

ALBERT LEA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

September 23, 2009

Brad Loch called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on at the City Arena. Members in attendance were Jerome Anderson, Lee Avery, Ed Bellrichard, Mike Carlson, Kevin Dulitz, Alex Friend, Dan Matz, Shelly Peterson, Steve Pulley, Cathy Purdie, Christine Ringeon, Joy Shaft, Steve Svendsen, Mike Zelenak and Chris Chalmers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Mike Carlson to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Jerome Anderson.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Steve Svendsen to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Alex Friend.

ARENA: New compressors installed, new dehumidifier installed. Currently taking bids on radiant heat. Squirts In House numbers are low – avg. # is 44-50. Mites In House numbers are very low.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING: A motion was made by Alex Friend to accept the Estimated and Actual Expenses for August 2009, seconded by Steve Svendsen. A motion was made by Alex Friend to accept the Estimated Expense Report for October 2009, seconded by Steve Svendsen. Total profit from the fair was \$1030.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Coaches Rep. Report: No change, still need coaches for B PeeWee and B2 Bantams. Jordan Flatness may be interested.

Coaches Pay: Mike has ideas – Mileage? Should there be a cap? To tournaments, to AL rink.

Set up a committee to look into how to pay expenses. Committee will gather info and make recommendations. Kevin Dulitz will head up this committee. Compare with other Associations. Committee will consist of Kevin, Steve, Cathy and Mike.

Try Outs: Bantams and Peewees are Oct. 10 & 11. Squirts will be the week after MEA.

Girls Coord: No report.

Fundraising: Alex and Joy will have a meeting and have things put together by next board meeting. Kevin, Brad and Steve P. will help if needed.

Equipment: 100 kids have equipment out.

Jerseys: Teams slated to receive new jerseys are B2 Bantam and A Peewee. Girls U12 have put in a request for new jerseys. Budgeted to buy 2 sets this year. Stick with 2 teams per year. Make it a policy to not allow names on the jerseys to prolong the life of the jerseys. Do not put sponsors on jerseys. Mike Carlson made a motion to purchase a catcher glove and blocker glove, seconded by Steve Svendsen. Lucus will be allowed to use these new gloves for this year.

Tournaments: Bantam B2 tournament is filled with out AL as one of the teams in the tournament. Need to send 1 check back to make room for Albert Lea.

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Concessions: \$900 profit for dog show, \$50 profit for Thunder Tryouts. Second fryer is fixed, could use both at the same time if space allows and electrical issues are resolved.

Puck System or SPLETT Scheduling system software? Fred will get info to Steve Pulley on Puck System software. Puck Systems fee is a \$250 1 time fee and the SPLETT system is a \$360 fee annually. When Steve Pulley has all the information he will get together with Jolene Svendsen to review programs. Alex Friend made a motion to allow Steve P. to pursue whichever option they deem is the best for us, seconded by Joy Shaft.

Ice Scheduling: For 2010 start early bird 1 week later and push back tryouts 1 week because of scheduling conflicts. Oct. 7th is the district-scheduling meeting; make sure a rep. from each team will be there.

Jr. Gold – they need away jerseys, talk to Roy about using old high school jerseys.

Thunder Liaison: No one from the Thunder has been in contact with Steve Svendsen. Steve P. and Mike met with Thunder people Barry and Paul about last years concession contract, we've agreed to pay them approx. \$1200. Paul Contrares from the Thunder has assured us that things will be different between the Thunder and Albert Lea Hockey this year. The Thunder wants to partner with Albert Lea Hockey. Thunder game nights, kids will get in for \$3 if they are wearing their jersey.

MN District 4: Thunder players will be allowed to help with our practices, they do not have to be registered or rostered like in the past only background checks will be required, so far Fred has 26 forms filled out.

New coaches need to fill out background checks before going on the ice and need certification turned in by Dec. 31st.

Registration: Jr. Gold - 6
Bantams – 38 with the possibility of 2 more
Mike made a motion to allow Van Zelenak and Corde Purdie to move up to the Bantam level (they are grade appropriate), seconded by Alex Friend. Did collect dollars for concession shifts not worked for last year.

There was discussion on whether or not to allow Austin Hockey Assoc. to participate in our Early Bird School. Board decided against of this because numbers were full with Early Bird and Robby Glantz. By voice vote, motion carried to allow Albert Lea skaters to participate in only Robby Glantz School for \$75.00.

NEW BUSINESS

ROBBY GLANTZ: Participants need to have white tape on their helmets with their name on it. Robby Glantz needs 1 locker room for him and his crew; this will be an issue, as all the locker rooms will be used for skaters. Let them use the association room.

Talk to Marcia at AmericInn to see if we can trade out a room for advertising.

ALBERT LEA HOCKEY DAY: Last year was Feb. 7th, Jerome will check into ice availability for this years Albert Lea Hockey Day.

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MITES PLAYING SQUIRT LEVEL HOCKEY: Mites only allowed to play on B Squirt traveling teams per operation guidelines. The boards' position is to encourage players to follow their age specific group.

GOLF TOURNEY: Should receive our portion of the golf tournament of \$3586.

CVB GRANT: They approved to pay for tournament ads in Let's Play Hockey magazines.

MAX JEFFREY, SW MIDDLE SCHOOL REP.: He stated that the perception in school and our community is not very favorable for Albert Lea Hockey because of grades and discipline issues with some kids. Max would like to help us as an Association to change those perceptions. The high school has already put in place a stricter guideline in regards to grades and participation. Steve Svendsen made a motion to allow Max to implement academic and behavioral eligibility requirements, seconded by Joy Shaft.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at City Arena.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joy Shaft, seconded by Dan Matz.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Avery, Secretary