

**Hastings Hockey Boosters
Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2012**

Roll Call:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Brian Jones, Brian Dooley, Lisa Foster, Joe Harris, Brooks Savage, Jeff Plank, Mike Lavin, Marc Chorney, Dave Greengo, and Ryan Stoffel

Board Members Absent: Char Stark, Paul Huettl, and Dustin Vogelgesang

Approval of Agenda: Coach approvals were added to the posted agenda. Lisa Foster made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Dave Greengo. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: November 2012 meeting minutes not yet completed.

Coordinator Reports:

Referees: No report from Jesse Viall.

Registrar: No report from Kari Gruden.

Technology: No report from Jay Stark.

Tournament Director: Jim Foster provided a summary of our invitational Sugar & Spice Girls Tournament (U10A/B and U12A/B). The tournament went very well and raised more profit than was budgeted. Jim saved approximately \$500 on EMT costs. Thank you to Kris Ries and all of the tournament committee volunteer parents, as well as the many parents who worked during the tournament. Jim has received many positive comments, both verbally and in writing, following the tournament. He plans to hold a debrief meeting with Sliv to see what worked well and what could be improved next year.

District 8 Representative: Brian Dooley noted that the next District 8 meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 in South St. Paul.

Secretary: No report.

Officer Reports:

President: Brian Jones provided the following:

- Jeff Plank has been appointed Director of Junior Gold.
- Secretary position is open and will be posted to the membership unless someone expresses an interest in it prior to the posting. It is a non-voting position on the Board of Directors and duties are outlined in the HHB Handbook.
- November update was sent to the membership. Please pass along anything you wish to be included in a December update as soon as possible.
- Nikki Appert will be the chairperson of the HHB Hockey Night Committee. She has 7 people on the committee and their first meeting will be Sunday, December 16th at the Green Mill (7:00pm).
- Considering partnering with Valley Chevrolet in Hastings as part of “2012 Chevy Youth Hockey Program”. This is a grassroots, community outreach program between Chevrolet dealerships and local youth hockey associations. Need to do more research on what is involved and possibly solicit a volunteer to spearhead the project before moving forward.

Vice President: Brian Dooley indicated that the ice scheduling has been going well, but additional changes continue to be necessary. He informed the Board that Jane Houska will again be the Outdoor Ice Coordinator and thanked her for volunteering. She will be posting a sign-up

sheet on the HHB website and coordinating keys for the outdoor warming house. Brian indicated that the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee met a couple weeks ago and has been active soliciting donations for HHB. However, additional committee members are still welcome. **Treasurer:** Char Stark was not able to attend the meeting, but will email the financial reports to the Board by the following weekend.

Director Reports:

Blue Mites: Ryan Stoffel – season is going very well in terms of excitement and player retention. Ryan provided some framed jerseys to Dr. Miller at Miller Orthodontics for sponsoring the mite jerseys.

Gold and White Mites: Brooks Savage – some rosters have been adjusted due to late sign-ups and there has been a small amount of player movement among the mite levels, based on where kids should be playing per age and years of hockey experience. Almost all volunteer deposit checks have been collected and provided to Lisa Foster.

Squirts: Joe Harris – some rosters have also been adjusted at the squirt level in an effort to make teams as equal as possible. The Squirt Winter Carnival Tournament has been scheduled for December 28-30 and many people are working on the tournament details.

Peewees: Dave Greengo – Peewee teams were finalized and the season is fully underway. Rick Erredge has returned to Minnesota following his deployment and will be formally taking over as Director of Peewees on January 8, 2013.

Bantams: Marc Chorney – Continues to be an imbalance of players at the Bantam levels. A motion was made by Ryan Stoffel, seconded by Joe Harris, to move a player from Bantam C to Bantam B to rectify the problem. Director of Bantams will decide on the player to move. Motion passed.

Junior Gold: Jeff Plank – met with Matt Larson recently to help with the director transition process from Matt to Jeff. Jeff has also communicated with the Junior Gold Head Coach via email, and will be attending some upcoming games to meet with the Head Coach, parents, and players.

Girls: Mike Lavin – so far it has been a pretty good season. Sugar & Spice Tournament went very well in many aspects. Both U10B teams ended up playing in the championship game.

Coach-in-Chief/Hockey Operations: No report.

Operations: No report.

Volunteers: Lisa Foster – almost all volunteer deposit checks have been collected. There were a total of 19 volunteer buyouts. Lisa continues to monitor the number of volunteer points needed and number of points available to make sure we cover any shortfall.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Coach Approval: Motion by Dave Greengo, and seconded by Brooks Savage, to approve Brian Dooley as Peeewe B2 Assistant Coach and Scott Williams as Peeewe A Assistant Coach. Motion passed.

Board Member and Coordinator Positions: Brian Jones provided two documents to the Board for review and discussion. The first was the “HHB Organizational Structure” outlining the current board positions, coordinators, and committee chairpersons. The second was research he conducted on board positions for other District 8 youth hockey associations. The board decided to keep the Secretary as a non-voting board position for now and that position will be filled as soon as possible. The board approved moving forward with 3 new positions as time permits – Ice Director, Registration Coordinator, and Apparel and Merchandise Coordinator.

Board of Directors Elections Notice: Brian Jones handed out a draft email/website posting for the upcoming HHB Board of Directors Elections, which will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 from 5:00-9:00pm at the Hastings Civic Arena. Six board positions are up for election and this notice will be distributed to the membership soon.

HHB Tournaments and Fundraising Events for 2013-2014: Brian Jones and Lisa Foster provided two handouts that summarized all of our tournaments (invitational, in-house, and districts) and our fundraising events for the last couple years. The Board held a lengthy discussion about the net profit raised from each, the volunteer time spent on them, and whether we should continue to do the tournaments and events as opposed to raising registration fees. No decisions were made at this time, but this information will be helpful for the upcoming budgeting process and possible changes in the future.

Strategic Planning (SWOT Analysis): This agenda item was tabled to the January 2013 meeting.

Board Comment: None

Membership Comment: None

Adjournment: Lisa Foster made a motion to adjourn at 10:20pm, seconded by Mike Lavin. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2012 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Brian Jones.