

OYHA Board Meeting Notes October 12, 2009

7:05 Call to Order

M. Schroeder motion to accept minutes as amended. B. Luedtke 2nd. Motion approved

Fall Face-Off Update: Linda Patterson

Final planning is underway – details are falling nicely into place.

- As of 10/12, 150 people have rsvp'd. Trying to encourage more people to attend/rsvp - especially young families.
- There are additional fundraising opportunities during the Face-Off event:
 - Sponsorship banners
 - Silent & live auction
 - Musical chairs
- Need volunteer to chair event next year

Presidents Report: Mike Schroeder

Tryouts

First and foremost hats of to the Coaches Board for orchestrating another masterpiece know as the tryout process. We had 200 plus players run through 4 different scoring sessions.

- **Notable Improvements over 2008**
- Better selection of outside evaluators
- Master schedule produced and followed
- More Booster Board volunteers helping in all aspects
- Team Configurations carefully thought out
- A solution found for the 14U team rainbowd with Armstrong
- Registrations much smoother
- Financial and communication pieces handled quickly reducing the burden on the registrar
- New website very helpful from the communication standpoint
- Schedule worked and reworked to try and accommodate football, soccer, school activities, etc
- Extra Bantam players combined with Mound
- 3 NonParent Bantam Coaches this year
- Move Up possibilities from 8U/Mite not rushed(In Process)
- Contingency Planning by Coaches Board
- Financial Aid request's handled swiftly
- Coach approval handled quickly(Executive Board Email Vote)

- Stauber Goalie IPE Skills Assessment and Feedback

Areas to consider in 2010

- Communication with Mite 8U Parents on Tryout process(Informational meeting)
- Rewording of key policies such as the Move Up Policy to create even more flexibility
- Time allotted at the September board meeting to review tryout process with the Board to help each member answer questions during the process.
- Schedule an Open house to review the process for interested parents
- Understanding the Team Configuration challenges

D3 Notes

Next D3 Meeting Wednesday **Oct 14** Crystal Community Center

October 19 D3 Girls Squirt, C Leagues scheduling meeting 5:00PIC

Roster verification meeting PW, Bantam, 12U

Monday **Nov 2** League play begins 12U, 14U, Pee wee, Bantam

Monday **Dec 7** Squirt and 10U play begins

D3 Update

- Brad McDonnell will attend meeting on 10/14.
- Monday, 11/2 – District play begins 12U, Pee wee, Bantam
- Monday, 12/7 – District play begins Squirt, 10U
- Can't move up try-outs due to MEA break.

High School Update:

- Tryouts scheduled for November 2nd. Parent meeting week of 10/19.

Coaches Board: Steve Robinson

Discussion regarding improvements for tryouts:

- Based on MEA weekend holiday, football & soccer schedules, and prep time needed for the season, tryouts cannot be moved up.
- Suggestion regarding adjusting the early season schedule for Squirts – either finding ice time earlier in the season or moving tryouts back. This will be evaluated in future years.
 - If tryouts were moved back the Squirts could participate in a 'camp' environment. This allows for better evaluations for move-ups and practice time.
 - Need to ensure there is enough time post tryouts to allow for teams to get ready for first tournament.

- There is a suggestion to have make-up opportunities where possible (non-scrimmage) – this poses challenges for getting grader volunteers and equity in tryout process.
- Concern regarding having proper numbers between ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams. As an association we need to ensure consistent guidelines (scores, size, etc) for next year to ensure equal playing time and player development.
- Need to have help from High School hockey coaches to make sure players are ready to play at the high school level.
- Discussion regarding youth female participation
- In future years, provide level reps and parents insight into how tryout evaluations are conducted
- J. Gabos made a motion to close registration for 10U on 10/12. Contacted all players on 8U and 10U teams from last year to ensure all potential players were registered or have declined to play. B. Anderson 2nd. MOTION CARRIED.
- S. Robinson made a motion to move up two youth girls from 8U to 10U based on roster need, in birthdate order. J. Gabos 2nd. MOTION CARRIED.

New members of coaches board have been great additions. Integration of the Boosters and Coaches board is very important.

Treasurers Report: Chris Swanson

Chris Swanson discussed the status of regulatory matters with the Board. He will provide a further update at the October Board meeting. Chris Swanson then discussed the Booster Board’s tax return for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2009. After review by the Booster Board and responding to questions raised by board members, Chris Swanson made a motion to approve the Fiscal 2009 tax return as presented and authorize Chris Swanson to sign and file the return with the IRS and the Minnesota Department of Revenue on behalf of the Booster Board. Motion was seconded by Cleveland. MOTION CARRIED.

Other updates:

- Variance to budget is minimal despite slightly lower player registration due to increased attendance from pre-tryout clinics, late fees, and higher player mix.
- Financial assistance granted to several families based on approval of the Executive board.
- Tournament fees have been paid – favorable to budget.

Membership / Communications: Beth Anderson

- Local vendors have offered to provide hockey association member discount. Discounts will be posted on website.

- Question raised regarding whether outdoor ice will be available. M. Schroeder to follow up with T. Cleveland before Mites open house to provide an update.
- For the November board meeting, B. Anderson will bring forward a proposal regarding the integration of high school and youth hockey websites.
- Pictures are set for November 5th (traveling) and November 12th (in house) – high school mezzanine reserved.

Registration: Julie Lensing

- 422 players registered
- 1 time choice forms being worked on now.
- Working with coaches to get names of team managers and ensure coaches have their forms filed.
- Providing team managers to website and encouraging team managers to make hotel reservations as soon as possible for tournaments. Team managers should ask for free hotel rooms for team managers and coaches.
- 57 coaches have registered with USA Hockey – fees can be reimbursed by sending a request to Chris Swanson
- Mandatory manager and coaches meetings will be posted to the website and sent to S. Robinson for distribution.
- Will engage level reps from non-traveling teams to collect forms and birth certificates
- All screening forms have been received

Equipment manager: Tracy O'Connor

- Monitoring the usage against the Stauber contract
- Jerseys and socks will be ready to be handed out on Wednesday, 10/12 for traveling teams

Grievance: Randy LeNeave

- No grievances to report

Level Representatives

- B. McDonnell reinforced need to educate level reps in future years to be able to better field questions from parents.
- U14 looking for \$2700 for non-parent coaches. This amount is within budget.
- Game scheduling for girls has been merged between Districts.

- Open House on Oct 24th from 1:30 – 2:30 for Mite, Mini-Mites, and I-Mites to answer questions. Members from the coaches and booster boards will be there.
- There is a discrepancy between games scheduled for Bantam A vs. Bantam B. Ice team is available to schedule extra games to even number of games played.

New Business

- Mite move-ups will be discussed at the November meeting
- High school hockey program players have offered to volunteer to assist with the youth program. Need to determine if USA Hockey registration is required - M. Schroeder will research this with Dornfield. All participants (coaches and players) need to wear helmets.

Move to adjourn at 10:21 by T. O'Connor. B. Anderson 2nd. Meeting Adjourned.