

## **Bismarck Hockey Boosters Board Meeting**

**Monday, Oct 8, 2012**

**5:30 PM VFW Arena**

Present: Chris Burns, Todd Flicek, Sam Foss, Joel Roloff, Tom Bushaw, Adam Hipp, Scott Eide, TJ Stewart, Laurie Schaffer, Bill Curl, Jason Fetch, Steve Grom, Rob Deics, and Russ Smith

Absent: Glenn Pladsen

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by First Vice President Joel Roloff.

### **I. Old Business**

- a. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Sam Foss made a motion to approve the September board meeting minutes. Second by TJ Stewart. All approved.

### **II. New Business**

- a. Update on registration counts  
Laurie Schaffer reported that there are about 430 players registered for the regular season. The PeeWee and Bantams preseason are full and there are waiting lists.
- b. Sofia Wentz summer ice reimbursement  
Sofia was reimbursed her summer ice fees as she didn't participate due to a concussion.
- c. Discussion was held on withholding coaches second payments until all NDAHA required training, including age specific modules are completed. Program Director will continue to communicate with and monitor coaches to ensure requirements are met. In addition, we will continue to follow USA Hockey guidelines for finishing the modules.
- d. Discussion was held regarding a first year skater who is squirt age. It was decided that player must pay squirt fee. If the player decides to quit before the end of the season their registration fee will be refunded; the amount will be pro-rated based on how much of the season has passed.
- e. Scholarship applications were reviewed and approved. Laurie Schaffer will notify applicants.

### **III. Budget**

- a. Financial Report – Adam Hipp provided the financial report
  - i. Status of uncashed checks and credit card processing  
United Printing has collected about \$24000, Still need to collect around \$3000. Still contacting some that need to be collected.
  - ii. Final 2012 reconciliation  
Still working on going through materials from last year.

### **IV. Fund Raising Committee**

- a. Sponsorship update – Chris Burns  
Has 13 sponsorships – still needs three more teams. Letters have been mailed. Sent letters to Bantam sponsors; Scheels wants to know if we're purchasing new

jerseys for Bantams. In the past they purchased the jerseys in lieu of giving money. Our repair and upkeep has kept them in good shape. Will let them know that if we need them in the next five years we will go through them to order.

Kupper Chevrolet will be a tournament sponsor. Discussed other options for sponsorship/signage.

i. Rink 2 signage – TJ Stewart

TJ Stewart needs to talk to Randy Bina regarding arrangement with the Bobcats.

ii. Sponsor updates

Bobcats will give us \$15000 +\$5000 for gun raffle + Red Mite sponsorships.

Thom Brigl from Bobcats will come to November meeting.

V. On-Ice Committee

a. -Peewee Numbers

54 skaters, not enough for five teams.

b. -Coaching parent pay

Tom brought up the topic of paying parent coaches. Discussion - no change to the policy.

c. -Schedule review

Added November – December to calendar, no weekends are scheduled yet as games haven't been added.

d. B1 League and Schedule

B1 – Senators: 32 games, all-state league. Will be a lot of travel for this team. It's a one year pilot at NDAHA.

PWB – still needs more games

PWA – 29 games, working on scheduling another weekend of games in grand forks & grafton.

e. Bantam & Girls Schedules

BB – 35 games

BA – 32 games

Chill – 33

Avalanche 40

f. Equipment Swap – Jason Fetch & Bill Curl helped go through equipment

30-40 people participated in the swap, would've liked to see more people. However, those that did attend had good results. Discussed ways to grow the event. Joel Roloff suggested getting testimonials from participants. Talked about having it on the weekend. Suggested doing everything one day: gun raffle tickets, equipment hand out and swap meet in one day.

Todd Flicek & Jason Fetch helped Tom Bushaw with the Swap Meet. Made \$60. Five people were there selling equipment.

MITE TOURNAMENT – should be a half-ice tournament? Blue Mite Coordinators want half ice for the tournament. Next season we'll be mandated to do half-ice tournament.

TJ Stewart moved to make the mite tournament half ice at all levels. Sam Foss second. Motion carries.

Tom produced a manual for coaches & coordinators for Bismarck Hockey – Will put it on the website on the coaches tab.

TJ Stewart made a motion to adjourn. Second by Scott Eide. All Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.