

Hastings Hockey Boosters

Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 8th, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Board members present include Brian Jones, Brian Dooley, Char Stark, Ryan Stoffel, Brooks Savage, Brad Stepan, Rick Erredge, Marc Chorney, Matt Larson, Mike Lavin, Dustin Vogelgesang, Paul Huettl, Lisa Foster and Jay Stark. Absent were Jesse Viall and Kari Gruden.

Approval of Agenda: Marc Chorney made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Rick Erredge. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Ryan Stoffel made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Brooks Savage. All in favor.

Financial Update by Char Stark

Char presented the budget financial documents to the Board and discussed them in detail. Char still needs direction on three coaching stipends. Char will contact these coaches and remind them to submit. Char cashed volunteer checks from members who did not fulfill their volunteer hours. Marc Chorney made a motion to approve financials, second by Matt Larson. All in favor.

Presidents Briefing, Brian Jones

- Brian will draft the membership newsletter, with hopes to send it out this week. Information related to “save the dates” coaching vacancies, and other information regarding new board members and coordinators.
- The Executive Committee; Lisa Foster, Jay Stark and Jim Foster met to discuss and prepare for this year’s HHB invitational tournaments. There was great tournament turn out last year. Currently running an ad in “Let’s Play Hockey” magazine. HHB invitational tournaments will be closely looked at next year to determine if they are a financial success for our association.
- Brian would like to propose changes to our membership handbook. For review at our June meeting.

District 8 Update, Brian Dooley D8 Meeting on 4/25/12

- Presentation by Laurence Levin of Sportography.
- Presentation by Terry Evavold of Minnesota Hockey.
- Concussion kits will be provided for every team for the upcoming season. Brian Dooley will have these distributed.
- About 50% of the A and B Squirt teams participated in the playoff tournament last season.
- Girls VP Jeff Daggit thanked Hastings for hosting 14U and 12U playoffs and the Tournament VP Zac tentatively scheduled we host again next year
- District 8 will be offering a Fall Preview for Peewee A and Bantam A next season
- Level 1 & 2 clinics will be at Wakota on September 15th at 8:30 AM
- There will be no waivers for expired Level 3 coaches this season. Level 3 clinic will be at Croatian Hall on September 17th at 6:00 PM
- Level 4 training will be in May, 2012 in Rochester and fall, 2012 in Blaine.
- The trial for Peewee AA/A & Bantam AA/A is a go for this season. The hope is to have 32 AA teams at Peewee and 32 at Bantam across the state and have 4 - eight team regional tournaments at each level. For league play, the AA and A teams will play each other. District 8 will have to create a AA playoff and

an A playoff for Peewees and Bantams in order to send teams to regional's.

D8 Referee Coordinator Update: Jesse Viall not in attendance

Director Updates:

Blue Mites – Ryan Stoffel presented a card to Rick Erredge from the HHB Board expressing our thank you for what he has contributed to HHB and more importantly his contribution to our country. Here's to a safe deployment.

Gold & White Mites – Brooks Savage. Nothing to report

Squirts – Brad Stepan. Nothing to report

Peewees – Rick Erredge introduced our new interim Peewee director Dave Greengo. Rick and Dave have been meeting and discussing team sizes and tryout dates and times.

Bantams – Marc Chorney reported that he is looking for a Bantam B and C coach for the upcoming season. The current C coach would like to continue to coach, but cannot commit to full time.

Jr. Gold – Matt Larson reported that he is looking for coaches for both U16 and Jr. Gold.

Girls – Mike Lavin reports that while the girl coaches are staying, they are all changing levels. He may have to post a coaching position at the U10 level. He will confirm.

Coach-In-Chief – Dustin Vogelgesang will place the open coaching positions on-line, place an ad in the Minnesota Hockey newspaper. Dustin confirmed that 5 coaches need their level 4 certification this year. All registration fees (\$200 per coach) will be reimbursed.

Operations – Paul Huettl confirmed that HHB did receive 15 sets of equipment from the Minnesota Hockey grant. They arrived in gift card form. HHB will pick 15 players and send them to Total Hockey in Bloomington, where they fit them for equipment and they will spend their gift card.

Volunteers – Lisa Foster reports that emails will be sent to the membership for the upcoming volunteer opportunities; Hairball, NHL Charity Hockey Game and the HHB Float Committee.

Registrar – Kari Gruden. Not in attendance

Technology Update – Jay Stark is busy cleaning up the website and working on the wireless internet at the arena.

Secretary Update – Angie Schiller has nothing to report.

Old Business:

Update on HHB Training Facility: Dustin & Marc. Approximately \$140,000 has been committed via pledges for the Training Facility. Continued discussion for suggestions and seeking recommendations. i.e. abandon the training facility, push out for further discussion? Defending the Blue Line has shown interest in partnering with HHB. Paul Huettl made a motion to table the discussion and invite Shane Hudella to present to the board June, 2012. Second by Mark. All in favor.

New Business:

- **2012-2013 Volunteer Policy/Agreement-changes & updates** - Lisa Foster reviewed the updates to the April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013 volunteer policy manual. Volunteering obligations (points) per player were lowered for traveling and increased squirts, gold & white mites. Confirmed date the volunteer checks will be cashed was also added. The Hastings Hockey Volunteer Agreement form will be a turn in requirement to team managers at the beginning of the season. Rick Erredge made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Volunteer Policy/Agreement changes & updates, seconded by Ryan Stoffel. All in favor. Brad Stepan opposed. Motion was carried.
- **Budget for 2012-2013 – (All)** – Char Stark presented a rough draft of the budget, and was able to get all questions answered line by line, director to director during this discussion. Hopeful for finalized budget for the upcoming calendar year at the June 2012 meeting.
- **Proposed Bylaw Amendment Re: Vacancies** - Brian Jones presented the board with the following:

I, Brian E. Jones, as a good standing member of the Hastings Hockey Boosters, do hereby move that the HHB bylaws be amended as follows:

Under Article III, Directors and Officers, the following should be amended as follows:

Article III

Directors and Officers

The numbers of directors shall be no less than five. All directors and officers shall be elected by a majority of the members voting for a term of two years with one half of all directors and officers being elected on alternate years. Elections shall be held at the Annual meeting with terms to commence on the following first day of April, all departing directors and officers terminate their responsibilities as of March 31st. ~~In the event a vacancy occurs in any office other than the president, a person to finish out the term of that vacancy would be appointed by the president.~~ In the event of the vacancy of the president, the vice-president shall serve out the remaining term of the president. In the event that the vice president is not able to serve out the remaining term of the president, a special election will be held within 30 days by the HHB with a majority of the members voting electing the person to serve the remainder of the term. In the event a vacancy occurs in any office other than the president, a special election will be held within 30 days by the HHB with a majority of the members voting electing the person to serve the remainder of the term. A special election can be held to fill vacancies of non-Board members at the discretion of the President. Any necessary increase or decrease in the number of directors shall be approved by a majority of the Board at any membership meeting. A special vote will be held to elect the person to serve as the new director(s) at the next membership meeting by a majority of the members voting. The term will expire at the next annual meeting. Any decrease in the number of directors will take effect at the next annual meeting.

This proposed amendment will be considered at the June 12, 2012 board meeting. A copy of the handbook with the bylaws can be found at www.hastingshockey.com

- **Update on Charitable Gambling Opportunity** Tabled to June 2012
- **Coaches Meeting Recap** – Dustin Vogelgesang reviewed agenda items from his coaches meeting.
- **Discussion regarding the New Squirt program.** Voted in for how many years? - After discussion, it was decided that the new squirt program would be revisited each year, making sure the current program is working properly.

Board Comment: Board Members have requested that Jesse Viall attend monthly board meetings.

Membership Comment:

Adjournment:

Marc Chorney made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 pm, second by Brian Dooley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Angie Schiller