

MBA JOINT COMMITTEE

November 5, 2018

Morris Rink

Members Present:	Adam Fahje	Tanner Picht	Tammy Gunlogson
	Maria Burns	Jodie Bratton	Marie Hansen
	Tom Bovee	Tamara Retzlaff	Jeff DeHaan
	Eric Carlson	Dana Blume	Corey Claussen
	Tina Kuseske	Jeremiah Day	Melissa McGinty-Thompson

Members Absent:	Justin LeClair	Jason Breuer	Dave Tolifson
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Meeting called to order by Tina Kuseske at 704 pm

Squirt parent request to express concerns about combining of squirt teams. Several Morris/Herman parents spoke with their concerns mainly being the travel and getting homework done when they get home late from practices when in Benson. They shared that at the Varsity level Jeremiah Day says education comes first and don't feel this is being followed at the squirt level.

Explanation from board members regarding why we arrived at the teams we did. The 12U team played a role in the numbers as well as the availability of ice for practices. However, this is necessary to foster this program in order to continue to have a varsity girls team. The decisions made were done so in the best interest of the entire association.

Concerns were raised about communication from the board to the parents. It was noted that the coaches generally communicate with the teams. The board members are elected positions and so they are there to represent the members of the association. If any member has questions they are welcome to contact board members to inquire.

Splitting of teams was discussed this is not a new issue – splitting of teams, but we have been fortunate in the recent years to have numbers that supported being able to have a Morris team and a Benson team, that is not the case this year. It has been discussed in recent years of combining sooner but due to numbers it has not been pursued. The parents present were asked if they had any suggestions or ideas for how to make the teams work. One suggestion was to practice at separate rinks and then come together for games. Discussion regarding how practice is when they learn to play together and get to know each other so that they can function as a team during the games. Coaching was also an issue. We only had one application for head coach of the squirt team. Concern was raised that there was only one coach on the ice for 18 skaters at one of the recent practices. The board called for any volunteers to step up and help out with that, no one volunteered. Another mom asked if the squirts could practice together and then just play separately for games? Suggestion was made to practice at an earlier time for squirts. Many of the parents present stated that would not work for them because the parents work and would not be able to get home from work in time to get to the earlier practice especially if they were at the rink opposite of the town they live in. Discussed reducing the practice time to one hour for squirts. Several parents verbalized not wanting to lose the ice time for the kids at this age where they are developing their hockey skills. Decision to leave practice times as they are for now.

Discussion of how the teams would be split. For now Matt W will coach all of the kids until the split is determined. Decision was made to have four evaluators at practice on Thursday 11-8-18, two from each association. Each association will be responsible for finding their evaluators. The evaluation will take place during the regular squirt practice.

Parents left when the regular meeting items were discussed.

MINUTES – October meeting minutes were reviewed by Melissa McGinty-Thompson. Jeremiah Day moved to approve, Jeff DeHaan second the motion, motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT – Dana Blume reported.

- Very little activity has occurred.
- Benson association paid for several tournaments with their credit card, so the joint board will reimburse for \$3376.70.
 - Jeff DeHaan moved to approve the treasurer report, Jeremiah Day second the motion, motion carries.
- As we get into the season and have more expenses coming in Jeremiah Day moved for each association to put \$2000.00 into the joint account. Jeff DeHaan second the motion, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing new to report on the second set of trophies. Jeff DeHaan continues to work on these.
- Website fees, each association will pay for half of these.
- Second squirt team coach – Adam Fahje had originally applied to be an assistant coach to one of the squirt teams but has said he will step up and be the head coach for the second squirt team.
- New jerseys have been picked up and are in use, a Bantam and several squirts received them.

NEW BUSINESS

- Website advertising – there is an opportunity for businesses or people to advertise on our website. Jeremiah Day motioned that we charge \$250.00 annually for anyone that would like to advertise on our website. Tammy Gunlogson second the motion, motion carried. Anyone interested could make the check out to MBA. Corey Claussen volunteered to draft a form that could be used to request an ad on the website.
- MBA pins – Tina Kuseske volunteered to work on the pins this year. In 2017-2018 we ordered 160 pins. We were never invoiced for them despite several attempts from Marie to get an invoice. For season 2016-2017 we paid \$376.00.
- Goalie Coach: Will Johnson has volunteered to work with all goalies from our association this season. He is willing to go to practices at each level to work with them. Melissa MT checked at the D15 Registrar meeting and he does not need to be on a roster since he is working with all levels and won't be on the bench for games. He does have to complete all the coaching requirements to the highest level he will be working at, including Safe Sport and Background screening.
- Board Etiquette - Discussion to be a cohesive group at the board level by showing mutual respect for each other whether you agree or disagree with the decision made. We each have a vote but have to support whichever direction the decision is made.
- Splitting of squirt team – each association will come up with two volunteers, non coaches to evaluate the squirt team on 11-8-18. The evaluators will communicate with the coaches of the two teams and notify the parents of which team each player is placed on.

Melissa McGinty-Thompson moved to adjourn, Tammy Gunlogson second at 8:53 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, January 6th in Benson at 7:00 PM at the Rink.

Respectfully Submitted – Melissa McGinty-Thompson