OCTOBER BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2012

President Neal Krauss called the October Board meeting to order at 1806.

Those in attendance:	Michael Hughes	Jodi Kozol
	Andy Ketterson	Kevin Neumann
	John Sempeck	Brenda Orr
	Andre Zipay	Kirk Hutton
	Michael Dudzinski	Neal Krauss
Absent:	Mark VanderMeulen	Jason Osbahr

Old Business:

Motion was made by Michael Hughes to accept the minutes of the September Board Meeting, with one date change, as presented. Second by John Sempeck. All in favor, none opposed.

Last month the Board approved the cost of $1000 to have the Jr. Lancer logo painted on the community ice at the Ralston Ice Arena. A couple of days later it was brought to Neal Krauss's attention that we would be unable to have the logo painted on the ice. After conferring with Mark VanderMeulen, it was decided to pay $1500 for a vinyl logo that would last for 6-7 ice changes.

Team fund raisers brought to the Board for approval. Michael Hughes to provide TM logos to all Board members so that they can be given to those approved to use.

1) PeeWee AA would like to sell blankets using the "O" logo. The team will take care of all funds and payments. Motion by Jodi Kozol to approve this fundraiser and allow the use of our logo, seconded by Michael Hughes. All in favor, none opposed.
2) Mite Black Select would like to have the Jr. Lancer logo "blinged" from SassyStonz.com and offer this for purchase. Motion made by Michael Dudzinsiki to approve this fundraiser and allow the use of our logo, seconded by Kevin Neumann. All in favor, none opposed.
3) Mite Orange Select would like to offer "Hockey Mom" shirts. They will be going through Lawlors for these shirts. The team will take care of all funds and payments. Latisha Klein will check with Lawlors to see if this includes

the 10% OHC Royalty. Motion by Neal Krauss to approve this fundraiser, seconded by Michael Hughes. All in favor, none opposed.

4) OHC Mite Hockey would once again like to offer t-shirts to all skaters in the Mite Division, both House and Select. These shirts will also be going through Lawlors. There was discussion about using the "O" logo on the shirts and it was agreed that we should have a logo on them. Motion made by Jodi Kozol to approve this fundraiser and allow the use of our logo, seconded by Kevin Neumann. All in favor, none opposed.
5) Bantam A team would like to provide the OHC logo to a company in Edina, MN to have a sample logoed OHC water bottle produced. Motion by John Sempeck to allow the use of our logo for the water bottles, second by Michael Hughes. All in favor, none opposed

Treasurer – Mark VanderMeulen (absent, information read by Neal Krauss from email report):

Currently we have 783 skaters registered and are budgeted for 808. We are 97% of budget right now and are only down 23 registrations from budget. The good news, from my perspective, is that between Squirts through HS Club (the higher fee programs), we are only down 3 players from budget so the remaining 20 player shortfall is in IP and Mite and I'm confident we will continue to get new IP players between now and December. Even if we stay at our current registration level, our revenue shortfall compared to budget will be relatively low (about $6K-$7K).

The following fees were proposed (John Sempeck motioned to accept all budgets as built, seconded by Kirk Hutton. All in favor, none opposed):

1) Mite Black Select
    a. ½ sheet practices 2x per week and participation in the Sunday ADM practices whenever they are in town
    b. 8 home friendship games
    c. 5 tournaments + Spring Joust
    d. Total fee is $905 less house fees of $475, so remaining secondary fee is $430
2) Mite Select Orange
    a. Full participation in ADM program
    b. ½ sheet practice 1x per week
    c. 4 home games (where it is assumed that the visiting team will pay for 50% of the cost for one game).
    d. 6 additional cross ice tournaments at $350 per tournament. It is assumed that each player will participate in 3-4 tournaments so that approximately 9 players go to each tournament.
    e. Select fee is $355.
3) Squirt Select (2 teams)
    a. Each team will have a ½ sheet practice 1x per week
    b. Assumed MHL tournament fee of $1725
    c. Participation in Spring Joust at no charge, no other tournaments

    d. 4 home friendship games (and presumably 4 away friendship games)
    e. Select fee is $395
4) Peewee Select (1 team)
    a. Full sheet practice 1x per week
    b. Assumed MHL tournament fee of $1725
    c. Participation in Spring Joust at no charge plus participation in 1 additional tournament in late March.
    d. 4 home friendship games (and presumably 4 away friendship games)
    e. Select fee $567
5) Bantam Select (1 team)
    a. Full sheet practice 1x per week
    b. Assumed MHL tournament fee of $1825
    c. Participation in Spring Joust at no charge plus participation in 1 additional tournament in late March.
    d. 4 home friendship games (and presumably 4 away friendship games)
    e. Select fee $590
6) Girls U16 team
    a. ½ sheet practice 2x per week
    b. Participation in 5 league tournaments with each team paying the hosting cost of their own tournament
    c. 2 other tournaments at $400 each
    d. 2 home friendship home games
    e. Fee – for players also participating in the PW house game schedule = $1,090
    f. Fee – for players not participating in the PW house game schedule = $940
7) Girls U12 team
    a. Full participation in the Squirt house program
    b. 1 additional ½ sheet practice each week
    c. 4 away tournaments
    d. 2 home friendship tournaments
    e. Incremental select fee of $495 (only 14 players on the team)

For all Squirt – Bantam AA and A teams, the deadline to establish the secondary payment plan was Oct 15th. As of 8 am on 10/16/12:

1) Squirt AA - 2 players to make arrangements
2) Squirt A – complete
3) Peewee AA – 2 players still to make arrangements
4) PeeWee A – 1 player to still make arrangements
5) PeeWee A2 – complete
6) Bantam A – 2 players to still make arrangements
7) Bantam A2 – 2 players to still make arrangements

So in total there are only 9 players out of 115 players still to make arrangements. I will reach out to these families this week to determine what their plans are to pay their secondary payment fees.

Chris Peterson's (Bantam A coach) daughter broke her wrist a couple of weeks ago and won't be cleared to play until Dec 1st so they have requested a pro-rated fee (they have not registered yet). The normal Squirt fee is $675 for 5 ½ months of ice time, so I'd proposed a fee of $675/5.5 months x 3.5 months that she'll actually play = $430. The Boards only concern was adjusting this if she took the ice early, even for practices, sitting out games. Motion made by Neal Krauss to accept Mark's payment amount, seconded by Michael Dudzinski. All in favor, none opposed.

IP-Mite Director – Jason Osbahr (absent report given by Kendra Stachum and Latasha Klein):

The information for the car decals has been sent out, however not a very good response. Is it possible to put this information on the website. Kendra will send Neal Krauss the information and he will get it to JT to have him post it on the website.

The Tiny Turkey Tournament is coming together. It is set for Nov 24th. The cost is $25 per skater. We will be pre-ordering t-shirts so as not to have ones left over. We have sent out invitations to Des Moines, Fremont, Lincoln, Sioux City, Sioux Falls and Kansas City. We would like to be able to hand out participation medals and a snack bag to each skater. The expected revenue from this tournament is $4869 and the expected costs about $3930, so there should be a profit of around $939. Motion made by Kevin Neumann to allow the medals and snack bags to be purchased, seconded by Brenda Orr. All in favor, none opposed.

Lincoln will not be doing the Winter Classic Jamboree in December and are more than happy if we take it over.

Mites are up to 126 skaters.

On Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, there will be 2 Lancer players at each of the IP/Mite practices to help out. This is going over well with the kids.

There is an Open House at Ralston on Sunday from 11 am - 4 pm. We can have a table to set up if we can have some people to staff it. Do we have a trade show type display? We should make/get one. We should contact the Midwest HS and HS Club players to see who needs community hours. Also, we should contact the individuals who received hardship money.

November 3rd is Try Hockey for Free. We have Halloween cards made to hand out.

Blades & Edges will have a few skaters to come and skate with the IP White team.

There is a new IP Commissioner. The jerseys and socks have been handed out. Is it possible to get storage at the Ralston Arena?

Growth & Retention – Kendra Stachum – There has been a budget drawn up for this committee and what they would like to do. It will be presented to the Board once completed. There will be a Grant presentation between the 1st & 2nd periods of the Lancers game. The actual check will not arrive until November.

Squirt-Bantam Director – Michael Hughes:

House grading is completed, with only minor adjustments to teams after the initial creation. Practice schedule for the entire year has been handed out – minimal changes throughout the year. November 3rd is the only house casualty for my division – peewee teams were affected due to Ralston Arena being closed. Finishing the collection of coaches' information for November 1 and getting all rosters, team parents, jersey's and numbers to Gilinda and Michael Dudzinski.

Select Tryout:

- ✓ Squirt – Friday, October 26th at 715 pm at Motto
- ✓ Peewee – Tuesday, October 23rd at 730 pm at Ralston
- ✓ Bantam – Tuesday, October 23rd at 845 pm at Ralston

Select Weekend – Midwest would like to still host the finals weekend in the Omaha area – we understand the ice is tight – however Evan has indicated that he will free up his arena for ice if we can shore up as much free ice in Omaha as possible (preferably at the same location) and he thinks we can likely host at least 2 or the 3 divisions. What ice do we have available for the weekend of Feb 9,10,11, 2013? Per Brenda Orr we could host 1 age group, but not all 3.

Motion made by Michael Hughes to purchase polo shirts for each commissioner (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam, IP/Mite and Growth & Retention) for a total of 9 OHC logo branded polo shirts. They would also have the age division listed on the shirt. They would wear these when at the rink on practice and game days. Kevin Neumann seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

We are in need of some goalie gear for the Squirt division. If we can piece together 3 sets that would be great, if not can we purchase 3 sets. We have a shortage of goalies and would like to get as many kids that want to try it to have the opportunity to do it safely. Neal Krauss made a motion to purchase 3 sets of goalie gear at approx. $600 per set with Treasurer approval, seconded by Andre Zipay. All in favor, none opposed.

The Spring Joust is set for March 1-3, 2013. Teams are signing up – advertised in Let's Play Hockey Magazine – we have had 3 teams register from that advertisement. Teams from Pierre, SD, Sioux City (pending), Lincoln, Omaha. We will be organizing committee to start on fundraising, t-shirts, bag tags, etc.

Mike Hughes made a motion to allow the Elkhorn HS team to purchase t-shirts for their team, seconded by Kevin Neumann. All in favor, none opposed.

Girls Hockey Director – Andy Ketterson (absent email read by Neal Krauss):

Not much to report, here is an overview:

- U16 set to make its 1st trip this weekend & Omaha will host on November 10th & 11th
- U14 looking forward to having extra games in the Peewee House league
- U12 will make their 1st trip on November 17th & 18th
- Total of approximately 32 girls between the two teams, very happy to see the interest growing
- Next year hoping to have enough numbers for a U19 team as well
- Would like to have Omaha host a MWAHA girls only event, still looking into making such an event happen.
- Had Girls Try Hockey for Free Day in Omaha on Sunday, girls assisting probably outnumbered new girls about 15-3, should be able to improve numbers with more time to plan.

High School League Director – Kevin Neumann:

Teams are set, some things need to be worked out with the draft. We will fill team to 14 1st, then draft based on last year ranking. Westside will not be in the draft due to a full roster.

Currently we have the season scheduled to end the end of February. There is some concern regarding getting the number of games that are advertised/budgeted. The budget (based on 12 teams) states 22 regular season games, 2 Fall Freeze games and 3 end of season tournament games, with 24 practices. We currently only have 10 teams. Neal Krauss voices that he has heard some concerns about losing games and ice time since not have the Fall Freeze. After a much heated discussion, Kevin Neumann stated he would look into this and see if it is possible to schedule additional games.

We have still not heard anything from Jeff Chubb regarding security. We will need to contact him before the games start.

JT will give access to 1 person on each team to allow them to update their website.

Kevin was asked if he wanted to do Senior Bios this year and he stated he would like to. He just needs the form for them to fill out.

Practice jerseys are printed, but game jerseys are not done, but they are in.

What teams are able to go to Nationals this year? Is their interest at the HS Club level to go to Nationals? Midwest HS has included this in their budget. The team that goes to Nationals, per USA Hockey, must have played 20 games, not including any playoff games that decide who is going to Nationals. There was much discussion around this and it was decided that if interest at the HS Club level, the top 3 ranked teams at the end of January would have a round robin playoff in mid-February. The winner of this playoff

would then play the Midwest HS Varsity team. The winner advancing to Nationals. Kevin Neumann will bring to the November Board meeting what is done in the case of a tie.

HS Midwest League Director – John Sempeck:

We finally got the key to the locker room at the Ralston Arena. The benches are going to be installed on Oct. 28th. Work will being tomorrow, Wednesday, of painting the header, hanging our mobile TV sound system, stick racks, carpeting floor, insignia installed, etc. We will be taking the ice Oct 23rd.

We lost one player, Jackson Bruckner, however we also gained one player. I will be sending over their payment schedule to Kathy and Mark.

On Oct 30th, I will be requesting a payment arrangement update on who is keeping with their play from Kathy.

Our tailgate will be happening on our home opener on off-site property. A flyer will be on our website and hopefully on the Lancers website and sent to the membership. We will also be sending this to the Sioux City Metro team, who we are versing.

Our jerseys and bags will not be in until Nov. 1st.

Ice Scheduler – Brenda Orr:

Left meeting, no report given.

Travel Director – Andre Zipay:

The coaches' gift cards have been taken care of. The helmet stickers and numbers are in. Practice jerseys are done. The goalie cut jerseys are not in, but all others are. All rosters are done.

Please send and update to Michael Hughes or Neal Krauss if a team wins a tournament so that we can have this put on Facebook.

Omaha AAA Director – Kirk Hutton:

The construction on the locker rooms should be done in about 4 weeks. There are a lot of D1 schools looking at the U16s.

U14AAA play this weekend vs. Chesterfield and the U16 AAA are in Waterloo.

U18 has a full roster, U14 has some roster problems, one player from Bantam A has been moved to the AAA team.

U15 teams should be done in 2 weeks. They can't play more than 10 games and still be eligible in the Midwest HS league.

Vice President – Mike Dudzinski:

We are working on getting the list of players, high school age and up, so the we can get the Concussion testing done. For the concussion testing, we need the player's social security number. Many parents and coaches are having a problem giving this information. We are being told they need this information for Medical Records reasons.

We are approximately 15 days away from my proposed deadline for Coaches, Asst. Coaches and Team Managers to submit their application with Midwest for the Consent to Screen needs of USA Hockey. As "required" by USA Hockey (for OHC's insurance compliance), any persons having direct contact with U18 players must submit this form prior to having any contact.

Included in that 11/1/12 deadline, Head Coaches are required by Nebraska State law to take a Concussion Recognition Course approved by the State. Further, any persons (Coach, Asst. Coach, Team Manager, etc.) participating with a team on the ice must be registered with USA Hockey or our Midwest Affiliate. CEP training and other coaches' modules do not have this 11/1/12 deadline, but must be completed before 12/31/12.

New Business:

None

Motion made by Kevin Neumann to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kirk Hutton. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 2050.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Jodi Kozol
Board Secretary