

ERRA
Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2009

Members Present: Bob McDonald Sr., Todd Monge, Melissa McDonald, Wendy Ebert, Marilou Niemczyk, Dave Cox, Wade Klessig, Bob McDonald Jr., Jason Boxrucker, Tom Mailette, Tina Basil

Meeting Called to Order by President Bob McDonald Sr. at 18:45.

Secretaries Report from March 2nd, 2009. Motion to accept with a correction of WAHA JV Tourney by Todd M. 2nd by Wendy E. Motion Carried.

Secretaries report from the Emergency meeting March 8th. Motion to accept by Todd M, 2nd by Wendy E. Motion Carried.

Treasures Report: Motion to Accept by Marilou N. 2nd by Wendy E. Motion Carried.

Badger State Men's Tournament

The ERRA has been asked to host the Badger State Games Senior Men's Hockey Tournament every other year starting in 2010. The tournament will run from 3:00pm Friday January 29th to 5 or 6:00pm on Sunday January 31st. This is a "no check" league and will consist of 24 teams. They would rent the ice for \$100.00 per hour. Potential profit is \$8,000 to \$11,000. They are requesting for the ERRA to be responsible for housing the Badger State people in 6-7 hotel rooms, the beer stand to be open continually, a Falcon's game on Saturday night and 6 – 8 locker rooms with showers. The ERRA will supply volunteers for the clock (1), score (1), penalty box (2), and Zamboni in both rinks. Also, someone to man the beer stand. Badger State Games will be responsible for getting Referees. There was a question on the availability of the dates requested. Possibility of looking at the weekend of Jan 23 and 24th.

Motion made by Todd M., to let Junior Stebbins Present Badger State Men's tournament to the men 2nd by Wade K. Motion Carried.

Mac will be the board liaison.

Policy and Procedure Handbook

Wendy prepared and handed out a Policy and Procedure handbook. Question was raised on if we need to include the Figure Skaters.

This is for Hockey only and the Figure Skaters should have their own. Couple of ideas and clarifications discussed. (EX. grievance committee, under disciplinary –chair person, wavier of liability release, sexual harassment, coaches expectations, standards for move ups).

This handbook will be a great tool. Wendy will make the adjustments and provide a final copy.

Mini Mite Summer Camp (Mini Mites only)

This is a great idea to do this. Someone will be needed to run the program. Maybe Charlie will want to do this. Todd will check with Jack about Ice Time. The schedule will need to be checked and a coach will be needed. Jack will be consulted and if all the details work out this will be ok.

History of the Dome Fundraiser

An idea was brought up by Jennifer Fink on this subject. After she read “The History of Eagle River Stadium” in the book about Eagle River history, she learned quite a bit about the original stadium and how it came to be. With all the old photos on the wall and not much description of what was happening and who the people are in the photo, she feels it would be a good idea to research and put together more details on the Dome for future generations. This could be a good money maker as well as provide a detailed history of our Dome. We will need to get some more information from Jennifer on this so Mac will talk to her. (Letter from Jennifer attached).

During discussions it is noted that we should also have a contract with the Hockey Hall of Fame so we know it will always be here. This area should also be locked.

Cooling Plant Leak Update

Todd reports that the insurance will not cover. It appears that anything underground is not covered as part of the ice plant. Question is, “Where does the Ice Plant Insurance End and the Property Insurance start?” Todd is going to talk to General Casualty on this. Letter from Valley Forge Claim Center attached.

ByLaws

Todd reports that he has someone to look at the bylaws. This should be done by the Annual meeting.

Sales Tax Clarification

A question was brought up at the last meeting about taxes on the registration fees. This was looked into and it was found that registration fees are taxable. This is in writing on the State Website under Fees for Sports. Copy attached.

Director and Officer Insurance

Todd reports that we are covered but he is updating the insurance to make sure that we are covered for liability and the decisions that we make.

Marquette Letter Regarding Squirt Tournament

This is in regards to the incident where a parent was escorted out of the rink due to bad behavior. Wendy reports that she has the letter drafted and is taking care of this.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual meeting is April 27th at 7:00pm at Eagle Waters.

The board will meet at 5:00pm prior to the meeting. This was placed into the new paper and cards will be mailed out to the families.

Question was brought up on membership. Who is considered a member? If they are part of the program they can vote. If anyone at the meeting is a non-voting member, to vote they need to pay \$5.00. We will have a member list available when people sign in to confirm that they will be allowed to vote. Wendy will help with this list.

Pepsi and Coke Contracts

Mac had the idea that while we are negotiating with these companies on contracts that we should try and barter for some new glass around the rinks. The idea for maybe some 6 foot by 4 foot glass was discussed. Rough estimate would be about \$13,000.00. This is just a suggestion to keep in mind.

It was also noted that we could use a new Zamboni. Todd reports that there are rinks out there that have some used Zamboni's for sale. If we could find something decent maybe this could be done. Both of our Zamboni's are running rough. The bushings need to be replaced and maintenance needs to be performed. We also need to make sure that our drivers are trained. Maybe even run a Zamboni school.

High School 2nd half fees

We need to get the bill for the 2nd half fees out to the High School. Wendy will work on this.

Vilas Fair

Lois wants to have a contract for the fair for this next year. Mac will talk to her. We should have this all in writing.

Motion to move to closed session at 20:15 by Melissa M. 2nd by Wade K. Motion Carried

Motion to move to open session at 20:25 by Tina B. 2nd by Todd M. Motion Carried.

Other Business

List of Scheduled events needs to be published in the WAHA Book etc. We need to be proactive to get this done. We need to obtain the High School Schedule.

Marilou asked about next years Calendar. Can the Figure Skating Show be moved back into April? Unfortunately this can not be done. The weekend for the Ice Show is open. It is very expensive to keep the ice in so we really do not want to delay ice out. It is noted that the electric to keep the ice up costs about \$300.00 a day.

The Bantam weekend with Rice Lake was cancelled so the Bantams would like a refund. It appears that Rice Lake owes us a refund.

Question on a partial reimbursement for games that were not refereed. The individuals did not make their quota for required games in order to be reimbursed and they are requesting a partial reimbursement. We need to find out why they did not make their quota to make this decision.

Mileage Reimbursement

Melissa requests that we have a set rate on this. We need a reimbursement policy in writing. We also need to have all requests for reimbursements made in writing. Melissa has a form to be used for this. Copy attached.

Coaches Reimbursement for USA Hockey Fees

Melissa has a list of people requesting reimbursement. List was discussed and approved.

We have another request from another player in Iron River to come and play for our 2009 – 2010 season. This player is a second year Squirt. This was discussed and noted that the player must apply and we will vote at that time.

Mac wants to remind everyone that this weekend is the Annual Figure Skating Ice Show.

Motion to adjourn at 20:55 by Dave C. 2nd by Todd M. Motion Carried.

Next meeting will be the Annual meeting on April 27th, 7:00pm at Eagle Waters.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Basil