

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **March 12, 2007**

**Board Attendance:** Andy Page, Drake Flemmer, Jeff Johnston, John Gabos, Lisa Curtis, Mike Schroeder, Kathy Persian, Tracy O'Connor, Dale Olsen, Randy LeNeave, Mary Smith.

**Additional Attendees:** Tom Renard, Chris Hickok, Tim DeVries.

Meeting called to order: 7:10 p.m.

Minutes approved for the February 12, 2007 meeting.

#### **Presidents Report – Andy Page**

As of a few days ago 80 surveys have been submitted. Andy plans to pull them this weekend. Some concerns were expressed about the wording of a few of the questions on the survey, which seem to single out the head coach and fair & equal ice time needs to be better defined. The coaches board did not review or approve the survey questions that were used.

#### **Arena Board – Chris Hickok**

Ice out process to begin on Friday morning. New lights to be installed this summer in the arena which should provide an energy savings of 35-40%. Shane will be replacing the compressor. The zamboni scheduled for repairs. Kurt Kroll of Collision Corner donating a flatbed to transport the zamboni, saving the arena about \$700. Concessions had a 25% increase over last year. At this point ice fees will remain the same for next season.

#### **Coaches Board – Tim DeVries**

Player development is so important to our association. Coaches board would like to see non-for profit skills clinics run by the association during the off season. In previous years dedicated skills nights were held.

We have morning ice that can be used. This would be a cost effective way to skate in Orono instead of looking outside our association to buy ice. In order for teams to get more than minimum ice hours some changes need to be made. Ideally every team would like full sheet, but half sheet is better than no ice at all. If the coaches prepared ahead of time a half sheet can be very effective. Bottom line – kids need more ice time. Christmas break ice needs to be used whether it is for team practices or skills clinics.

In order for a better and more efficient tryout process drills need to be evaluated and improved to allow for the large number of skaters. It continues to be a struggle to find graders for the tryout process. Consider an option of compensation to bring in outside help. We have many great coaches but we struggle with inconsistency. Improvement can be made with b & c level coaches. Consider changing the process of coach selection to take an additional day following tryouts to make the right decisions for each team. The coaches board would like to have 2 coach coordinators for next year (1) squirt & (1) overall association. We need to begin recruiting non-parent coaches now and consider letting them recruit their own assistants with one being a parent. The challenge next year will be the number of players on each team ~ too few/too many.

### **Treasurers Report – Jeff Johnston**

Remaining ice fees to be collected \$6,000 with another \$2,000 from the fall face off. Jeff and Andy to meet with Katherine Urness to determine where we are with board advertising.

### **Grievance – Mary Smith**

Dennis Orke & Mary Smith worked to resolve the alleged issue. Locker room policy to be looked at and updated as necessary.

### **Team Manager – Drake Flemmer**

Team books are currently being returned.

### **Equipment – Chad Sande**

Currently collecting equipment. An email will be sent to team managers notifying them of day/time for returns.

### **Golf Tournament & Fall Face Off**

Suggestion made for future chairs to recruit the replacements. Currently searching for chairs for both events. Forward any ideas to Andy.

### **Mites & T-Mites**

Currently in the process of transitioning to a new coordinator.

### **New Business**

Current level reps have been contacted with option of being nominated for the booster board to fill the three open vacancies.

### **Strategy Update**

John has communicated with other associations by phone and via web pages. Meeting set for this Saturday. John hopes to have an “owner” for each section. Everyone is invited to participate in every section. Brainstorming each topic and then passing information gathered to the owner. A suggestion was made to add ice cost as a topic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm