



Mahtomedi Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

Date: March 29, 2020

Called to Order: 8:01PM

In Attendance: Alex Rogosheske, Brandon Sampair, Joe Curran, Kelly Taff, Nate Demars, Mark Harris, Cory Huberty, Dino Marino, Dan Miller, Pete Moosbrugger, Aaron Pederson, Kelly Reagan, Jesse Sampair, Brent Sorenson.

Absent: None.

Prior Meeting Minutes Approval: February 2020 meeting minutes approved without corrections. Motion made by Brandon Sampair, Second by Aaron Pederson. Unanimous. Motion passes.

New Business/Member Feedback:

- **DIBS**
 - Tifini Lipovetz, DIBS Coordinator advised that there were six (6) families that did not complete their DIBS this season and they will be billed, this was down from thirty (30) families from last season.
 - DIBS have been entered in the system for all traveling families for the 2019-2020 Season. It is manual process and very time consuming. It a family does not receive an invoice then no DIBS fees are being assessed.

President's Report (Alex Rogosheske):

- **2020 Board Member Elections**
 - Kelly Taff to continue to prep for upcoming election; nine (9) board members are up for re-election; dates and deadlines are as follows:
 - Bios Due tomorrow – 4/1/2020; 8PM
 - Bios posted to the MYHA website – 4/5/2020; association wide e-mail blast sent
 - Online voting opens - 4/16/2020; 5PM
 - Online voting closes – 4/19/2020; 5PM
 - Election results announced at the April board meeting – 4/19/2020; 8PM
 - Current board members re-election status:
 - Running for re-election; Alex, Rogosheske (President), Nate Demars, Brandon Sampair, Jesse Sampair, Kelly Taff, Aaron Pederson; Joe Curran (Treasurer).
 - Not running for re-election; Mark Harris, Dino Marino; a big thanks to both Mark and Dino for their years of service and dedication, they will be missed.
 - All candidates run for an at large position with the exception of the President and Treasurer; Executive Committee members must have one (1) year prior MYHA board experience with the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer.

- **End of Year Survey –March , 2020**
 - Aaron Pederson e-mailed the End of Year Survey results to all board members during the meeting; provided some initial feedback; ninety-eight (98) parents responded; numbers are down slightly from last year; lower numbers was due to the high number of responses on 15U Co-op discussion from last season.
- **Charitable Gambling**
 - No Charitable Gambling Meeting this month due to COVID-19
 - Jim Kirkwood Charitable Gambling Manager advised the state shut down this month's meeting; closed until May 1st; laid off some staff; start-up will be tough the longer we stay closed.
 - Quinny's will be open for take-out orders; please consider them.
- **Coach Feedback 2019-2020 Season**
 - See Individual Level Directors report
- **2019-2020 Registration Dates**
 - Look to move traveling registration date to either Sept. 1st or September 15th w/evaluations starting the first weekend of October; need to coordinate with Fall Youth Sports programs on dates.
 - Mites to close registration on October 15th.
- **Location of Board Meetings**
 - Board meetings will continue to be held at Quinny's; continue to support Quinny's & Forster's/Dugout.
 - Our next meeting is April 19th; will not be a traditional meeting; only announcing election results.

Vice President's Report (Brandon Sampair):

- No update.

Treasurer (Joe Curran)

- **Finance/Budget**
 - \$216K cash on hand; again we are in a much better position than last season; reviewing next year's budgets; looking at running it two different ways; could run it with 20% less ice; will review this season survey's on parent input on number of practices etc. from last season
 - MYHA provided a gift card to Brad Martinson, Rink Manager at Polar for all is above and beyond efforts with our association; he can't accept it; suggested a donation back to the association; will be put towards Mite goalie equipment.
 - Joe f/up on Apple donation.

Secretary (Kelly Taff):

- **E-Mail Blasts**
 - Continue to coordinate with everyone on e-mail blasts. Board members provide the content and I will edit/format and send out.
- **Team/Individual Pictures (Lifetouch)**
 - Determine picture date for upcoming season; coordinate efforts with Boys and Girls Traveling Scheduler on a date.
- **Board Elections**

- Website has been updated with election dates; nine (9) current board members are up for re-election; deadline for Bio's is tomorrow April 1, 2020, 8PM; I have a series of e-mail blasts prepared and will be sending out.
- Working with Patrick Crothers, Webmaster to get the online voting process finalized; we will be using SurveyMonkey again this year.
- Need to get a final list from Joe/Mikalynn on whose accounts are not in good standing; those families will not be eligible to vote.
- **Wildwood Fun Fair – April 17, 2020, 5PM-8PM**
 - Most likely will be canceled; rumor is that it has been canceled; I have not heard officially from the Mahtomedi PTO; not ordering any prizes at this time.

District 2 (Cory Huberty):

- **D2**
 - No D2 meeting this month; next month's meeting will be on D2-Bylaws; if you have any suggestions; propose them to Cory now.
 - Discussion on the D2 tournament; overall schedule in general was subpar; timing of first games once any one team's regular season was over; some levels were structured that top eight (8) teams moved on regardless of your record, but if you lost a game you were out; third place games were played after the championship games; it was suggested that D2's communication needs improvement; work with coaches once seasons are over; discuss format prior to it being posted; there were date/time changes made after brackets were posted; Cory brought these issues forward this season; continue discussions for next seasons on overall improvement
 - Filled all our spots for the D2 tournament; had to offer DIB's hours for next seasons requirements to get them filled; no fines were assessed to the association.

Director of Coaches/Fundraising (Jesse Sampair):

- No update.

Director of Player Development (Mark Harris):

- **MEGA**
 - Looking to move goalie training to earlier hours; if this is done will most likely be random days and hours; MEGA preferred a set schedule and consistent time for staff.
 - Training/ice times in general also needs to be back to back ice; need more consistent schedule for MEGA staff.

Junior Gold (JG) (Dino Marino):

- **Coach Feedback 2019-2020 Season**
 - JG16's made districts; JG18's did not make it;
 - Reached out to both the JG16/JG18's head coaches; no response from either one.
 - Lory Keeney took over as the Coordinator position for JG16's from Kathy Frable mid-year; Tifini confirmed that Kathy did receive her DIBS.
 - Discussion on registration numbers for next season; if they are high numbers again; do a try-out?; cut players?; keep everyone?; no more than two goalies per team; some parent/players want it more competitive; some want a social experience; ongoing discussion for next season.

LEVEL DIRECTOR REPORTS

Bantam (Nate Demars):

- **Coach Feedback 2019-2020 Season**
 - Bantam AA Head Coach, Billy Wagner; only wants to practice with B1's; no lower teams; some issues with Manager's; understanding of game schedules; some frustration and challenges with

player dynamic in the first month of practice w players that made the Hill Murray JV team; Billy is the only non-parent, paid coach; all positive feedback from parents; willing to come back next season; would like to give him a salary increase; current salary \$5K, prosing \$1K raise.

* **MOTION** made by Nate Demars to increase Billy Wagner, Bantam AA head coaches salary from \$5K to \$6K for the 2020-2021 season. Second by Brandon Sampair. Unanimous. Motion passes. Alex to communicate the increase to Billy.

- Bantam B1 Head Coach, Jeff Lipovetz; overall everything went well with season; prefer early morning practices if they can get them for next season; do not like the late night practices.
- Bantam B2 Head Coach, Dino Marino; tournaments were good this year w/the exception of the Edina tournament; it was all Edina teams; skip that one for next season.
- **Ice Scheduling**
 - Looking into ice purchasing/sale of ice this past season; will discuss in more detail at the May board meeting.
 - Just received the final ice invoice from Polar; much improved from last season.

PeeWee (Dan Miller):

- **Coach Feedback 2019-2020 Season**
 - Heard back from eight (8) coaches; mostly positive; looking for more ice time at Polar; everyone liked practicing/playing there; coaches looking for coaching clinics at the B2 and C levels; want more resources; want higher level coaches pass along practice plans; one comment was that a few years back Russ Becker did coaches training; Dan to look into it.
 - Ice at the DEC; third rink should be opened; should be more practice time at the DEC; Brandon advised that the third rink is hard to maintain; gets the most sun; needs to be rehabilitated; may not be an option for next season at all.
 - Tournaments; all very positive; would like to get Breezy Point tournament back; will discuss with Tournament Scheduler.
 - Ice Time; Wed's are tough with religion; B2's would like one hour (1) less of ice per week; C's would like two (2) hours less; too many late ice practices.
 - Team Structure; as previously discussed; if after evaluations two (2) C teams are determined, they need to be evaluated again as an entire group w/ head coaches to determine two balanced teams; many players opt out of evaluations and are automatically placed on a C team; these players need to be looked at along with everyone else to determine teams.
 - Look at levels of team's again next second based on this year's feedback; potentially may need to add a Bantam team next year depending on numbers.

Squirt (Pete Moosbrugger)

- **Coach Feedback 2019-2020 Season**
 - Ice time; up from last year; all coaches pleased with that; 4PM practice times are a challenge for employed coaches;
 - Tournaments; all very positive, third rink at the DEC should be opened; should be more practice times at the DEC; Brandon advised that the third rink is hard to maintain; gets the most sun; needs a lot of repair, may not be usable for upcoming season.
 - Team Structure; as previously discussed; if after evaluations two (2) C teams are determined, they need to be evaluated again as an entire group w/ head coaches to determine two balanced teams; many players opt out of evaluations and are automatically placed on a C team; these players need to be looked at along with everyone else to determine teams.
 - Overall a good season, players and coaches enjoyed having the varsity players help out during the season.

Mite Program (Brent Sorenson):

- **Coach Feedback 2019-2020 Season**

- **Mini Mites/Mite 1/Mite 2/3 American/Mite 2/3 National**

- Evaluations were done this year for the first time for Mite 2/Mite 3; Mite 2/3 National teams were very competitive; positive feedback; coaches would prefer a dedicated goalie; D2 has not been in favor.
 - Games; all Mite 2/3 teams had 16-17 games this season in addition to outside Jamboree's
 - Mite 2/3 American level; issue with lack of coaches; may need to look at moving Mite 1's up to (similar process as years past, not a formal evaluation) if there are continued coaching shortages.
 - In-House Jamboree's will continue for Mini/Mite 1 at the DEC; looking to move the Mite 2/3 D2 Jamboree to Polar; weather will not be an issue; will be able to charge more; opportunity to charge higher registration fees.
 - Thoughts for next year; one (1) Mite 4 team; one (1) Mite 3 team; and two (2) Mite 2 balanced teams with the option to have Mite 1's move up. Suggestion/discussion is that a standard needs to be put in place for consistency and to avoid parent concerns/questioning the process.
 - One family consistently expressed their unhappiness with the Mite program throughout the entire season; otherwise it was mostly positive feedback regarding the changes that were implemented this season.

Girls Program (Kelly Reagan)

- **Coach Feedback 2019-2020 Season**

- **10U/12U/15U**

- Received feedback from most coaches; FHIT on Sunday's did not work and Wednesdays did not either; discussion on changing the date or cancel the program all together for next season; Kelly to work with Justin at FHIT to see if they can find another date/time.
 - Pete Moosbrugger, Head Coach 12UA, said Sunday's were not well attended by his team; Wednesdays were better, but still on conflict with religion; suggested Wednesday's but go every other.
 - Coaches; Positive experience for the 12U level with female coaches this season.
 - Tournaments; all positive with the exception of the Bloomington Tournament; started on a Wednesday; less of a tournament feel.
 - Ice time; looking for one less practice a week at the 10U/12U level.
 - 15U's; Head Coach Jeremy Hackman pleased with the season; girls worked well together; ice times were great; all practices were held at Tartan; looking to Co-op again next year; will review numbers; Spring Lake Park (SLP) is looking to add some girls; depending on numbers; may need to do a try-out.

5U/6U/8U & Recruitment: (Aaron Pederson):

- **Coach Feedback 2019-2020 Season**

- Into to Hockey; went well, will continue same program and structure for next season.
 - Coaches; happy with ice time; 8U's would like skills on Wednesday night; one practice during the weeknight is preferred for 8U's.
 - 8U games were competitive; levels set appropriately; overall season was positive.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Made Brandon Sampair, Second by Pete Moosbrugger.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:19PM

Minutes Submitted by: Kelly Taff, MYHA Secretary