

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Approval of Agenda: Marc Chorney made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Brooks Savage. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Brian Dooley made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Jim Boogren. Motion passed.

Financial Update (Char Stark):

Char presented the monthly financial documents to the Board and discussed them in detail. Tournaments brought in some additional profits due to the sale of t-shirts, food and sales from other vendors. Marc Chorney made a motion to approve the financial documents, second by Brian Dooley. Motion passed.

Presidents Briefing (Brian Jones):

- Board of Director elections were held at the Hastings Civic Arena in February. Thank you to Kellie Sundheim, Kari Gruden, and Jenni Johnson for all of their time and efforts with the elections.

Recognition of Jeff Kuhn and Jim Boogren –

Matt Larson made a few comments regarding the service and dedication of Jeff Kuhn during his years as a member, coach, volunteer and board member of the Hastings Hockey Association.

Brian Jones thanked Squirt Director Jim Boogren for his time and dedication to the Squirt program. Brian also recognized Barb Boogren for her volunteer time.

District 8 Update (Brian Dooley):

Nothing to report

Director Updates:

Blue Mites: Ryan Stoffel – Season went well. 130 kids this year. All coaches did a good job. Ryan will send an email to group asking for feedback.

Gold and White Mites: Brooks Savage – End of year tournament went well. Black team won. Fastest skater competition was well accepted. Question asked as to why U8 girls didn't participate. Brooks and Mike Lavin will work on this issue for next year.

Squirts: Jim Boogren – Tournament went well. Good competitive games. Volunteers did a great job.

Pewees: Nothing to report.

Bantams: Marc Chorney – Bantam “C” team took first place at their district tournament. Bantam “B” coached resigned after season. Bantam “A” had a good season.

Jr. Gold: Matt Larson – Standard issues. Coach Murray resigned. U16 coach may be moving up to Jr. Gold.

Girls: Mike Lavin – Season went well. Some teams didn’t play in districts. U14A lost after first round. There will be an all-girls program meeting on 3/22/12 at 6:00 at the HMS. Summer programs will be discussed.

Hockey: Dustin Vogelgesang – All coaches meeting on 4/1/12. If coaches have any items please let Dustin know. Off-season camps and clinics will be offered again – Rink Rats and Summer Skate.

Operations: Paul Huettl – Equipment has been handed in. Deposits seemed to work well. Practice jerseys have not been coming in. Brooks mentioned that some players would like to keep goalie pads thru the summer. Deposits should be taken before players get equipment. There may be a need to purchase goalie pads on an annual basis.

Volunteers: Lisa Foster – Lisa mentioned that there were 62 volunteer deposits to be cashed. 60 points remained unclaimed. 165 players were exempt due to parents coaching, being board members etc. 17 Blue mite parents did volunteer time. Brad Stepan noted that there will be additional opportunities this summer due to some additional events. Lisa would like to come up with a better policy regarding volunteers, maybe something to go in a separate volunteer handbook. The possibility of providing a buyout option during registration was discussed. A decision was made to cash checks.

Rivertown Days float application has been received.

Registrar Update: Kari Gruden -Team books should be returned ASAP.

Technology Update: Jay Stark – Busy cleaning up site. Jay will dump data and pull the black box.

Secretary Update: No Report.

Tournaments Update: Nothing to report

Old Business:

Training Facility: Marc Chorney – Pledges have gone out. Interest level is lower than anticipated. Marc will be meeting with the city this week.

New Business:

Charitable Gambling Opportunity: Dugarel's would like to turn over their pull tab business to the HHB as of June 1st. The money raised could be used for scholarships, improvements etc... Chorney mentioned that the group may want to talk to Cindy Majeski. Cindy ran the pull tabs for the Little Raider program and may have some insights to share. Motion by Chorney to approve the charitable gambling opportunity, seconded by Larson. Motion carried.

Coaches Survey Update and Issues: Dustin mentioned that 175 surveys were returned, 153 of those were from traveling teams. Surveys will be returned to directors and discussed as needed.

Fundraising Events: Brad noted that the NHL charity game will be held again this summer. Last year's game was very successful.

Brad also mentioned that there will be a summer concert featuring Hairball. The show will be held June 8th at Dugarel's. The cost is \$20 per ticket. Profits will go to HHB and two other organizations. Volunteers will be needed Friday night and for cleanup on Saturday morning.

The golf tournament will be held again in September. The tournament will focus around showing appreciation for our sponsors who do so much during the season. Sponsors may be given a free foursome for the tourney. Details will be worked out as the tournament approaches.

Brad also mentioned that Jesse from Dugarel's is interested in the Fundraising Coordinator position.

Board Comment: Brad Stepan presented his proposal for a new Squirt level program. His proposal is based on the USA Hockey ADM model.

Paul Eischen countered Brad's proposal. Eischen suggested keeping many aspects of the current Squirt program as they are. A vote on the direction of the 2012-2013 Squirt program will be taken at the April meeting.

Membership Comment: Comments were received from members regarding both proposals for the Squirt program.

Adjournment: Dustin Vogelgesang made a motion to adjourn, second by Jim Boogren. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: April 10th, 2012 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Sundheim.