



**McFarland Youth Hockey Association  
Spring 2008 Membership Meeting  
McFarland Village Hall  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008**

**Call to Order:** 6:35 p.m.

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

**President's Report**

1. Board Introductions: Board members introduced themselves to the members present and stated the level their kids played.
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3. Recruiting: Joe said that the last three years have been successful with the recruitment of Mite level players.
4. Coaches Introduction: Mark Matthews is the High School coach; Dave Laux will be the JV coach; and Brian Bruno will be the Goalie coach.
5. Oregon Rink – It was reported that Oregon has just broken ground on their rink – again. Their organization, Oregon Youth Hockey Association (OYHA) has been formed. It is likely that we will probably lose some skaters at the lower levels. Regarding the timing of completion, it is estimated that High School will be on the ice at the start of their season. It is planned that they will have ice by mid-October. We expect that we will still have 2 Bantam teams, 2 PeeWee teams, and 2 Squirt teams.
6. Results of McFarland Teams at State: Mite 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> place, Squirt 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Squirt 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> place, Bantam 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> place; Bantam 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> place. It was noted that this was the most successful year to date.

**McFarland Hockey Boosters**

John Soderholm and Dave Hinrichs (VP of Boosters) were in attendance at the meeting. They started off by giving a background of the organization for members unfamiliar with them. The Boosters have been around for a long time, and their job is to promote hockey in the community from ice mites on up. They have been pleased with the success of the ice mite program, with the last three years enrolling 50-60 kids per year. They explained that word of mouth is still the best way to attract new kids, and reminded all members in attendance to tell their friends and neighbors about hockey. Dave explained that the Booster organization supplies all the equipment for incoming ice mites to rent – and if it doesn't work out, they are willing to refund your money. It is great for every kid to experience skating, and is a skill that they will appreciate for their lifetime. There was a special note regarding the increase of girls into the program – and explained that girls' hockey is one of the fastest growing sports in the state.

In addition to contributions to the ice mite program, the Boosters contributed about \$3,200 to youth programs this past season. For high school players, they give out a “Hobey Baker” award. They help out with costs for high school players to make a trip up north for a tournament, they have scholarships for youth hockey families for financial hardship, and they help out with expenses for the locker rooms and lockers. They purchased \$800 of equipment for the Ice Mite program, and they donated \$100 to girls’ high school team.

The Boosters get most of their money from their NFL raffle. When asked by a member if they had thought about business sponsorships, they stated that they had – however did not feel that it would be successful at this time, as there are so many other groups that look for money from businesses as well.

It was reminded that we are in the 14<sup>th</sup> year at the rink, and the rink is in great shape. Mark Matthews reminded the members that they can follow the link on the web page and become a member of the Boosters for \$15/year. Dave Hinrichs closed by stating that this board has done a “fantastic job” and that it has been a great working relationship with the Boosters.

### **McFarland Hockey Inc.**

John Soderholm was in attendance for Hockey Inc. McFarland Hockey, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed to oversee the rink and the finances. They are volunteer positions and they meet as needed throughout the year – on average 4-5 times/year.

The major improvements to note for last season were new boards and glass – total cost of around \$74,000. In addition, a new heat exchanger was installed, total cost of \$11,000. Also, a new clock for the inside of the rink has been purchased.

A new zamboni has been ordered, estimated cost of \$104,000. The old zamboni is 13 years old, and they expect to received \$25,000/\$30,000 for it when the new machine comes in. In order to get it ready for re-sale, and keep it running this year – they had to invest \$1,500 labor and \$10,000 in batteries. Finally, they noted that graffiti has been a problem at the rink, and they have spent \$1,000 in clean up – and not all areas are complete.

In total, Hockey Inc. invested over \$100,000 in the rink last season.

In regards to the remaining loan on the facility, there is a 20-year bond that has 13 years paid off. Seven years remain, however, they hope to be able to accelerate the payments and pay it off in 5 to 5 ½ years.

They are working on a new software program for scheduling at the rink, and that should be available and ready by fall. It will be on the website so that people can go to the web and access the schedule.

### **Secretary’s Report**

Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes: Secretary Lisa Hatlen told members that copies of the Fall Membership Meeting Minutes were available on the back table.

Bob Silvis moved to approve the minutes, and Ron Main seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Dani Olson told members that the balance sheet and profit and loss sheet on the back were available at the back table for review.

There is \$8,500 in the checking account, but it was noted that we still had the golf outing that we need to pay for.

In regards to the income statement - right now we were showing a \$14,000 loss. In reviewing the initial budgets, Mite and Squirt level numbers were over-estimated, which resulted in lower fees brought in than estimated, as well as lower estimates than predicted for USA hockey fees. In the end, it was summarized that we were currently running with a "paper loss" and expected that things would even out by fiscal year end.

On a positive note, we did make a profit of \$385 on the plasma TV raffle – and it was won by Margo Komplin.

Finally, the Mite Madness/Squirt Spectacular tournament ended with a \$168 loss- under the estimate due to low numbers.

## **Coaches Committee**

Mark Matthews reported that we were no longer going to use the term "Try-Outs." Rather, we are now going to call it a Placement Process. It is the same process as before, but Joe Mazarra noted that it was changed to further point out that there is a spot for everyone.

There were four positions available on the Coaches Committee – two parent representatives, and two Board representatives. Bob Silvis and Brian Bruno were nominated as parent representatives and Tom Siesennop seconded both nominations. Board representatives were elected upon conclusion of the member meeting – Dean Gille and Dave Laux .

## **Tournament Coordinator's Report**

The Mite Madness/Squirt Spectacular report was given by Deb Jenks. Even though we had a little bit of a loss, despite the low numbers, she thinks we had a great tournament. She's been receiving positive emails from people who were there. Special thanks to Dan Hefty for putting teams together – as all games were really close and fun to watch. She also thanked the board for all its help.

## **Fundraising Report**

1. Golf Outing – report given by Ron Main. Event to be held on May 17, 2008 at Door Creek Golf Course. We currently have about 24 to 27 foursomes registered. Last year we had 32 foursomes. He has brochures and posters, which he passed out to the members in attendance, and noted that information was available online as well. Money raised (he thinks it'll be about \$5,000) will go to scholarships for families with financial hardships. In addition, funds will also go to underwrite the Learn to Skate/Ice Mite program to bring the cost down.

Prizes at the tournament: 4 hole in one prizes – car, golf clubs, TV, and stereo; as well, there will be a coupon for a free golf bag. Everyone last year had a great time. There also are raffle prizes and a pig roast dinner. If you wish to just attend the dinner, you may do so at a cost of \$20.

Funds from last year's event went toward buying each skater one jersey.

2. Day at the Rink – last year was really fun, despite the rainy weather. August 16, 2008 is the date for this year, and activities will include the alumni game, bouncy activities and band (Undercover) in the evening. It was noted that we may combine hockey registration with the event to encourage more families to attend. Discounts may be offered as incentive. (more discussion to follow on that)

### **Webmaster's Report**

Mark Matthews reported that all sites have now been combined into one – which is very handy. High School, Boosters and Hockey, Inc. info can all be found along with the youth hockey information. One suggestion was given to add a link for new families to offer information for new skaters.

A new application form is being developed for financial hardship scholarships to post on the web.

### **Elections**

Four Board Members terms are up – Brian Bruno, Deb Jenks, Mark Matthews and Joe Mazzara. In addition, Dani Olson is resigning as Treasurer and has an outgoing 1 year term available.

The following members were nominated for consideration: Jesse Consolatti, Deb Jenks, Eric Johnson, Sarah Jungbluth, Louise Luessman, Joe Mazzara, Tom Moore, Steve Newcomer, Jason Ruggles, Kelly Schmaltz, Jeff Schmidt, and Troy Sjodin.

Joe Mazzara briefly explained expectations of board members, and then each nominee introduced themselves.

After a vote, the new board members who will each serve 3- year terms are Eric Johnson, Joe Mazzara, Tom Moore and Kelly Schmaltz.

Due to the tie between Eric Johnson and Louise Luessman, they decided between themselves that Eric would serve the 3-year term, and Louise would serve out the 1-year remainder of Dani's term.

### **Other Nominations:**

Concession scheduler – Troy Sjodin (\$100 + service hours waived)

Zamboni scheduler – Todd Kroneman (\$100 + service hours waived)

Rink Cleaning Scheduler – **Not Assigned. We will need to decide if it is going to be put out to the general membership.** Explanation of duties: The rink gets cleaned 2x per week; after 5 p.m. on Sunday – Tuesday; and cleaned again on Thursday so long as done by 5 p.m. on Friday. Families received \$50 off dues each time you clean. It would be ideal to have 8 or 9 families – as there were only 3-4 that cleaned last year. Dani asked if we could increase the credit off of dues and get a larger contribution from Hockey, Inc. This would be difficult, as that is one of the reasons we receive discounts off of ice time.

Team Rep Representative – Sarah Jungbluth was nominated for the position and the motion was seconded.

**Other Business:**

One member in attendance had a child that was on a team that was disqualified from state this past year due to 3 kids being from outside of the association. Joe Mazzara explained that it was an oversight by the Board, and this situation would be monitored more closely in the upcoming year.

Matt Jungbluth wants to bring Inside the Red to McFarland. Matt was told to check with Hockey, Inc. on that, as they handle the scheduling of all ice time. He also discussed bringing another event to McFarland called Day of Hockey. It is based off of Minnesota's Hockey Day, and we would look at inviting one visiting team in, and hold games from Mites all the way up to High School. The High School would be the most limiting schedule for consideration, if this were to be done, and Board members agreed to think more about the possibility of this event.

Steve Newcomer reported that there is a Mite 3 parent that may be interested in sharpening skates- as another fundraising opportunity. There is an old skate sharpener at rink that possibly could be used, and Mark Matthews said that it works. This was noted for future reference and consideration.

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion made by Mark Matthews and seconded by Ron Main to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.*

**Board Position Elections**

Board positions were elected after the meeting adjourned. They are as follows:

President: Tom Siesennop  
Vice President: Jeff Engelkes  
Secretary: Kelly Schmaltz  
Treasurer: Louise Luessman

**Next Board Meeting:** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Green Lantern.