

OYHA Board Meeting Notes
November 9, 2009

7:05 Call to Order

M. Schroeder motion to accept minutes as amended. C. Swanson 2nd. Motion approved

Fall Face-Off Update: Linda Patterson

2009 event was very successful. Event generated \$17,000 + profit

- Need to begin looking for replacement Chairperson for next year.
- Linda P. will help search / identify. Gretchen Gilbertson possible candidate?

Booster Board would like to recognize Linda and her committee for an excellent job.

Varsity Hockey Report: Aaron Johnson

Varsity Tryouts began on Monday. 35-37 players trying out at present. This is the lowest number in 3 years.

- High School staff continues to be on ice Monday evenings for Skills Groups. Aaron feels the program is going well.
- Best source for Orono HS Hockey info is: www.mnhockeyhub.com

Presidents Report: Mike Schroeder

Move Ups

We had improvements in the move up program that should be noted and improved upon for next year. The timing and thought that went into this was done with more care and thought including not rushing to get it done. In addition we have been presented with other situations where kids wanted to move down that we may need to consider having a more concrete policy for in the future.

Ice Scheduling

In order to make an orderly transition it was determined that we would continue to have a 3rd party schedule the ice for us this year. A fee was agreed upon which was higher than than originally budgeted but when we worked through the math it was comparable with other associations. This will be open for discussion for 2010-2011 as to which path we should take. It is the intention to have the full schedule completed this week to allow for executive committee oversight. We will use the spreadsheets we have available to make sure each team is getting the proper allotment of ice.(run through the math equation in black notebook)

Fee Structure

We will need to add as a discussion point the potential to change how we charge fees for the A,B,C travel team levels. A's pay more = more ice time etc. We may want to

consider this only at the highest levels initially (ie Bantams, 14U's) before we bring it to say the PeeWee Levels.

Mite Program

I am hearing great things about the mites. We are doing a beginning and end of year report card that has been developed by MN Hockey. Basically the kids get tested on certain skills now and then they do it once more at the end of the year. A report card is produced for each player showing areas of improvement.

Goalie Program

I continue to hear great things about this program. A clinic was held with Robb Stauber, coaches, and of course the goalies themselves that was basically full. If you have a chance keep an eye on The Crease as we progress through the season.

Rainbow Teams

I have heard positive comments back from both teams(Bantam C and 14U's) It appears the teams are gelling and the kids are adjusting to their new teammates. We were also able to pick up an additional goalie for our Bantam B2 team from Delano. All parties seem to be happy with this situation as well.

Arena Report: Chris Hickock

- AED training scheduled for next Monday, November 16
- 5 openings left. Training is 2 ½ hours
- Steve Krampf using Ice Max in water as ice is made. Cost is about \$250 per month, added savings of approximately 10% on \$8000 water bill.
- Added 2nd flat screen TV in lobby near concessions.
- Time clock is in place and operational
- Concession stand is stocked, up and running.

Coaches Board: Steve Robinson

- Reiterated positives of new goalie program
- Mite program is going well
- Scott Steffan will be working with teams in skills sessions.
- Major objective of CB to get Aaron and Staff more involved in skills sessions. Working out well so far.
- Tony Cleveland continuing to work with Randy G, Mayor of Long Lake in order to negotiate and secure outdoor ice as it becomes viable
- Discussion regarding youth female participation
- Lengthy discussion ensued on ice scheduling: Issues, complaints, process, etc.

Treasurers Report: Chris Swanson

- Finalizing documentation for payment of non-parent coaches. Need to answer question of HOW we pay the coaches,
- Coaches compensation budget is approximately triple compared to last year.
- We have 4 non-parent coaches on the payroll this year.
 - Coaching Budget
 - Bantam A/B \$3000 HC, 1500 AC's = \$4500 staff TTL
 - PeeWee A \$2000 , \$1500 \$3500
 - 14U **\$2700** \$1500 \$4200
 - 12UA \$2000 \$1500 \$3500
- Total Coaches Budget \$12,500
- Pond Ice payment: Steve Krampf to review each month to ensure we are getting what we pay for.
- Many Tournament changes this year. Last payments of 1/3 splits due this month. Seven or eight payments have not cleared as of this meeting.\ Chris W. following up.
- Overall budget status: Top line favorable to budget.

Membership / Communications: Beth Anderson

- Pictures are complete for traveling teams.
- Addressing Mite/8U/Mini mite scheduling issues

Registration: Julie Lensing

- Mite Level play begins this coming Saturday. Roster verification is on Wednesday of this week.
- 23 second year Mites are registered. 10 first year mites are being selected to play on the 3 on 3 travel team.
- Roster Verification also thgis coming Wednesday for Squirt C, 10U
- Registration going well, very busy time of season

Grievances: Randy LeNeave

Nothing to report this month.

Equipment Manager: Tracy O'Connor

- Jerseys left in equipment room are a mess. Currently sorting out.

- One Goal Kits have been a big success. All smaller (red) One Goal kits have been checked out.
- Still 10 large One Goal Kits available to check out.

D3 Report: Brad McDonald

*Brad has agreed to take on D3 Rep role. Thanks Brad!

- All referee clinics are complete
- Rec level league being formed in Plymouth
- **November 23: Mandatory Meeting: Coaches and Managers. Meeting is at the Brooklyn Park CC, 7:00 pm (squirt, U10, U14)**
- Brad asked that D3 coaching Clinic schedule be sent to all Coaches, Managers

Level Representatives

- 8U, 10U going well. Good team configurations, good dynamics.
- One Issue: Fargo Tournament scheduled over New Years Holiday.
- Lee Martini
 - U12: B coaches certification being addressed.
 - Christin Berg broke wrist. May be quitting for season, may be looking for refund.
 - 14U: Team finalized
 - High School keeping all 4 8th graders who tried out.
 - Looks like Metro wide trend fo many 8th/9th graders to be playing HS hockey.
- Amanda Van Overbeke Imite/MiniMite
 - A lot of upset parents because schedule is late being released.
 - Level Reps need more info to effectively do job.
- Brian Luedtke: PeeWee going well at current time
- Scott Noerenberg: Bantam C practicing, A and B have started game schedule
 - Bantam A; Need to address ice issue-need some solo ice
 - Move Up/Move down issue- Number of 2nd year bantam parents are inquiring about how it will be handled.
 - Need to look at Junior Gold or U16 options for next year

New Business

- 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.
- Issue brought up that High School pplayers working with youth groups on the ice are not covered by Hs insurance at that time. Do we want/need to cover insurance as an association. Discuss with Coaches Board, Aaron Johnson

Move to adjourn at 10:08 by T. Cleveland. T O'Connor 2nd.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:08