



**McFarland Youth Hockey Association
Spring 2009 Membership Meeting
McFarland Public Library
Wednesday, April 29th, 2009**

Call to Order: 6:36 p.m.

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

President's Report – Tom Siesennop

Introductions: Tom S. presented an overview of the 2008/2009 season – both the challenges and opportunities presented to MYHA throughout the year. The Board Members introduced themselves, followed by the MYHA member introductions.

Ace Coordinator: Tom introduced Jared Redders as the new Ace Coordinator, who was approved by the BOD in March. Jared explained his game plan for the 2009-2010 season. He will focus on improving coaching and player development. He has a number of ideas for new training techniques and would like to present a system of development for the entire organization.

Summer Pond Hockey: McFarland is teaming up with the Patriots to present Summer Hockey at McFarland Ice Arena. It is \$110 for the session, which includes 10 hours of ice time. This is available for Squirts, Peewees and Bantams. We will look to provide something for the Mite level in late Aug/early Sept.

Hockey Boosters – Dave Hinrichs

Dave started off by explaining the role of Hockey Boosters. In the past, Boosters have helped subsidize ice time and equipment for Learn to Skate, as well as assisted with signage at the Rink. They also assist the High School program with their finances, Senior Scholarship and Plaques. The Boosters have decided to take over the Mite Madness/Squirt Spectacular tournament for next season as their main fundraiser.

He also took questions from the membership and explained ice availability this summer. Ice rates are reduced in the summer (upon availability) at \$175/hour. The ice is also open for Birthday parties. Those interested should contact Dave.

Dave ended by presenting an award from Hockey Boosters to Joe Mazzara for Person of the Year for the 2008-2009 season. Joe has spent countless hours at the Rink – going above and beyond expectations to promote hockey at the youth level. Congratulations, Joe!

Hockey Inc. – John Soderholm

Hockey Inc. has had a good year – the rink is doing well, and they have adequate reserves for the future. The rink is in its 15th year and there are 5 more years left to pay on the bond. They are currently completing remodeling in the lobby, the new Zamboni is in operation and they are currently trying to sell the old one. Potential improvements for 2010 include a review of the heating system, as well as the bleachers.

They have added new members to their organization in the past year and have an opening for another spot. If interested, members are to contact John S.

Hockey Inc. is very appreciative of MYHA efforts to keep the rink clean and expressed their thanks for the hard work. He did ask that members watch the kids on the North end of the rink, as it has gotten beaten up recently – with pucks being shot at that end.

Secretary's Report

Kelly Schmaltz presented the minutes from the Fall 2008 Membership Meeting. Joe Mazzara moved to approve the minutes, and Bob Silvas seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Louise Luessman presented the budgeted financial statements through April 2009.

Fundraising Report

1. Golf Outing: Tom Moore gave an overview of the outing, which will be held two weeks later than usual – May 30, 2009. We are in the process of securing hole sponsors and recruiting foursomes for the event. Proceeds will be used toward equipment for new skaters and scholarships for hardship cases.
2. Day at the Rink: Date of the event – 8/15/09. Planning to start soon!

New Business

1. Service hours were discussed and ideas presented for ways to make concession scheduling more convenient. The Board does plan to review service hours over the summer.
2. Division 1 vs. Division 2: MYHA goes before the WAHA board on May 16, 2009 to defend our position as a Division 1 team. We feel that we have remained competitive at that level and wish to remain Division 1.

Board Nominations

Eric Johnson has decided to resign from the Board, which opened up another position. The Board decided to assign his remaining 2 years to Louise Luessman, as there was a tie last year for their open spot(s). One took the one year term and the other took a three year term.

This leaves four open spots for the three-year terms that were available. Board members that are done with their service: Louise Luessman (served by Eric Johnson), Todd Kroneman, Dave Laux and Lisa Schwoerer.

Nominations: Sarah Jungbluth, Todd Kroneman, Rich Keaster, Dan Koch, Steve Newcomer, Vickie Rogers, Jason Ruggles and Troy Sjodin.

Elected: Sarah Jungbluth, Dan Koch and Jason Ruggles. Troy Sjodin/Todd Kroneman tied – rather than re-vote, Todd Kroneman agreed to step aside and Troy Sjodin took the spot.

Coaches Committee Nominations

Nominations: Eric Johnson, Todd Kroneman, Dave Laux and Bob Silvis.

Elected: Eric Johnson, Bob Silvis.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Dave Laux and seconded by Joe Mazzara to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

OFFICIAL COUNT OF SPRING MEETING – 38 members, not including Board Members

Elections of Officers

After the meeting, the following officers were elected: Tom Siesennop, President; Troy Sjodin, Vice President; Kelly Schmaltz, Secretary and Louise Luessman, Treasurer.

Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Green Lantern.