



**McFarland Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Green Lantern
Tuesday, June 24th, 2008**

Call to Order: 6:15 p.m.

Present: Jeff Engelkes, Dean Gille, Lisa Mazzie Hatlen, Eric Johnson, Dave Laux, Louise Luessman, Joe Mazzara, Tom Moore, Kelly Schmaltz, Lisa Schwoerer, Tom Siesennop

Absent: Todd Kroneman

President's Report

1. Region 4 Hockey Council June 23, 2008 Meeting Update:

In-house recreation leagues – The council discussed the concept of having one traveling team per level – keeping all other teams as “recreation or in-house”. Southwest has already agreed to this, and will start this fall. They feel this type of structure saves on traveling expenses to members, as well as expands the hockey base to a larger group of kids. (Example: Southwest had two freshmen come out for hockey, having never played before.)

Tom Siesennop has been named to the committee that will research this idea further, and they will meet again in July. He asked everyone to keep an open mind to the concept until more information had been presented.

2. Oregon Youth Hockey Association:

Tom S. spoke with Todd Doscher, President of OYHA. He stated that they are still planning to have one team at each level. They will start early registration on August 24, 2008.

3. ACE Camp and Placement Process Dates:

ACE Camp will start Monday, September 29, 2008 – and continue into that week.

Walk-in Registration will be held September 30, 2008 and October 1, 2008. (Tues/Wed)

The placement process will begin on Monday, October 6th, and continue through Friday, October 10, 2008.

Secretary's Report

Kelly Schmaltz presented the minutes from the May 21, 2008 meeting. One correction: **Dean Gille** was named as the Representative to Hockey Inc. Lisa Mazzie Hatlen moved to approve the minutes, and Dean Gille seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Report – Louise Luessman stated that she would be meeting with the accountant next week to discuss the final year-end numbers. She pointed out that we were not profitable in the months of April and May. In order to help this situation, Louise suggested that we make more effort to collect up front for the golf outing, and ask the golf center if we can be invoiced for the outing, to allow more time for payment.
2. Golf Outing Final Number - Final profit was \$7,189. Tom S. agreed to call Ron Main and discuss the final collection of outstanding sponsor fees, as well as get the thank-you letters out to sponsors.

Skate Up Policy

Jeff Engelkes distributed a rough draft of the skate up policy that was discussed in the May meeting, as well as the first revision from June completed by Lisa Mazzie Hatlen. The main revisions were as follows:

- a. Language was cleaned up for consistency
- b. A deadline for the submittal to the Board of the request to play up was set at September 1st.
- c. Exception language was added to Item #8 – stating that skaters must complete the season at the level for which they qualify – unless an exception is made at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- d. Classification – what criteria do they have to meet?
 - a. Board discussed that there should be criteria for levels that anticipate two teams, as well as levels that anticipate three teams.
 - b. Board also discussed that this was to be a policy for exceptional circumstances and that should be kept in mind when setting the criteria.
 - c. Jeff agreed to finalize a draft and distribute to board members before the next meeting.

Tom Moore reiterated the point that this was to be a policy for exceptional circumstances. He also stated that the Board should be very specific if a skater was denied the opportunity to skate up.

Tom M. then asked about a double roster policy – and how this related to a skate up policy. It was explained that the two are different, and currently, McFarland does not have a formal double roster policy.

Coaches Committee

Dean Gille reported that the coaches committee has not met recently. They will be moving forward soon with setting the next meeting, as well as slotting in coaches for this season.

Next, Lisa Mazzie Hatlen requested open discussion about the balance of backgrounds on the coaches committee. There was a general consensus that the goal would be to have a good balance of coaches, as well as non-coach representatives. If possible, it can also be beneficial to have non-parent representatives as well. Currently, the balance is heavily weighted to coaches only. It was discussed that a more formal nomination process would be followed next year for the assignment of those committee positions.

Day at the Rink

The Festival will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2008. General times of the event will be 12:00 PM – 11:00 PM. Tom Siesennop distributed a list of items to be completed, and general discussion followed about each point.

Dean Gille suggested the formal organization of a committee – and it was discussed that Vikki Rogers would run the committee, with Lisa Schwoerer. Jeff Engelkes, Lisa Mazzie Hatlen and Tom Moore also agreed to assist as needed. Lisa S. stated that she would meet with Vikki, and go over all open items on the list. She would contact Board members as needed for help and give an update at our next meeting.

Age Level Directors (ALDs)

Assignment of Directors: One director is needed per level. A definition of the position was presented from Tom S. (revisions by Lisa H.) – explaining responsibilities of the ALD. This will be communicated to the membership at the first parent meeting(s), so that members understand the role of the ALD.

The ALD should attend the first team meeting in their level, so that all parents can have a chance to meet them.

Directors were then assigned as follows:

<u>Ice Mite ALD:</u>	Joe Mazzara
<u>In-house Mite/Mite ALD:</u>	Kelly Schmaltz
<u>Squirt ALD:</u>	Erik Johnson
<u>Pee Wee ALD:</u>	Louise Luessman
<u>Bantam ALD:</u>	Tom Siesennop

McFarland Hockey Boosters – None Present

McFarland Hockey Inc.

Ice scheduling has started – they have gotten through ACES camp and the placement process.

Tom Moore requested information on the rental of ice time. It was explained that Dave Hinrichs is responsible for their schedule, and that information is posted online. General fees are \$225/hour – member is responsible to clean up and resurface the ice.

Fundraising Report

TV: We will do the TV raffle again this year. Ron Main has indicated that he will work with the Board again to get the TV.

2009 Golf Outing: Ron Main has indicated that he does not want to organize next year. Tom Moore agreed to coordinate the outing, and Erik Johnson agreed to assist as well.

Summer Hockey

Tom S. reported that 61 kids are now registered. Of that group, approximately 25% are from McFarland. We do expect more to register as we get closer to the deadline.

Kelly Schmaltz did request that we review more ice time next year for the Mites and first-year Squirts. Since they cannot attend the McFarland Camp in the summer, they are limited to only 8-hours of available ice time between March and September.

New Business

1. Registration/Past Due Balances: Louise has found that some balances were allowed to carry over into a second year. The policy is to not allow a skater to register for next season, until the past season balance is cleared. MYHA will enforce that policy in the 2008-2009 season.
2. Chuck a puck: Louise will contact Dani and discuss the changes that are needed to the form used at the games. We want to ensure that we are using a legal document.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Lisa Schwoerer and seconded by Dean Gille to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 16th, 2008, at 6:00 PM at the Green Lantern. The Board has requested that Vikki Rogers attend this meeting.

It was decided to also set the date for the next meeting in August as well. The following meeting will be Monday, August 11th at 6:00 PM at the Green Lantern.