

Meeting Minutes
S.M.A.H.L.
Travel Board
July 8, 2002

Travel V.P. Jeff Wawrzyniak called meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Present: Tom Lopez, Becky Jarosz, Joe Reynolds, Ken Krider, Mark Kennedy, Jeff Wawrzyniak, Doug Parsell, and Don Manders.

Excused: Mike Frey

Guest: Pat Heldt, Bruce Sorg, Kevin Kuhr, Harold St.John, Pat Sundimer, Diane Cook, Ken Jarosz, Bruce McKenna, Tom Kitz, Andrea McKenna, and Ken Ciesielski

Jeff W. gave a report on Mid-Am District Mtg. To both travel and house boards.

1. Women's hockey (Yvette Anderson)
 - Mid Am out front in the area
 - Best scholarship opportunities (Title IX)
 - Need to get girls started early – dedicated mini-mite program in travel format
 - Successful programs—Ohio Flames (National Champs)
 - Grants available – Women's Sports Foundation

2. Risk management
 - Adult behavior – CA card protocol
 - Rules being developed
 - Murray Stall new Risk Manager
 - JJW to assist in development of spectator guidelines
 - Fundraisers should be sanctioned – dinners make sure you get Dram shop coverage
 - Injuries up --- coverage difficult to get this year (quote up 300%); reflects effects of Sept. 11th and Enron as well as injuries across the country
 - Coaches/players – be careful of participating as a player (no slapshots)

3. Registrar info
 - Software mailed in mid July
 - Training sessions 8/3 Cleveland or 8/4 Dayton – more info on website soon
 - Need to assess Tier before 11/15 – we are definitely Tier II
 - Roster changes by 12/31
 - Document retention – need to keep waiver, consent to treat and waiver for 2 yrs.
 - Roster expires April 1st

- ❑ Ins. Coverage for tryouts if previously registered; if unsure – submit a temp roster to USA Hockey to cover all the kids
- ❑ Few practices ok, but no games before fully signed, approved roster
- ❑ Fee this year \$25 – cover web initiative
- ❑ BTHL registration 8/14
- ❑ Need to follow up with background screens even if screened before
- ❑ Annual guide info and dedicated e-mail address

4. Tax status – 501(c)(3)

- ❑ Biggest pitfall – unrelated trade or business activity
- ❑ Otherwise can fundraise for equipment, travel, ice bill etc.
- ❑ Need accountability
- ❑ Can be by team or whole assn.

5. Youth Council Updates

- ❑ Emphasis on player development
- ❑ Cross-ice presentation, also given to ACE coordinators
- ❑ Benefits of small area games in development
- ❑ Info on Rink dividers
- ❑ Curriculum from IIHF (success in Kent); other programs through SQT in Mass.
- ❑ District Tournament awarded to SMAHL at PW, BTM and Midget (U-16 and U-17)
- ❑ TOYHA and Cincinnati co-hosting BTM and MGT State
- ❑ Strongsville hosting PW states (used to be Parma Hts. – they moved to a new rink)
- ❑ HEAR initiative (Hockey Education Adult Resource) – teach parents the game and proper behavior – c.f. Risk Mgmt

6. Coaching

- ❑ New program of merit in place as of last year
- ❑ Everyone should retake level I (used to be IP)
- ❑ Want all coaches to get Advanced certificate
 - 3 new cert holders – Hayes, Himmel and Backus
 - Without Adv. Cert – will have to get CEU every year
- ❑ ACE coordinator certified – Felser
- ❑ Masters program in Pittsburgh next year – see web for more details

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7. Annual Meeting

- ❑ Dave Fielding elected V.P. of the Mid Am – congratulations
- ❑ Jim Dyer – Ohio V.P. (Cincinnati) takes over for Dee Trobenter
- ❑ Murray Stall – new Risk Manager

- All others the same

After a Discussion on starting a Girls Program the Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. so each board could have their separate meetings.

Travel mtg. was reconvened at 8:10 P.M.

Present: Don Manders, Joe Reynolds, Doug Parsell, Ken Krider, Mark Kennedy, Jeff Wawrzyniak, Becky Jarosz, and Tom Lopez

Excused: Mike Frey

Guest: Ken Jarosz, Shawna Easton, and Bill Himmel

June mtg. minutes were distributed Motion was made by Joe R. to accept minutes. Seconded by Ken K. motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Mark stated all was quiet on the accounting front. Has envelopes ready for tryouts. Still has 5 accounts Past due totaling about \$250.00. Is pursuing for payment.

SCHEDULING:

Tom stated that he has sent a "wish list" to Monroe Rink and is waiting to hear back from them. Has received the Ice schedule from Tam-O and is just stating to fill in the teams.

COACHING:

Doug held a Mtg. with all Coaches that were in place at time of mtg. Stated he covered all Issues that pertinent to coaching travel hockey at S.M.A.H.L. He will schedule another mtg. With coaches that were not in place at time of Meeting. Jeff W. said he would contact Bantam AA coach to make sure things are in place for Tryouts.

EQUIPMENT:

Becky has everything ordered for up coming season. Pinnies are sorted, cleaned, and ready for tryouts.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Joe hopes to have all coaches' pictures and bios. Wrapped up and on the web site by weeks end. Joe filed application and payment with Pat Sundhiemer for the Fall Face Off Tourney. He has received Quotes for the Trophy's. Sent ad to hockey weekly which will be in paper as well as on their Web Site. Emailed all of our coaches to remind them to spread word to their brethren about tourney. Will send out mailings to 40 past coaches as well as 30 Associations. Has secured Asset Ware as tournament photographer. Also is looking into Hotels for Tourney possibly using Hotels near Cabela's as attraction for teams coming from Mich. Joe asked Doug if he could attend Mtg. With Buckeye league coaches so he could pass on Information from last year's team that would be beneficial to them. Joe also stated that he had Info to pass out at Tryouts explaining try out procedure.

FUNDRAISING:

In Mikes Absence Jeff W. gave a report on Mtg. Held June 20th of the fundraising committee. They gave many Ideas that they were going to pursue. Jeff Stated that Mike thought we could get out of contract with card provider if that was what we wanted to do. The Travel board voted unanimously to void contract if possible.

RULES and DISCIPLINE:

Ken stated that the board had received 13 letters from players that stated they would like to move up an age bracket to play this year. All letters to be filed with July Minutes.

SECRETARY:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Doug Parsell stated that we like to THANK all the Applicants for the Buckeye team coaching positions also Harlen Joelson And Jeff Wawrzyniak for helping with the Interviewing process. And was pleased to Announce Pat Heldt (SQUIRT), Dave Backus (PEE WEE), And John Sundheimer (Bantam) Were selected to coach the buckeye teams.

Motion was made By Don M. to appoint Ken Jarosz and Dave Pilmore to the Player selection Committee seconded by Doug Parsell motion carried.

Jeff gave a report from Player Development Committee. He stated the committee decided they could have the most impact by working on Individual player skill development and coaching education. They feel off ice skill development and regular clinics would be the best way to give coaches opportunities maximize practice time. He cited several Ideas that the committee would be looking into.

After much Discussion and debate on goals the board would like to work to achieve this season. Don M. made a motion to adopt as goals for the board to work for this year to be:

- 1) Improve Refereeing skills at Tam-O
- 2) Improve Player skills and Coaching Techniques
- 3) Improve the image of S.M.A.H.L. and members to the local Communities.

Seconded by Becky Jarosz motion carried.

The next Meeting is scheduled for August 1,2002 at 7:30

Motion to adjourn by Doug P. seconded by Mark K. mtg. adjourned at 10:00P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Don Manders
Travel Secretary