredge. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2011 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Sundheim.