**Minutes**

Mesabi East Youth Hockey Board

*Sunday, September 12th, 2021 Hoyt Lakes Arena*

In Attendance

President: excused

Vice President: Jay Norberg

Secretary: Chris Peterson

Treasurer: Emily House

Ace Coordinator: Lindsey Sova

Registrar: excused

Tournament Coordinator: Andrea Conklin

Hockey Hut Manager: Jill Eckman

Volunteer Coordinator: vacant

Hut Co-Manager: Heather Ruotsalainen

Fundraising Coordinator: Stef Dickinson

Apparel Coordinator: excused

Equipment Manager: Carrie Berndt

Scheduler: Dianna Butzke

Website Manager: excused

4x4 Coordinator: Tony House

Covid Coordinator: Kim Wolner

Other attendees: none

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Jay

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.  4-0

New Business

Dan R had requested a co-op be formed for the RockRidge teams girls and Jr. Gold which has finally been formed having representatives from ME, EG and Virginia. They will move forward and start making decisions.

ME split cost with EG on Power Skating, Goalie Camp, and Ben Johnson camp. Jamie Bonacoto doing squirts skills camp.

The board has received one request to move up Liam Klemke from mites to squirts. Motion made by Chris to move him up. Seconded by Lindsey. Motion passed 4-0. Talks of moving Milo Kingsley to squirts. With Milo squirts would have 11 players. Jimmy McCarter registered as a mite and does not need to petition to move up to a squirt since he played mites for 2 years. John Mackey can also move to mites without having to petition.

Interested coaches moving forward. Andrew Collins and Kassie Strand are interested in coaching squirts. Al Bradford and Mush also said they are maybe interested for squirts. For mites – Pete Wolner, Jeff Burgess, Jake Mackey, Nick Shermer. For pops - Lindsey, Mush and maybe Jed.

Everyone needs to do Safesport and do a background check for $30. You will be reimbursed, please provide a receipt to Emily. There are only 3 coaches that have completed everything. Leah will reach out to those that need to update their information.

Covid update. Everything at this point is still recommended. If you have tested positive, you are asked to quarantine for 10 days. At day 5 you can be tested and if no symptoms, after day 10 you no longer have to quarantine. MN Dept of Health has lot of information to follow. The City has not implemented any new updates. We recommend that everyone bring masks with when going to other arenas.

Motion to purchase Huck’s goalie equipment for $100 made by Jay. Lindsey seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Website issues. Need to put on calendar to get paid in August so we don’t end up with any interruptions next year. Lindsey will get breakdown of invoices to see what we are getting for services. Emily got confirmation that it got paid. Emily should get notifications from now on.

Tournament coordinator would like to have ability to book rooms for teams for tournaments. Board thinks it’s a good idea. People can always book elsewhere if they don’t like where she’s blocked rooms. She’d also like to put teams in tournaments before they fill up and coaches can withdraw them if they like. Andrea wants to have tournaments scheduled by registration time. Pops and Mites can do 4 tournaments. Squirts can do 3. She’s going to try hard to find teams for Bantam B tournament since it’s been cancelled the last few years.

City Council meeting to discuss possible increase fees. Angie can’t make it and Jay wants to wait until the city comes up with an idea of what they want to charge. Chris will listen to hear what they say in the budget meeting and let them know what they are thinking of charging for increased fees and move forward from there.

Check on license for Hockey Hut. Emily hasn’t gotten a bill yet. It’s under Angie’s name so she should call.

Are we doing letters to keep the advertising boards? It’s a letter that just gets sent out to the different businesses. Stef said she would help send it out.

Cali Mirau resigned as Volunteer Coordinator. Chris will post on Facebook and have Katie post on website. Chris said she would do dibs for 4 on 4.

For pictures, Danielle Matshiner reached out to Kim to see if we’d be interested in using her.

Mini-mites nets – Lindsey will move forward and get 4 nets.

Stef had ideas of fundraising and thought a spaghetti feed would be a good idea. She wants to pick a date at the next meeting. Her mother- in-law is willing to coordinate everything and we just have to show up and help. Another good idea is to have chuck-a-puck at the Jr Gold games.

Budget

* Main- will get at next meeting
* Hockey Hut- will get at next meeting

Old Business

4 on 4 sign-up sheet, who’s responsibility? It had previously been discussed that each board member did a Sunday. Chris did the schedule and had everyone sign up. Chris will continue to get everyone signed up each week. 137 kids signed up. PeeWees down from previous years. Pops were low. Mites about the same. Bantams about the same.

EJ/ME Proposal

Angie and Jay attended the rec board meeting last Wednesday. Eveleth Rec approved and will be sent to Dan R to move forward. Vote and approved coaches for PWA and Bantam A levels. No applicants received yet for B teams.

Registration Numbers

67 kids total

8 Squirts

Equipment that needs to be updated. Carrie said we need bigger helmets. Carrie will look at what we have for pucks.

Squirts scheduling meeting set for October 27 and 6:00 pm at the Hippodrome. Tentatively PWB and Bantam September 29 and District meeting around the same time.

Questioned the new attendance policy of attending 2/3 meetings. Do you have to come if you are not on the agenda? Yes, everyone should attend unless you are excused. Too much information is discussed in the meeting and it’s too much work to get information out to those that don’t attend.

Action Items

* Advertise vacant Volunteer Coordinator position on Facebook and website
* Get thank you card for Chamber meeting on 9/14/21

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned 7:51 PM

Sunday, October 10, 2021, 6:00 PM at the arena