

Minneapolis Hockey Association (MHA) Board Meeting

21 October 2013 – Pearl Park Building

Board Members Present: Tim Hanson, Paul Larson, Chris Lacher, Nikki Gilbertson, Win Mitchell, Brian Kelley, Tim Stevens, Paul Laux, Joe Cirone, Mike Follrath, Chuck Knapp, Mike Shogren, Hans Eisenbeis, Mark Gaffney, Kevin Skogg. Others present: Mike Pasdo, Justin Jensen

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Member Forum: None

Secretary's Report: September minutes were reviewed and approved as amended on the secretary's copy. Kelley moved to approve. Laux seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed with no further discussion.

Financial Report: Lacher reported a Registration Net Income of \$530,000, which is roughly 85% of what was budgeted. An audit is currently in progress. In a change for this season, players will not be able to participate in their first game if volunteer forms and checks are not received. Currently, 60% of the forms have been completed. Lacher to work with team managers to make sure all forms & checks are received.

Gambling: Hanson relayed a request for allowable expenses in the amount of \$40,589 - \$98,100 (which includes year end bonuses). Lacher moved to approve. Knapp seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Hanson relayed a request for funds for lawful purpose in the amount of \$1,450 - \$2,300. Lacher moved to approve. Stevens seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Hanson has presented Rich Miller with a contract extension for 2013 – 2014.

President's Report: Hanson reported that there are currently 677 active registrants. \$19,655 in financial aid has been awarded. This is over the \$18,000 budgeted amount, but will be covered by the overdue fees from last season that Lacher has collected. Thirteen players were waived out of MHA to Edina, Highland, Hopkins, and St. Louis Park. Nine players have waived in, with the number expected to rise to 15. A request has been submitted to District 3 for Bantams and PeeWees to play A vs. AA. SportStar has been selected as this year's team photographer after competitive bids were received. They will also provide additional options (such as locker room door magnets, financial aid packages, banners, etc). Contracts have been submitted and signed for the Concessions Manager, Girls' program consultant, and the Executive Director. An address change for the association has been submitted to the Attorney General. Hanson, Shogren, Skogg, and Neal will work together to finalize the boys' coaches' and Joe Dziedzic's contracts.

Past President's Report: The web-site redesign has been completed and the apparel store is up and running. License agreements for logos and trademarking are in progress for apparel use for approved vendors (currently approved are St. Mane's and General Sports. May have additional vendor options. Shogren moved to provide \$200 to allow a graphic designer to convert current trademarks to registered trademarks. Knapp seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Larson and Shogren are also working to create compliance rules for the use of dryland facilities at Northeast and Parade. To ensure that our members are covered by insurance, it will be necessary to set up registration on the Storm site for non-Storm players to utilize the facilities (i.e., Minneapolis high school players, figure skaters, camp attendees, etc). MHA will be responsible for cleaning and maintenance costs. Cirone moved to charge a yearly \$25 user fee (to be collected via the MHA registration system) plus a yearly concurrent USA Hockey membership fee for each non-Storm participant the wishes to utilize the Storm dryland facilities. Shogren seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Executive Director's Report: Jerseys have been distributed to team managers.

VP Admin Report: Knapp worked to change reports to identify coaches as "Independent Contractors." Knapp also added to Hanson's report concerning SportStar that they will provide additional purchase options

such as holiday cards, photo books, year-over-year player pictures, bumper stickers, etc. Currently working with Dennis Daly on logos and license agreements.

VP Hockey Report: Shogren to work with Eisenbeis to create “100 Years of Competitive Hockey in Minneapolis” stories for the MHA site, Minnesota Hockey, etc. An email will be sent to all current registrants to alert them that the new URL for MHA is mplshockey.com. Shogren asked that team managers be consistent with populating the team pages on the Storm site. Currently working on getting high school team jerseys changed to reflect “100 Year of Minneapolis Hockey”. Joe Dziedzic is working to align with NHL to have an alumni game for a high school fundraiser. Shogren will create a committee to organize this function. Shogren reported that there is the potential of playing a St. Paul team as part of the outdoor Gopher tournament this winter. Shogren to contact Shelstad to consider coordinating outdoor ice with the Minneapolis Park Board.

ACE Report: Skogg reported that coach rosters are being compiled at all levels. He will work on preseason compensation for non-parent coaches.

D3 Rep’s Report: Eisenbeis reminded the group that there is a mandatory Manager and Coach meeting for Bantams, PeeWees, and U12 at Brooklyn Park on October 23rd. The Squirts, U14, and U10 meeting will be on November 20th. Coaching suspensions will be handed out for noncompliance. Discussions were held at the August meeting concerning the Wayzata & Maple Grove associations decision to not roster PeeWee A teams this season. Shogren will represent MHA in a competition committee meeting concerning this topic.

Girl’s Report: Stevens stated that U8 registration numbers are low, but that the recruiting flyer was just being distributed in schools this week. U10 tryouts will start the last weekend of October. The U12 level teams have been completed. At U14, Stevens reported that there will be one U14 B team (no tryouts) that will consist of 18 skaters and 2 goalies. Doug Melnick will coach. This team will have the option to scrimmage at the A level. Because the team consists of all parent coaching and two teams were originally budgeted, Stevens moved to appropriate \$3,050 to go to the U14 team to pay for additional tournament entrance fees to allow adequate game time for all players. Knapp seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Bantam Report: Five full teams have been rostered for Bantams. Kelley noted that an assistant coach is needed for the C team. Armstrong/Cooper dropped their C team, so there is a potential agreement in place that would allow D3 teams to play D6 teams to allow for an adequate number of regular season games. Otherwise, the C team should be allowed to attend an additional tournament.

PeeWee Report: Eight teams have been rostered for 112 players. Cirone noted that a “Closed Door Scrimmage” was held against Woodbury as part of the tryout process. Positive feedback was received from the coaches, and no big issues were raised by parents. A discussion will be had to see if this should be used again for future tryouts.

Squirt Report: Tryouts start this week for the 119 registered Squirts. Ten full-time goalies have been identified, as well as a couple of part-time goalies. New Squirt A coach Bob Lundeen has already been involved with preseason sessions. Mitchell reported that many parents have let him know that their B2/C level players will not be participating in the initial A/B1 tryout round.

Mite Report: Follrath noted that 140 Mites and 76 Mighty Mites have registered to date. Level coordinators have been identified and 74 coaches have registered. Goalie equipment has been ordered, and a plan needs to be put in place to secure the equipment at the end of the season. A group met to discuss how Bandy Fridays will run for the Mites and U8 teams this season.

Team Manager Report: None

Tournament Report: Gaffney reported that only a couple team slots remain for the Minneapolis Cup. There is one U12 slot remaining for the winter tournament and U10 is ahead of registration numbers at this time last season.

Volunteer Report: Mike Schultz will be the new Volunteer coordinator and is currently working to transition responsibilities from Karen Kunz.

SafeSport Report: A memo will go to all level coordinators and board members concerning a video that must be viewed by all coaches, managers, and locker room monitors.

Fundraising Report: Laux noted that the popcorn and hotdog machines need to be replaced at the concession stand. Laux moved to use up to \$1,800 for capital improvements (against the \$5,000 that wasn't used last year) and to donate remaining spiritwear to sell at the concession stand. Skogg seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Laux reported that a two year project to purchase new scoreboards for Parade is in progress. MHA will be selling dasher advertising for \$1,000 per board (\$200 for the board sticker, \$800 to go towards the scoreboards). Current dasher contracts are up at the end of October. Leads should be forwarded to Jecha. Laux moved to support the sale of dasher advertising to raise funds for Parade scoreboard replacements. Shogren seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Goalie Training: Pasdo noted that advanced goalie sessions have started. A plan to recruit Mite/U8 goalie candidates was proposed. Jack Duffy or another goalie coach would plan to attend ADM drills for Mite/U8 practices. Pasdo made a resolution to use \$3,150 towards Mite/U8 goalie training. Cirone seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Adjournment: Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laux seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.