



**McFarland Youth Hockey Association
Fall 2008 Membership Meeting
McFarland Village Hall – 6:30 PM
Wednesday, September 17th, 2008**

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Lisa Mazzie Hatlen (resigned from Board)

President's Report

1. Board Introductions: Board members introduced themselves to the members present and stated the level their kids skate.
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3. Fundraising Totals:
 - a. Golf Outing - \$7,000
 - b. Summer Hockey - \$7,000
 - c. Day @ Rink - \$4,300
4. OHYA Impact – It is estimated that we have lost 20% of our skaters from last year, as a result of the creation of the Oregon Hockey Association. We had 11 teams last year; it is estimated that we will have 9 teams this year. Broken down as follows (with target skater numbers):
 - Bantam – 1 team; 15 skaters
 - Pee wee – 1-2 teams; 17-21 skaters
 - Squirt – 2 teams; 25 skaters
 - Mite – 2 teams; 30 skaters
 - In House Mite – 1 team; 15 skaters
 - Learn to Skate (Ice Mite) – 50 skaters

At this time, due to successful fundraising efforts, we are able to keep dues the same as last year. With the elimination of the Bucky Book and the addition of one calendar, fundraising requirements dropped \$15 per family. This was all while ice costs increased 5% this year.

If teams do not shape up as anticipated, we will have the option to sell back some ice time to compensate for the lost dues.

5. Important Dates:
 - a. ACE Camp: Sept 29 – Oct 3; Cost is \$25/skater
 - b. Walk In Registration: Sept 30; Oct 1st.
 - c. Placement Process: Oct 6 – 10
 - d. Games start October 25/26th

6. WAHA Region 4 Meeting – attended by Kelly Schmaltz
 - a. OHYA delivered financial releases to Kelly S; passed along to Louise Luessman for review. They will be a Division 3 team, having 10-11 skaters/team.

 - b. Discussion on non competitive recreational hockey. Ultimately, USA Hockey is pushing organizations to review this type of structure for the “2” level teams and down and WAHA is discussing as well. It will not happen region wide this year, however, they are still looking at implementing for next season.

McFarland Hockey Inc.

John Soderholm was in attendance at the meeting. He introduced himself and gave a background of Hockey Inc. In summary, Hockey Inc. is a non-profit organization responsible for operating the rink. They are entering year 15, and wanted to thank all of the MYHA members for their volunteer hours. We all are a part of the success of the rink!

John then reported on the financial condition of Hockey Inc. While last year ran at a deficit due to the large number of improvements to the rink in 2007/2008, they are very stable and have a sufficient balance in reserves. Their main source of revenue is ice rental. McFarland Youth Hockey is the largest purchaser of ice, with the second largest being figure skating, followed by McFarland High School Hockey.

One note is that MYHA is seeing a slowdown in concession sales. They feel that this is the effect of having more local groups at the rink, who tend to be closer to home and less likely to purchase items from the concession stand.

In 2008/2009, Hockey Inc purchased a new Zamboni. It is slated to arrive in December. Cost is approximately \$110,000. They will sell the old one and hope to get \$25,000-\$35,000.

McFarland Hockey Boosters

John Soderholm also gave the report for Hockey Boosters. The main focus of Hockey Boosters is recruiting and they assist with equipment at the entry level to be able to furnish gear to Ice Mites. They have seen very good results, with last year producing 62 new skaters. They are in the process of re-evaluating their fundraising plans, as the NFL raffle tickets that they have sold in the past may not be an option going into next year.

There is an application to join the Boosters online at www.mcfarlandhockey.org.

Secretary's Report

Kelly Schmaltz presented the minutes from the April 23rd Membership meeting. Tom Kohlmann moved to approve the minutes, and Bill Kemnitz seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Louise Luessman explained that the budget was a challenge this year, as the numbers were hard to predict with the OHYA impact. The balance sheet and profit/loss statement was distributed and reviewed by the Membership. Tom moved to approve the minutes and Jason Ruggles seconded that motion. The budget was approved unanimously.

Age Level Directors

MYHA has decided to create Age Level Directors, in an effort to improve communication with the Board and allow members to have a person to contact for questions and concerns. Members are still encouraged to talk with coaches and team reps; however the ALD is another avenue for them as well.

Skate Up Policy

The Board of Directors approved a skate up policy in July 2008. This policy allows younger skaters to request approval from the BOD to try out at a higher level and states the standards that should be followed with that process. The policy was handed out and reviewed. Jared Redders moved to approve the policy and Michelle Gille seconded that motion. The policy passed unanimously.

Board of Directors Seat

Lisa Mazzie Hatlen resigned from the Board in August, vacating her position. A 1 ½ year term remains. Members nominated to fill the position were as follows: Bill Kemnitz, Hal Lohr, Jared Redders, Jason Ruggles and Troy Sjodin. After a vote by the membership, Jared Redders was named the replacement for Lisa Hatlen.

Coaches Committee Seat

Tom Siesennop reported that Mark Matthews and the Coaches Committee will decide what to do with the opening of the seat vacated by Tad Bundy, as he was a coaches' representative.

New Business

Family Festival Parade – MYHA will have the Zamboni in the parade and we are looking for kids to rollerblade. Kids should show up at 11:15 AM at the parade line up on North Autumn Lane.

Meet/Greet – Michelle Gille would like to organize a get together for all hockey families sometime in early/mid November. The membership agreed that this would be a good idea. Details will follow as more information comes available.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Dave Laux and seconded by Dean Gille to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:00 PM at the Green Lantern.