

Orono Youth Hockey Booster Board Minutes
August 10, 2009

Members Present: Mike Schroeder, John Gabos, Chris Swanson, Gregg Sampson, Mike Sample, Beth Anderson, Julie Lensing, Matt Mesenberg, Chris Hickock, Tracy O'Connor, Steve Robinson, Linda Patterson

7:10 Call to order

Motion to approve June meeting minutes as amended by Schroeder, second by Swanson, motion carried.

Presidents Report: Mike Schroeder

- Tryout Schedule almost complete
- Registration up and running
- New Financial Assistance forms complete and ready to go.
- Recognized Bob Carlson and Lee Martini for work in developing the Orono Goalie Academy (OGA)
- Reported we had 93 golfers at the Spartan Classic
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2009 Fall Face-Off

Linda Patterson, Committee Chair

- Event to be held at the Lafayette Club on October 23 beginning at 6:30 pm
- Kristen Anderson producing invitations
- Linda needs contact info for Zamboni rides at MN Wild games
- Beth Anderson suggested Poster and email blasts to promote event

Arena Report: Chris Hickok

- New Showers functional in LR #1
- New skate sharpener will arrive this month. New sharpener is state of the art, can cross grind and rocker skate blades. Need to work out a schedule for sharpening skates. OIA staff can not sharpen right before events because they must prepare ice surface.
- Landscaping will be freshened up this week.
- High top chairs and table have been ordered
- New sound system in complete with ipod dock at scorers table
- 1 of 4 compressors being examined to ensure functionality
- Electricity costs were down in June
- Hour clock will be mounted on wall above scorers table

Coaches Board: Steve Robinson

- Great Goalie program has been established
- Mites: Attempting to migrate most 5/6 year old girls into MiniMites with boys
- U8 district looking at forming a league similar to Mites.
- Recommend splitting Mini Mites into 2 sessions
- Tryout schedule will be solidified and up on Website soon.
- Coaches Board Meeting scheduled for August 18.
- Coaches Roundup Meeting scheduled for September 13, 6 pm at Long Lake Firestation
- Current Team configurations:
 - Bantam: 4 teams (A,B1,B2,C) Approximately 13-15 per team. Currently have 64 skaters registered
 - PeeWee: 4 teams (A, B1, B2, C) approx. 13 players per team
 - Squirt: 5 Teams (A, B1, B2, B2, C) approx. 13 per team
 - U14: 1 Team (A)
 - U12: 2 Teams (A, B)
 - U10: 2 Teams (A, B)
 - U8: Currently 1 team, may have 2
 - Mites: 6 Teams, approx. 76 kids, 2 sessions held Sat. and Sun.
 - Mini Mites: Approx 70 kids, 2 sessions held Sat. and Sun.
 - IMites: Usually skate with U8, may split every other Sat. with Goalies
 - Goalie Skills: Every other Saturday
 - Level Skills: Every other Monday, about 3 hours of ice time. A. Johnson and staff will do most of sessions. May invite Scott Steffan for powerskating emphasis.
- Discussing potential of camps or clinics with Steve Payne (specializing in “physical side”, body position), and Andy Ness (skating skills)

After spirited discussion re Bantam A level of play, J. Gabos motioned for acceptance of team configurations as presented by the Coaches Board. G. Sampson seconded the motion. ***Motion to accept Team configurations carried.***

CB is recommending the following coaches:

- Kurt Larsen: U14 (returning)
- Sara Holbrook U12 A (returning)
- Rich Ghirardi Pee Wee A (returning)
- CJ Dietrich (new) Pee Wee B1
- Colin Peters (new) Pee Wee B1

Motion by J. Gabos to accept CB candidates, second by M. Sample.

Motion to accept recommended candidates carried.

Coaching Board has been considering/interviewing 10 non parent candidates. This is the most in 5 year history of CB. Following are other positions being considered.

- Bantam A/B1:
 - Vince Hastings (Eden Prairie)
 - Rolf Ulvin (JV Coach)
 - Jeff Stephenson (returning)
 - Darin Ciaverella (returning)

M. Schroeder discussed importance of giving the Executive Board latitude to approve slate of candidates as necessary. J. Gabos mad a motion to empower the Executive Committee to act quickly to approve Coaches Board Reccomendations regarding coaching slots. M. Sample seconded the motion.

Motion to empower the EC to approve the CB reccomendations carried.

Treasurer Report: Chris Swanson

Financial assistance update: Three open families from last years fees. One has paid in full. Executive committee approved waiving '08-'09 fees for 2 families. We are committed to paying this years fees as well.

Registration: Julie Lensing

- Registration is open. So far 30 families have registered.
- Families must register before August 24 to take advantage of reduced ice fees.
- Financial Assistance request form is online.
- Equipment loan form is also online. (9 requests submitted so far.)
- Registration "Birth Date range" is also listed on the site to aid in selecting proper level
- Will place "Registration Open" signs along Old Crystal Bay Road.
- All coaches CEP information will be on Website
- Working with paul Vieth to expedite/cover the coaches CEP process.

Membership/ Communication: Beth Anderson

- Open House Sept 20th. Booth at Back to school night
- 5 people have volunteered to help with communication
- Looking to optimize website

Equipment: Tracy O'Connor

- One Goal kits are not in hand yet, but information is out.
- We are losing the equipment storage facilities at the rink
- Performing physical inventory with Chad Sande tomorrow.
- Lengthy Goalie Equipment discussion. Tracy will follow up with Bob Carlson to determine how budget will be spent going forward.

Miscellaneous Items/ Open business:

- Team Manager Position (previous Drake Flemmer) still open. Beth Anderson to help move forward.
- Need to identify Bantam Level Rep by next meeting
- John Gabos followed up with Steve Kampf regarding tournaments at OIA. Steve will serve as Tournament Director and will manage all logistics. Profits from Tournaments will be split 50?50 between OIA and Booster Board.

New Business: Mike Schroeder

Changes have been made in the wording of several paragraphs of the Move Up Policy. This was done to give the board more flex. More wordsmithing being done with the goal of giving the board maximum flexibility in order to avoid losing players to external programs like Minnesota Made..

J. Gabos and C. Swanson will communicate to coaches Board after cleaning up the wording. Would like to finalize for Sept. Meeting.

More discussion ensued regarding impact of new MN Hockey residency rule. Will continue to monitor effects and and maintain our position against the change in the rule.

S. Robinson made motion to adjourn at 10:33, J. Gabos seconded, meeting adjourned.

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