

St. Peter / Le Sueur Hockey Association  
Board of Director's Meeting  
February 10, 2010, 6:30pm St. Peter Community Center  
Traverse des Sioux Room

Present Board Members: Russ Burg, Juli Sowder, Kirsten Hansen, Terry Hoehn, Todd Wilmes, Susan Pudwill, Craig Kleschult, Dave Mata, Rod Bruce, Jim Rusch

Guests: Missy Grams, Aaron Hoiland, Layne Wilbright, Shawn Weicks, Jason Gibbs

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Call to Order: President Burg called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Approval of Agenda: Pudwill makes a motion to approve agenda, Kleschult seconds; motion carries

Approval of Minutes: Approved via email

Aaron Hoiland: Timed drills at beginning of season and again in January. Saw progress in speed in the majority of kids. Could visually see improvement from session to session. Coaches attended and were involved. Gave positive feedback about drills they liked, but not aware if these were incorporated into regular practices. At midway point of season, they tried to incorporate more game situation drills rather than just skating drills.

Juli would like to incorporate the coaches more next year so they can become familiar with the drills to expand our library of drills to incorporate into practices.

Dave felt the emphasis was supposed to be more on power skating rather than puck handling. Would like to see the coaches and HOC meet with Aaron and Shawn prior to the start of clinics to get everybody on the same page.

Todd would like to see the sessions broke up into 3 or 4 skill sessions where drills that were worked on at the beginning of the hour could be implemented in 3 on 3 game play at end of hour.

Layne Wilbright: Le Sueur Community Center-Needed 60 hours in first 3 weeks of season since we asked to have earlier ice. Is a seasonal facility and needed to cover costs of turning the compressors on early and maintaining the integrity of the ice. Feels that we are 26.5 hours short of the agreement that was made at beginning of season. Board understood that we would meet the 60 hour/3 week requirement, but that over the course of the season the ice hours would be roughly the same as last year. However, last year's hours could be lightly skewed as there were problems with the Gustavus rink last year. All agreed that communication was the problem and that any further agreements would be done in writing.

High school practices and games get scheduled in July. Bulldog Association had next opportunity to schedule. Our district games are scheduled at beginning of October. Then scheduling opportunities go to Montgomery and New Prague.

Le Sueur is looking to do a roof renovation in the next couple of years. Looking at possibly doing dehumidification which would reduce utility costs and they would be able to keep ice available longer. Also in discussions is making the rink more spectator friendly. That would involve putting the team benches on the other side of rink but they would be a foot shorter and would also block a set of exit doors so that would need to meet fire code.

Unfinished Business

- GAC ice bill—was bill just for association hours or did it include Hoiland clinic hours as well? Terry is working with Barb and Aaron to make sure the association is not billed for the ice time multiple times.

- District 9 reassignment update—Last District 4 meeting will be in April and then we officially become District 9. District will most likely be divided into East/West or North/South.

#### New Business

- Volunteer hours-how many need to be filled over the season vs. the requirements set up for families. Terry has \$8800/volunteer checks that have not earned them back yet. Also has \$2200 that have been earned.  $\$8800/10 = 880$  hours.  
Concession stand for 3 months open Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5 and 20 (approx) high school home games at 4 hours totals 224 hours with 3 people at a time would be 672 hours. Rich has 200 hours for the District tournament for a total of 872.  
Other opportunities include golf tournament and there were numerous committee positions that were available.  
Terry suggests that there be a volunteer coordinator.  
Need to establish what date concession stand will open (try-outs)  
Look into getting electronic DIBs volunteer tool
- Situation arose where a multi-player family had one child drop out of the program. Resolution was that volunteer hours were waived and fundraising for candy bars transferred over to child that was still active in the program.

#### Officers and Committees Reports

- President –
- Treasurer – Hoehn submitted Treasurer’s report. The report shows a beginning balance of \$19,271.28 and an ending balance of \$7,058.78. Rusch makes motion to approve, Pudwill seconds, motion carries.
- Hockey Operations – Identified additional items to consider in determining coaches for next year.
- Ace Coordinator – Good article in hockey magazine about Minnetonka hockey. Good read for all. Good article about women’s hockey as well.
- Fundraising - Very little to report on Fundraising this month. We are in the middle of the Club's Choice fundraiser. Orders are due next Monday. Only turn in order forms, no money. Rod has had a few questions and quite a few requests to buy out but nothing too difficult.
- Marketing – Not a lot going on with marketing, there is 1 new dasher board, The Friendly Confines Cheese Shoppe. They contacted Layne and it went up recently, check out their pizza if you get a chance.

Layne and Susan met last week about the cost for rink sponsors to renew after their original term is up. There is a discount to renew as long as there is no change to their sign.

#### Renewal Discounts Starting the 2010-2011 Season

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>
Sides of Zamboni	\$150	\$300
Top of Zamboni	\$150	\$300
Front of Zamboni	\$100	\$200
Dasherboard	\$150	\$300
Window Vision	\$100	\$200

This is something we should consider for team sponsors if they are willing to renew, there could be some type of price break. New sponsors have not been easy to find this year.

- Operations:

- Registrar - The mites and mini mites were rostered under one roster each. the MMs were rostered as a house team, as in years past. Because they plan to play a tourney this year, they have to be switched to a traveling team. Ronda's understanding was that the larger rosters could be approved, after signed, and then a sort of supplemental roster would be created to reflect the M tourney teams. Ronda either forgot, or wasn't aware that the MM's were going to do a tourney. Honestly, she just didn't make the connection that a tourney meant a different type of roster.

The other issue was around the fact that parents signed the rosters for the kids. The district would like the kids to sign, though they will waive that for this year. Again, in past years, parents have been allowed to sign for the kids. There is no "contract" that the signature on the roster binds, so the issue of wanting the kids to sign is purely to give the kids feeling of ownership--belonging to the team. We will have the M and MM sign themselves next year.

So, Ronda will re-roster all of the kids onto 6 different rosters. We will have 3 traveling M teams, 2 traveling MM teams, and one house MM team--this last team will include all of the kids who aren't planning to play in the tourney. The reason we are making the last team a house team is because there is one child on there who has been practicing as a MM but who is actually M age.

All M and MM coaches will be included on all 6 rosters. They will initial the rosters on Thursday. The children will not be required to sign. The parents' signature on the already signed rosters will be accepted for this year.

Some parents have not supplied birth certificates, or did not supply government-issued certificates. There is a chance that these kids may not be able to participate in the tourney, if the books are examined and anyone feels like making an issue of the missing BC's.

There is a process in place to make sure the stamped rosters are in the hands of the M and MM coordinators in time for the tourney.

Ronda does intend to be Registrar again next year. The learning curve this year was steep, for a lot of reasons. There were new coaches and coordinators, and a new registrar on top of that caused some unanticipated bumps in the road. Ronda's working on a list and timeline of what needs to be done and when. She will be making some recommendations to the board in person at a later date.

- District Rep –Main topic was a huge influx of major penalties in District 4. Checking from behind. Coaches being kicked out of games.

Checking from behind total our association: 15

They want to know what teams can do to reduce these penalties. Send recommendations if any to Craig to take to next district meeting.

- Association Team Coordinator – Traveling Showcase trophy is on backorder so Missy has made certificates for recognition. Will check other locations to see if a trophy can be obtained quicker.  
Inquiring about contacting businesses for coupons to put out at tournament. Lori Pleisies had been contacting Le Sueur businesses. Will check with Rich.  
Need a checklist from Rich of things/items that have been accomplished for tournament. Will submit to entire board in case any additions need to be made.
- Tournament Coordinator - Rich went to the district 4 meeting with Craig. Sounds like there is an average of 8 to 11 complaints a week filed with District board. Our association has been involved in what Rich would consider minor incidents. A lot of complaints this season regarding coaches, and staff at tournaments. Once again we have not hosted any tournaments at this point. It was recommended that our tournament staff regulate parent conduct during the tournament. As tournament director, to ask an individual(s) to leave if they are causing a disturbance or directed by refs. The person will be removed for the rest of the tournament and if returns police are to be contacted and basically detained and removed by them. The incident that was brought forth was a man was removed 8 times during a game. Just continued to re-enter though another door. Police removed him the 8th time. A heads up was given in regards to the incident from a New Prague game with our own. We have a team in the tournament that has excellent chances at winning Districts. Our parents have had outstanding behavior during games this season, we must continue this during these games. Our players and coaches have worked hard and we do not want their efforts tarnished. We cannot be bias towards our parents if a behavior issue comes up.

Donuts will be ordered from the Cub bakery for Saturday and Sunday morning. Also, the Davis family has bought advertising on the boards. Rich has created a third concession position for pizza pick up from the Cheese Store. They provide brick oven pizzas and Rich would like to show our willingness to work with them, after all the family sponsors the Minnesota Wild through Cambria. Won't they be a great sponser of the association. In the past we conducted a hot dog eating contest. Cathy Johnson and Deb Swanberg got Ambassador cased hotdogs at the same price. Rich believes the highest team count was 465 hotdogs to win and 2nd came within 20 dogs. Last time we had a hot dog eating contest the winning team had maybe had 65 hotdogs. Remember, we are hosting and want return tournaments and teams. We had very good comments regarding good hotdogs and Rich would not recommend a rate increase, let's sell volume to make tournament profits.

The EMT's: Rich has the committed certified volunteers and crash bag for the tournament. The issue is insurance and Rich is working on that with MN and District Officials. If required, Rich will check on a limited liability policy with an insurance broker for three days. Rich has been in contact with the president of the Le Sueur ambulance service in regards to them providing the service and/or insurance. They charge \$15 an hour 2 hours a game. Whatever is the cheapest is what Rich will do. Lori Billmeyer volunteer issue is resolved; she is helping with booklets and EMT for the tournament.

Lori Plieseis is working with local businesses and Lange regarding coupons and business involvement.

Rich will require signed blank checks for each ref. The refs are to be paid at the end of their final game. They are assigned by the District which games. This is directed by the District. Also need a check for document booklet printing.

Volunteers, Rich has not filled the primary positions completely at this time, but close. After the tournament Rich will compile a list of hours required for a tournament, what were weak and/or strong areas. Then, we will have this documented for planning to host invitational tournaments for next year and the number of volunteer hours available will be even greater. The same is true with concessions. Rich also will compile the needs and volunteer hours for a pancake breakfast during the tournament. Rich has been involved with the Shriners on such a breakfast. If we offer a pancake breakfast on Sunday between 8am and 1 pm the families of the teams would come and we attract members of the local church community also.

- Website -
- Equipment –

#### Team Reports

- Bantam B – Number one seed
- Peewee A – Number 2 seed, behind Mankato
- Peewee B – Play-in game (have to win 2 games to get into Districts)
- Girls U12 – Play-in game (have to win 2 games to get into Districts)
- Squirt A -
- Squirt B -
- Mites – 3 teams in New Ulm Jamboree
- Mini mites – 2 large teams in New Ulm Jamboree

#### Open Forum

Jason Gibbs understands that scheduling is difficult but is suggesting that scheduling should be more consistent/standardized for each team. Also suggests earlier coach selection.

#### Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- March 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm, Waldo's
- Adjournment- Sowder motion to adjourn, Mata seconds, motion carries