

Minutes of the Morris Hockey Association
October 15, 2007

Board Members Present: Jim Rentz, Todd Valnes, Jamie Beyer, Sue Helberg, Rob Jergenson, Amy Christians, Ann Vipond, Ryan Watzke, Kristin Ohren.

Others Present: Ron Staples, Juanita Staples, Jeremiah Day, Jason Picht, Joel Beyer

General Membership Meeting

Jim Rentz called the meeting to order.

Gambling Report:

Gambling Report was presented by Deb Asmussen. Report on the gross and net expenditures, allowable expenses and lawful purpose expenditures were given. Checkbook balance report was provided for September. September 30th Checkbook balance is \$ [REDACTED]. Ron Staples moved to approve the gambling report. Ryan Watzke seconded. Motion carried. Deb has mailed the Audit to the State. She is currently working on upcoming leases.

Old Business

The Capital Improvements Drive – Jim will divide up the list of people who have not responded to the pledge requests and email it to the board to follow up on. He will try to divide it according to team affiliation to each board member. The balance of the Capital Improvement savings account reported by Kristin Ohren is \$8,074.94. Jim will put a notice out by the end of the week for the next capital improvement fund meeting.

New Business

Ron Staples requested numbers on mites petitioning to move up to Squirts and expressed concern of the numbers that are already in the Squirt level and whether there is room for the ones petitioning to move up. Discussion was held. Jason Picht requested that the coaches have a say in the decision that is made on the kids who have petitioned to move up. Ann Vipond reviewed what the hand book states and the coaches are involved in the decision.

Jason Picht requested a roster of the Pee Wee level to coordinate practice plans and get information out to the families. Ann Vipond will get a roster to him.

Ryan Watzke moved to close the general membership meeting. Jamie Beyer seconded. Motion carried.

Board Meeting

Jim Rentz opened the board meeting.

Secretary's report: Rob Jergenson moved to approve September board meeting minutes. Ryan Watzke seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Morris Hockey Association checkbook balance is \$713.82. Deposit from the street dance was \$1,539.00. Jim moved to transfer 395.00 to the Lee Community Center Account to cover the bill from Willies Super Value for the food at the Street Dance and pay Sun Tribune bill of \$96.32 for advertising. Rob Jergenson Seconded. Motion carried. Kristin Ohren paid \$5.00 to the United States Treasury for the nonprofit organization report. Ryan Watzke moved to approve the treasurer's report. Ann Vipond seconded. Motion carried.

Lee Community Center Report: Checkbook balance is \$4532.80. Ron requested receipt from Willies for the street dance. There were none given to the committee when Willies delivered. The bills are all in from the condenser. Ann Vipond moved to approve the LCC report. Sue Helberg seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Ryan Watzke reported the overall the work nights went well. The ice is on and painted. The zamboni is back but there is still some work to do on it. New mats are in locker room #4. Rob Jergenson requested that a thank you go to Superior industries to the attention of Scott Arndt for donating the matting.

Fundraising Report: Sue Helberg is working on the Raffle. The tickets should be ready to hand out to the association members the first week of November. Sue reported that Chuck a Puck has been requested for this season. Discussion was held. Morris Hockey Association will hold Chuck a Puck contests at games in the youth program from Bantams down. Chuck a Puck for high school games will be held by the High school girls' team and the high school girls will receive the proceeds for the high school games.

Membership: Registration numbers from Morris are as follows: Bantams- 9, Peewee- 7, Squirts- 20, and Initiation- 29. There are a couple of possibilities for more who have not registered yet. Ann needs to pay for transmittals for registration. Ryan Watzke moved to pay Minnesota Hockey \$530.00 and USA Hockey \$1,922.00 for transmittals and registration. Rob Jergenson seconded. Motion carried.

Coaches and Referees: Todd Valnes that coaches for 2007-2008 season are Jim Rentz and Dale Michealson for Bantams, Jason Picht, Joel Beyer, and Jeremiah Day for Peewees, Todd Collins and Steve Delehanty for Squirts and Amy and Adam Christians for Initiation. There will be several assistant coaches at various levels.

Tournaments: There are two teams enrolled in the Bantam C tournament. Rob Jergenson has an email out to several other teams. 4 teams have enrolled in the Peewee B tournament and two others have inquired. Three teams are enrolled in the Squirt C tournament and one has inquired. One team is enrolled in the Peewee B tournament and three have inquired. Four teams have enrolled in the Squirt B tournament and one has inquired. Rob Jergenson moved for the board to allow him to spend up to \$550.00 on metals for the tournaments. Ryan Watzke seconded. Motion carried.

Concessions: Jamie Beyer has looked in to purchasing candy from Sam's Club and Henry's. Jamie reported that Sam's is cheaper so she will try to purchase most everything there and if not then from Henry's. Ryan Watzke requested that we purchase as much as possible locally because both grocery stores support Morris Hockey. Ryan stated that in the past they have purchased everything through Willie's Super Value. Ron Staples added that Willie's has purchased signs on the wall and on the rink boards to support Morris Hockey and Coborns also has a sign so it would be nice to support them. Decision was made to purchase everything for the concession stand locally. Jamie Beyer will meet with Jay at Willies.

Manager, Lee Community Center report: Ron Staples reported having trouble getting keys made for the front doors. Dave Schmidt from Stevens County is working on it. Bid for a water heater from McGinnis is \$3850.00. That is for one water heater which could get by but the company recommends two. Ron has not ordered anything yet but reported that the water heater will need replacing this winter. Discussion was held regarding time slots being filled that has been reserved for UMM ice rental in the past for open hockey. Decision was made that once all games and practices were scheduled the time slot would be re-evaluated and the decision will be made at that time. Jim Rentz stated that the needs of our association's membership should come first and it has been requested to have open hockey for the youth age skaters. Ron Staples stated that the UMM pays \$1500.00 a year to have open hockey for the students.

Discussion was held regarding communications between the rink manager and the Scheduler. It was decided that the two will sit down and state their needs and come to an agreement on how the scheduling and rink management will be coordinated.

Ann Vipond moved to adjourn. Ryan Watzke seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is November 19th, 2007 at 6:30 at Lee Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Christians, Secretary