

**Orono Youth Hockey Booster Board Meeting
May 11, 2009**

Board Members Present: John Gabos, Mike Schroeder, Tony Cleveland, Chris Swanson, Randy Leneave, Terry Ittle, Beth Anderson, Tracy O'Connor, Brian Luedtke, Greg Sampson, Julie Lensing, Steve Robinson, Mark Headrick.

Others Present: Amanda VanOverbecke, Scott Dornfeld (D3)

Meeting called to order 7:10

Minutes are amended and a motion to approve amended Minutes by Gabos, Second by Swanson. Minutes approved.

Introduce Scott Dornfeld – District 3 representative present to discuss recruiting and retention. A statewide project expect MN hockey to publish a booklet by July or August. Mentioned the possibility of trading out of town tournaments for 4 team Jamborees, no trophies and two games on a weekend, one night out of town, helps to reduce expenses. Discussed the enthusiasm for a no checking league. One game per week with referees. Coach need only level one certification.

Discussed player recruitment events. Looking into grants from MN hockey and the Herb Brooks foundation.

MN hockey Summer meeting June 26/27 in St. Cloud.

Scott mentioned Mound had petitioned to Join D3. There have been additional discussions around re-districting. Some teams that could come to D3 are Champlin Park, Buffalo, Coon Rapids, Hopkins, Minnetonka

John Perry is stepping down as D3 director. Scott is running for this seat.

Presidents Report: Mike Schroeder

Ice Scheduling:

John Gabos and John Rosendahl will continue to schedule games ceding regular scheduling functions to the Orono Arena Manager. Ice blocks will be complete by June 1 and submitted to the rink July 1 at the latest. (Dollar amount in the budget)

Skills:

Meeting held. Trying to continue to move the ball forward. A new lead will need to be identified due to the change in the CB. Continue to work on a format and schedule of events with youth and working in the High School Programs. Some nice work being put forth on the goalie side. (Bob Carlson) Mark to review some new initiatives.

Grievance Settled:

The executive committee voted unanimously to accept the grievance committee's (LeNeave, Gabos, Headrick) findings and recommendations to not disqualify the Coach from future coaching opportunities in Orono. A copy of the grievance is available for review after the meeting.

Communications/Membership/Registrations:

Beth Anderson has started to put some language around the communication and Membership functions. We have 3 OYHA members that are willing to draft and carry out the various communication objectives (McDonnell, Cook, Bendrickson). We see these 3 functions as critical to the ongoing health of the organization and look to put more consistency to it. An example is to have all first time and or Mite parents attend a beginning of the season meeting to review the association, expectations, go through the website, and connect the dots as to how a season progresses.

Ice Split among teams:

Suggestions have been made to review team scheduling for all the mite levels with an emphasis on how to lessen the number of players on the ice at a given time. We will discuss the possibility of supplementing ice time with outdoor ice. Another suggestion was made to potentially approach Mound to try and share some ideas and or practices across the levels.

Organizational Changes:

Met with John Gabos to begin to develop an organizational chart complete with division of duties and identifying hours per position. Emphasis is to decentralize and involve more members in the day to day operations.

Scholarship Requests:

Expecting to field more requests due to economic conditions. Would like to put some language around volunteer opportunities for families that may need some financial assistance. We also should keep close tabs on any potential situations and in some cases reach out to some families who may not come forward on their own. The goal is to continue to keep the kids in the program.

Level Rep discussion:

Beth Anderson introduced Amanda VanOverbecke as a candidate to be the Mini-Mite/IMite Level rep. Motion to appoint Amanda by Tony Cleveland, Second by Beth Anderson. Motion was passed.

Board is going to look at list of Coaches Board candidates who are not selected for the Coaches Board to see if there are candidates to fit out open Bantam and Mite slots.

Arena Report- Gabos

Ice is out, expected back in the first week of June.

We sold \$25,000 of Ice in April a very good number. Ice Sales from the summer have been pretty solid also.

Coaches Board report – Mark Headrick

This is Mark's last meeting as chairman of the Coaches Board. This will be taken over by Steve Robinson. Total of 6 Coaches Board positions to be filled. 4 are two year terms and 2 will be one year terms.

Nominees are : Steve Robinson, Chris Willson one year term and, Chad Abraham, Lee Goehring, Rob McClanahan, Dave Berry for a two year term.

Motion to approve nominees by Gabos second by Cleveland. Motion was approved.

Headrick outlined their ideas for improvements for the goalie program next season. Mark mentioned Bob Carlson has stepped up to drive the goalie skills/development part of the program. Mike Schlarth who worked with our Bantam C team this past season is interested in becoming our in house, on ice goalie instructor for all teams. From a financial aspect we are looking at things we can do to recruit and retain goalies such as; providing equipment to all interested goalies up through the 10U/Squitr level, ice fee discount for goalies and subsidization of outside goalie training expenses.

Asked us to plan \$4300 in our budget for equipment and \$5000 for training. One person (Schlarth) \$2500 for the season. This program covers about 20 goalies.

Scott Dornfeld mentioned the Goalie coach must be level 3 certified to be on the ice with all level teams and should be placed on the PWA team roster

Finance- Chris Swanson

We reviewed projected player numbers, fees and expenses. We will approve Fees and Budget at June meeting.

Communications- Beth Anderson.

We are planning fall recruitment open house for Sunday September 20.

Grievance – Randy Leneave.

Grievance committee personnel will meet with the Pee Wee parent prior to the June meeting to close the matter. Coaches board will meet with Coach to provide suggestions for improvement.

Golf Tournament- Marie Suchy(Dean Suchy filling in)

June 22, Monday at Pioneer Creek (same course as past several years) Goal is 100 golfers. Past turn out is in the area of 75. Cost to golf will be \$120. our cost is approximately \$40.00 per golfer.

Live auction no raffle. Electronic invite, no mailer. Dinner sponsor and lunch sponsors are lined up.

Fall Face Off: Mike Schroeder

Date is set for Friday October 23 at the Lafayette Club

Level Rep reports:

Brian Luedtke- Bantam

This is the last week for sign up for summer STP run by Aaron Johnson. Approximately 17 Bantams and 15 PeeWees are signed up.

Meeting to Adjourn by Robinson, Second by Leneave . Motion is passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.