

Meeting Minutes

S.M.A.H.L.

Travel Board

February 3, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. By Jeff Wawrzyniak.

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

GUEST: Jim Delerenzo, Shawna Easton, Kerry Johnston, Mark Sobanski, Bruce Sorg, Dallas Howard, Pat Heldt, Tom Kitz, Tom Cline, Mike Greeder, Craig Snead, Harold St John, Kevin Kuhr, Walt Connolly, Bruce McKenna, Andrea McKenna, Bob Napierala

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Napierala asked to address the board. He stated he would not be seeking the coaching job for the 1991 Travel team for next season. He thanked the board for the opportunity to coach the team this year. But do to personal reasons he would not be able to do it next year. Jeff Wawrzyniak on behalf of the whole Association thanked him for the job he did this year.

Jeff next asked for comments on the email proposal he had sent regarding the Combination of the House and Travel Boards into one Board.

o Mike Greeder Questioned weather one person scheduling both groups would be able to handle the amount of work that is involved.

o Tom Kitz offered that we should hire or Compensate A executive secretary that would take care of scheduling, registering, and Financial duties.

o Jeff Wawrzyniak stated that part of the proposal he had wrote was to Compensate with player fees fully or partially reduced for some of the more time and labor intense offices.

o Pat Heldt stated he thought that we would have to compensate some of the offices that required outside expertise and because of the time that would be required, but that scheduling was not one of those. He also thought that scheduling could be handled my one person.

o Tom Cline cautioned that the perceived evil would be that one group (House or Travel) would be in control of everyone.

o Bruce McKenna said he thought a combined board would help to facilitate some of the conceived problems of SMAHL such as Communication.

After some more lengthy conversation on the subject Jeff Wawrzyniak asked for a show of hands by the Board Members present that was in In favor of writing a detailed proposal to present to the general membership, to combine all boards in to one single entity. 16 hands were raised.

Next on the Agenda was the proposal of joint Sponsorship of “elite teams” with TOYHA.

- o Jeff Wawrzyniak stated that much has been discussed and written about subject and would like to hear some others views on the subject.

- o Bruce McKenna started the conversation with asking weather or not the Metro Toledo area could support two separate organizations.

- o Tom Cline warned of these teams being conceived of as a “Recruited team” and that Mid Am frowned on these type teams.

- o Doug Parsell said he has always felt that SMAHL membership driven type organization, while TOYHA is a recruiting type Organization. And that if they wanted to run elite type teams let them.

- o Pat Heldt said he felt there was a missing level of competition between A/AA and AAA hockey that these teams would be competing at that level. Similar to why we begin the Buckeye program, giving kids opportunities to play at a level somewhere between house and the Travel teams that play in Little Caesars. And perhaps this would be a way to Bring both organizations together for the betterment of youth hockey in Metro Toledo.

- o Becky Jarosz asked why we could just not develop teams like this within SMAHL. And Why we needed to involve other organizations

At this time due to the length of the conversation and business yet to be handled Jeff Wawrzyniak, asked for a show of hands on who was in favor of exploring with TOYHA The possibility of Joint sponsored teams. 15 hands were raised in favor.

At this time it was decided to table discussions on Try Out Dates, Paid Non- Parent Coaching, Girls Program, Additional IP program, And Mite and Player development.

A discussion on with the addition of a Third sheet of Ice in Toledo (Toledo Ice House). Would the house program be interested in increasing the hours of the house program.

- o Pat Heldt stated the majority of house parents would like to have more Quality Ice times and a more consistent schedule. The turn out at 6:00 AM. And some 7:00 AM. Practices were described as spartan at best.

o Tom Cline cautioned not to lose focus on the big picture, not to give back something that's not desirable now because there is an alternative that might not be available down the road.

o It was stated that maybe drop ins or "sticks and pucks" would be a better use of early morning times.

o The House Board Members present said they were in favor of utilizing more ice time. Where ever that may be available.

o Some other suggestions for house where. Lengthening season or possibly splitting season into 2 sessions. Progressively increasing ice times with age.

o Bob Crandall thought the biggest gripe with the house program is the chaotic schedule. He suggested having set days that every age level was on the ice.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeff asked if any of the Board members had decided or changed their Decision minds on running for office for the next year. Ken Krider stated that he would Like to run for office again.

Jeff asked for a motion to accept January's Meeting minutes. Becky Jarosz made a Motion to accept minutes as wrote, Mark Kennedy seconded motion carried.

SCHEDULING: Tom said that he does have Ice Times available and to contact him if You would like anymore ice time.

COACHING: Doug reminded managers that coaching evaluations need to be returned to him. The coaching selection committee will discuss coaching positions for next year. A discussion on drawing more Qualified coaches into program was had.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Joe stated the Educational Honor Roll was posted in glass case in lobby. There were 63 names on it as of 2/3/03. Would like to post on Web Site. Joe has passed out surveys to all 2nd picked teams stated they were slow in being returned. Joe said he has contacted all Travel Parents regarding the help needed to host Mid Am District tournament. Travel coaching information has been sent out to All SMAHL members, also is posted on web site. Joe also went through updates for details of District Tournament.

SECRETARY: Don said he was still receiving screening forms. And would have ready to send as soon as he received all of them. Joe said they needed to be sent in before District Tournament. Bruce Sorg stated he would make sure Don received all forms ASAP

RULES & DISCIPLINE: Ken said they would not write a new rule on move ups.

EQUIPMENT: Becky said she did not think there would be enough room in new storage area for both House and Travel Equipment and Jerseys. Bruce Sorg will check with House Board weather they would just like to take over whole area. Tom Cline offered to let SMAHL use some of the space not used by Pro Shop above Rink Two. Mark Kennedy said we were welcome to keep using space in his office basement.

TREASURER: Mark distributed Profit /Loss Statements. Mike Frey made a motion that all payments were to be current by FEBRUARY 15 or other arrangements made with Treasurer or players would be suspended in till their accounts were made current. Seconded by Becky Jarosz. Motion carried

FINANCE: No Report.

Don made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 PM. Seconded by Ken Krider meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

DON MANDERS
Travel Secretary