

St. Peter / Le Sueur Hockey Association
Board of Director's Meeting
December 9, 2009, 6:30pm St. Peter Community Center
Traverse des Sioux Room

Present Board Members: Russ Burg, Juli Sowder, Kirsten Hansen, Terry Hoehn, Todd Wilmes, Susan Pudwill, Craig Kleschult, Dave Mata, Jim Rusch

Guests: Angie and Kelly Wilmes, Troy Domine

Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order: President Burg called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Approval of Agenda: Sowder makes a motion to approve agenda, Wilmes seconds; motion carries

Approval of Minutes: Sowder motion to approve the November meeting minutes, Pudwill seconds, motion carries

Unfinished Business

- Jersey policy approval--Policy was approved via email. Has been sent out to coordinators twice. Still seeing jerseys being transported in hockey bags. Need to stress the importance of using garment bags. Will have Missy send out an email again.
- *Rod was tasked with drafting a letter of complaint to Gustavus. He did not get a chance to do that. If someone else feels strongly enough about complaining to Gustavus please draft the letter.* Complaints regarding parking when a Gustavus event is scheduled, locker rooms locked, filthy. No lights on, ice not resurfaced. Letter should be addressed to Brett Peterson addressing concerns with the use of their facility. Doors should be open ½ hour prior to practice or game, clean locker rooms available, ice resurfaced, etc. Will be drafted by Kirsten and Juli.
- Shawn is going to start clinics again next week. Both he and Aaron want to know if we want to continue these clinics into January and February. Still very unclear when clinics are. Seems that some teams have had more clinics more than other. Need clarification from HOC. These clinics should be identified on the scheduled. Also need list of what clinics (dates and teams) have been given so far.

New Business

Heinz Common Grant-Suggestions have been made to purchase off-ice equipment for dryland practices. Work out mats, balance boards, dry erase board, slide boards, passing return devices, skipping ropes, yoga balls, and weighted pucks.

Could request the grant to cover cost of additional equipment that we have had to purchase due to the growth of our program.

Put towards our scholarship funds.

Terry will draft up our application.

Officers and Committees Reports

- President –

- Treasurer-- Treasurer— Hoehn submitted Treasurer's report. The report shows a beginning balance of \$32,836.54 and an ending balance of \$36,450.29. Pudwill made a MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Kleschult, MOTION carried

Sam's club membership set up with 3 cards for the association. Credit card denied. Membership card can go over with anybody, but must pay with association check, no cash. Terry would like to set up an account in one of the Le Sueur banks due to the cash that the concession stand is bringing in. Recommend Hometown Bank due to their donating to the high school program with every goal scored. He is also planning to have checks run off on computer with the Bulldog Logo on them. Association also received a \$500 contribution from Bill Frawley Memorial Fund.

Hansen makes motion to approve report, Pudwill seconds, motion carries.

- Hockey Operations – Board had approved clinics to run through February. With issues regarding practice times coaches have been told by HOC that if, for example, Bantams are scheduled for an early practice and younger team scheduled for the later practice, it is up to the coaches to contact each other to swap. Dave Mata will contact Lisa Witte to make sure the Bantam coaches names and contact information is posted on the website.
- Fundraising - December 2009, Fundraising Report

Calendars

Calendar raffle stubs are due by December 20. Rod will be sending out an e-mail to the Association reminding them to get the stubs turned in to their coordinators BY December 20.

The drawing is scheduled to be held on December 30. There is Open Youth Hockey from 1:45 to 3:15 at LSCC. Rod is going to see if he can schedule the Merrick room for that time and hold the drawing there. Otherwise, we can just hold the drawing in the stands. He will send out an e-mail about the drawing.

Candy Bars

Rod did not get enough requests for additional candy bars to warrant ordering more boxes. He will reply to those that asked for additional boxes that there are a limited supply available on a first-come first-served basis.

Club's Choice

Rod is getting the ball rolling on the Club's Choice fundraiser. He is going to send out an e-mail with the formula for the number of items that need to be sold. If anybody wants to buy out they will need to e-mail Rod with their intentions and give a check to their coordinator by a date in early January. If they participate they will have to sell at least the required number of items. Rod is looking at a delivery date in early March after the hockey season.

Need someone to commit to being with Rod during raffle.

- Marketing - Susan has a meeting scheduled with Layne this Friday, to cover rink ads and prices for 2010.
- Operations
 - Registrar – cannot be on bench or ice until background check is done, be registered with USA Hockey and also be on the roster as a coach or a player. Need to roster every

coach on every team in the event that a team needs coaching help due to illness for example.

- District Rep – No meeting until January. Potential district changes for next year: district 4 would be all teams from New Ulm and west. Craig will forward information to board. Route comments back to Craig to take to the January meeting.
 - Association Team Coordinator -
 - Tournament Coordinator –
 - Concession Coordinator-Need a new cheese warmer. Mike bought 3 new stools for people to sit on in the concession stand at \$20 each.
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- Website – Still having issues with one ad being put on website in accordance with what the business wants.
 - Equipment -

Team Reports

- Bantam B – season going well, team is competitive
- Peewee A – going well
- Peewee B – no wins yet, looking better
- Girls U12 – took 2nd in Marshall Tournament.
- Squirt A - undefeated
- Squirt B -
- Mites – going well
- Mini mites – going well

Open Forum

Ice hours—Le Sueur Community Center does not feel that we have fulfilled our ice hour commitment. Looking at the numbers scheduled from this year in comparison with two previous years shows that we are right in line with what we normally purchase as well as the additional 60 hours of early ice that we purchased at the beginning of the season. Ice scheduling has been done appropriately for amount of hours.

Teams do feel that practice schedule has been very light for November and December and is more loaded on the back end after most of the district games have been played.

One suggestion is to make board meetings a requirement for the ice scheduler in order to address questions and concerns with how the ice is being schedule.

Goal for next year would be to be frontloaded with practice. Should also have so many hours on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fridays since the majority of games get scheduled on the weekends.

Suggestion that Squirt and U12 clinics be reduced to 45 minutes, with the remaining 45 minutes being practice in order to help the girls team get more practice time during the week. Jim will contact Shawn.

Per Troy Domine: Montgomery outdoor rink a possibility in getting additional ice time. They have ice, zamboni, and people to keep snow off. It is an old wooden rink so no checking is allowed due to potential injury. Would be looking at possibly just \$15-\$20 per team to help with zamboni fees. Troy needs to run this through the Montgomery Association board.

Information from Dave Plunkett via email:

He would like to remind/suggest some things that should be included in the agenda for next month.

- One was previously suggested back during the summer. It was suggested that the board begin reviewing/rewriting the Bulldog handbook so it can be released in July. Don't wait until June!
- Another, please begin discussion concerning the association implications due to t
- The increased number of players moving up from the Mite program to the Squirts. Implications as for the registration fees, number of ice hours needed, number of goalie equipment/jerseys needed, etc. This can have a profound affect on how our association grows in the years to come and should be thoughtfully discussed.
- Another, please continue/finalize the association tournament's request for 2011. Advertising?[contact Let's Play Hockey to determine cost and lead time needed] Age groups? Date(s)? All important planning.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- January 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm, St. Peter Community Center
- Sowder makes motion to adjourn; Hansen seconds; motion carries.