

MYHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Fall Membership Meeting

HELD: Wed., September 12, 2007
Village Hall

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Brian Bruno, Jeff Engelkes, Dean Gille, Lisa Mazzie Hatlen, Todd Kroneman, Dave Laux, Mark Matthews, Joe Mazzara, Danielle Olson, Kathy Schmidt, Lisa Schwoerer, Tom Siesennop.

President's Report

1. Board Introductions: Board members introduced themselves to the members present.
2. Day at the Rink: Joe Mazzara reported that, aside from the weather, Day at the Rink was great fun. He reported that the association made \$63, and that the event is a good recruiting tool. In fact, the open skate session was packed.
3. Concession/Zamboni Schedules: Joe reported that the system will be the same as last year. Sign up sheets for concessions and zamboni were available at the meeting. Members must put in 25 hours (or 10 hours for Ice Mite families). The schedules will also be posted to the association's web page.
4. Jerseys: Joe pointed out the jerseys that were on display in the meeting room. The away jerseys and socks were on display. The home jerseys will be arriving soon. Skaters can get their socks from the Village Pedaler in Monona. That is the only place that socks can be found.
5. Golf Outing: Ron Main reported that the May golf outing was a great time, and that the event generated enough money for the association to buy one jersey for each player. Next year's golf tournament will be held on May 17, 2008, probably at the same course.

Secretary's Report

1. Approval of Spring Membership Meeting Minutes: Secretary Lisa Hatlen told members that copies of the Spring Membership Meeting Minutes were available on the back table. Tom Kohlman asked about item 2 under the Coaches Committee Report from the Spring Meeting. Joe Mazzara told the members that that item (on the try-out process) had changed, and that we would discuss that change later in this meeting. Tom Kohlman moved to approve the minutes, and Bob Silvis seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

1. Budget Approval: Dani Olson reported that there were some changes to the budget that were not reflected on the document that was available at the meeting. Those changes were: that USA Hockey income of \$6,400 needed to be added; that the calendar raffle income was short by \$6,200; and that the zamboni credit for MYHA was actually \$200. Ron Main pointed out that the expenses for the Bucky Book were actually \$2,000. With these revised

figures, the budget for this coming year shows an projected profit of \$4,200.13. Dani reported that she used last year's actuals, and she is anticipating that things will come in pretty much the same as last year. Dani also based membership dues on the assumption that there will be: 40 Ice Mites, 43 Mites, 44 Squirts, 23 PeeWees and 22 Bantams at the increased dues rate. Ron Main moved to approve the budget with these changes, and Jesse Consalitti seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Coaches Committee

1. Aces Camp: Mark Matthews reported that ice is scheduled for each age level (two hours each) in the week prior to tryouts. Aces Camp will be run by coaches from that age level. Skaters will do some of the drills that will be done at tryouts.
2. Try-outs – Closed: At the spring membership meeting, members voted to close try-outs and to paper the windows at the rink. The board decided not to paper the windows; however, try-outs will be closed. That is, no parents will be allowed to sit in the rink area (parents of younger skaters may go into the lockers rooms to help their skaters suit up, but must return to the lobby/concession area). In the past, there have been a few parents that have been in the rink part during tryouts and that has been problematic. Board members will be helping the Coaches Committee during tryouts but only at times when their skater(s) will not be trying out. In addition, Dan Cook, a parent, has volunteered to host a parent meeting at each level on the first night of tryouts. One parent from each family should plan on attending that meeting. Mark said that Mite teams will have two days of tryouts, and Squirts, PeeWees and Bantams will have three days of tryouts. The first day of tryouts will be drills, and the second (and third for Squirts, PeeWees, and Bantams) will be scrimmage days. Evaluators will be local high school coaches or people from other hockey associations, plus Mark, Dave Laux and Brian Bruno (however, neither Mark, Dave nor Brian will evaluate any level at which they have a child playing). The names of the evaluators will be posted on the rink doors so parents will know who the evaluators are. A Coaches Committee member is assigned to each age level to make sure tryouts run as smoothly as possible. Mark also said that the Bantams will be broken into two teams at the outset, even though there may be a few kids who end up on the high school team. Board members will approve the teams before they are posted; however, board members will not know the identities of the skaters on each team, but are just approving the numbers.

McFarland Boosters

There was no representative from the Boosters at the meeting, but Joe Mazzara said that he talked to Dave Hinrichs who said that the Boosters are working on recruiting Ice Mites and Mite kids. They may institute a “bring a friend to hockey” program.

The association will have skaters at the Family Festival Parade on Sunday, September 23. Skaters who want to participate can contact Lisa Schwoerer. Lisa S. said that she will be bringing the new jerseys to the parade for skaters to wear during the parade (but those jerseys must be returned to Lisa S. after the parade).

Mark Matthews told the members that anyone can be a Booster. The cost is \$15 to join.

McFarland Hockey, Inc.

There was no representative from McFarland Hockey, Inc. at the meeting, but Joe Mazzara stated that Hockey, Inc. told him it was looking at scheduling software and a new zamboni.

Mark Matthews said that everyone is seeing an increase in ice costs – the public, the association, and high school. Mark told members that Hockey, Inc. has put in about \$100,000 into the rink for a new chiller and for new boards and glass.

Fundraising Report

1. Calendar: Joe Mazzara reported that 2008 calendars will be available at registration or shortly after tryouts. Each family will receive 11 calendars. If any family sells additional calendars, that family will receive a dues reduction of \$10 per calendar sold. Dean Gille said that there are advertising spots available on the calendar and those interested should contact him.
2. NFL tickets: Joe said that NFL tickets were delivered to the membership and returned. Winners are being posted on the high school website each Tuesday.
3. Wreaths: Jeff Engelkes is the person in charge of wreath sales this year. Flyers were available at the meeting, and the form will be posted on the web for downloading. There are dues reductions available for each wreath sold.
4. Rink Cleaning: Todd Kroneman told members that there is also a dues reduction of available for volunteering to clean the rink. The deduction is \$50 for each cleaning. Todd said that he would like to have 8 to 10 families volunteer. Estimated time to clean the rink would be about 4 hours. Interested families can contact Jodi Kroneman.

Webmaster's Report

Kathy Schmidt reported that new forms as well as online registration would be available on the website with a couple of days. Kathy asked to be notified if anyone experiences any glitches in the system or with the forms.

Kathy also said that Rich Vela, the scheduler, is updating the calendar on the website, but that it is taking a little bit of extra time due to programming issues. The try-out schedule is posted on the website.

New Business

1. Plasma TV: Joe Mazzara reported that within the next two weeks, we will be mounting a 50" plasma TV in the rink above the trophy case. Throughout the season, we will sell raffle tickets for the TV and hold a drawing for the winner of the TV at the last day of the Mite Madness/Squirt Spectacular tournament.

Motion to Adjourn

At 7:55 p.m., Bob Silvis moved to adjourn, and Eric Swenson seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.