



**McFarland Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Green Lantern
Wednesday, January 21st, 2009**

Call to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Present: Jeff Engelkes, Eric Johnson, Dave Laux, Louise Luessman, Tom Moore, Jared Redders, Kelly Schmaltz, Lisa Schwoerer, Tom Siesennop

Absent: Dean Gille, Joe Mazzara, Todd Kroneman

Also Present: Troy Sjodin, MYHA Member and Concession Scheduler

President's Report

1. Open Skate/Open Hockey: Open sessions were held during the Christmas break and overall it was summarized as very successful. The most attended session was the Friday night open skate and it is being considered as a possibility to do again in the near future. Lisa S. said she would check the ice schedule for any potential times as suggestions for another Friday night open skate.
2. Open Board Positions: Four board member positions are open in the Spring – each being brought on for a 3-year term.

Deerfield Hockey

Tom S. distributed a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Minter, McFarland Athletic Director, voicing MYHA support of Deerfield playing with McFarland High School hockey. He then distributed the response, which was separate e-mails from Mr. Minter and Mr. Matthews stating the reasons they felt a co-op would not benefit the team at this time.

The MYHA board will not pursue anything further on this issue at this time.

Secretary's Report

Kelly Schmaltz presented the minutes from the December BOD meeting. Dave Laux moved to approve the minutes, and Eric Johnson seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Louise Luessman discussed the interim financial meeting that was held in mid-December – attended by Kelly S., Dean G., Eric J., and Louise. In addition, Tom S. and Joe M. met with Louise to clarify expenses and ensure budgets were correct. In the end, the outlook was better than initially projected and we appear to be on budget as planned in September.

Louise asked Kelly S. to send a mass email to the membership reminding them of payments due on January 31, 2009. In addition, Troy S. asked that we remind members to make sure they get their concession time scheduled – or they will be billed \$18/hr.

Concessions

Troy Sjodin reported his concerns with facets of the concession scheduling – particularly with the High School games. It was agreed that we need to have better communication between the HS group and MYHA, especially as it relates to schedule changes.

ALD Reports

Many positive things are happening within our teams, and there was a good discussion about each team's progress. Several concerns were voiced in regards to coaches and recent incidents. We discussed the impact of these items and concluded that the coaches committee and the ACE coordinator are responsible to handle the complaints and work towards resolution.

It does not appear that we have a formal procedure for feedback from the Coaches committee back to the Board of Directors after the follow up with the coach. This is something that should be addressed in the near future.

Fundraising

Golf Outing: Eric J. gave the update on progress for the event. They are busy looking for fun raffle ideas, as well as ways to boost the fundraising through sponsors.

Hockey Boosters

No news to report.

Hockey Inc.

New Zamboni has arrived! Thank you Hockey Inc!

New Business

1. Newsletter/articles on teams. MYHA BOD would like to see more information distributed to the membership on the success and good news of our MYHA teams. It could be done through the website, the Thistle, newsletter, etc. On a long range plan, we feel this would be very beneficial for MYHA.
2. In House Mites/Mites. Consensus from everyone that the certificate program needs to be in place this year, as well as a formal document explaining our Mite programs. Jared R. discussed an evaluation plan for IHM and some learn to skaters – so that parents/skaters are being directed to the right programs for their children. We also discussed the large jump in cost from Learn to Skate to IHM – this should be reviewed before next season.

Before next meeting, Kelly S. will get birth year/numbers information to Jared R. for review. In addition, Kelly will put together a sample document to use as potential educational info for our Mite programs.

3. In order to get feedback from members, we discussed adding a suggestion box to the rink. If that is not going to work, we may want to consider a survey to members to ask how things are going. This is likely a good idea for mid-season in the 2009-2010 year.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Eric Johnson and seconded by Jeff Engelkes to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th - 6:00 PM at the Green Lantern.