

ERRA
Meeting Minutes for February 1st, 2010

Members Present: Bob McDonald Sr., Wade Klessig, Maria Zingler, Darren Rubo, Rodney Sternhagen, Wendy Ebert, Bob McDonald Jr., Jason Boxrucker
Absent: Todd Monge, Dave Cox

Meeting called to order by President Bob McDonald Sr. at 19:45.

Secretaries Report from December 21st, 2009. Motion to Accept by Darren R. 2nd by Wade K. Motion carried.

Treasures Report: Few questions on bills from High School, sign rentals and pop machines. Motion to accept by Darren R. 2nd by Wade K. Motion carried.

Pond Hockey

Mac reports that we have enough score keepers. There is a potential to make around \$4000.00 from this event. There will be nescos of chili and there will be hot chocolate and coffee. Todd is donating his 6 wheeler to run results around. There will be some port potties out on the ice also. It was brought up that WAHA should be informed about Pond Hockey as there are some other things going on at the same time that conflict. That could give us an even better turnout for this event as there would be more people available. It is noted that USA Hockey and WAHA are different entities. Mac says that Al asked why the girls were not asked to help. Mac said if anyone can help they should let him know. Wendy volunteered her kids to help run results. Mac will get some money from Jason to pay some of the college kids that come to help. It has gotten tougher to get people to help. We still need help on Friday and Saturday. Friday and Saturday starts at 10:00am. Mac says that he has a meeting tomorrow morning. They are going to start plowing and flooding. Mac says that 6 rinks are rough but they will be flooded. The ice was not good for a while but with the recent cold the ice is much better. There are over 200 teams and about 30 teams have been turned away. A clarification about the Ref's, If they get paid they do not get volunteer hours. This year a banner will be put up to thank the Fire Department.

Mac says he received a phone call from the Special Olympics people. They asked about selling Chili at this event. It's really a USA Hockey decision. Mac suggested that if the Special Olympic people have anyone that would like to help out that we would give money to them. We would not just give money but they would earn it.

Contaminated soil

The contaminated soil has been removed.

Pro Shop

Bobby says that he heard the complaint about the pro shop closing early. He says that when the pro shop closed early it was because he told them too. He says that the pro shop was not busy so why pay someone to be there.

Thank You

Thanks to Wade for shoveling the roof.

Web Site

There have been some questions on open ice. Darren is working on a way to identify this better. Also he is working on locker room scheduling.

Question was raised on the access to the website. Do we want the kids names and stats on there? We need to have some guidelines. Maybe just post the game stats. Parents would need to sign release forms.

Game Scheduling

We need to start thinking of doing this earlier to be ahead of the game.

Early Registration

Wendy says that a July registration would help get us some numbers early. Darren says that he has registration on the website and people could use this and pay by credit card.

DSL

Mac talked to Mrs. Collins about this. It is about \$300.00 to install and \$89.00 a month normally but they would give us a break and charge us \$59.00 a month. Verizon offers a free install and \$39.00 a month. We will need to look more into this.

Security and Fire System

We need to look at this and make sure it is working. All the equipment was installed a long time ago. We need to come up with codes so that there will be security for the office.

Sign Rentals

Does anyone want to do this job? Maybe Wendy could put out an email to look for volunteers.

Darren brought up the idea of getting digital pictures of the signs to put on the website. Also all signs must be uniform.

Other Business

Bobby suggested that maybe we should hire a full time person to handle all the rink things. We would need to put together a job description, figure out hours and what the job would pay. This maybe something we could set up for the future.

We need to send a Thank you letter to NNEX for the 8 years of hosting our site. They give us our dial up service for free. Maybe give them the sign rental fee if they have a sign.

Wendy says that there are questions from parents about other hours. There were a few tournaments cancelled that parents usually get there 5 other worker hours from. The question was, "Will we wave their 5 other hours for their tournaments?" Answer is no. There are lots of opportunities for doing other hours. For the tournaments that were cancelled, maybe we could have smaller tournaments and charge a small fee. That way we could still utilize the ice.

Wendy says that there have been some problems with the Figure Skaters doing their hours. This concerns the families that were doing the first 8 weeks of skating to try out the program. Some families are not doing the assigned hours or not coming back. We have a list of families that need these hours.

Also there are two families that are looking to exchange concession hours for other services (trades such as carpentry). We will work on putting together a list of what could be done around the arena. Maybe we could keep a list in the office or on the board for projects that could be done. Maybe even put this list on the website.

Our Registrar would like to know how far her authority goes on families that still owe ice fee's. We need to get the list and need to speak with these families as children can be pulled from the ice.

Motion to move to Closed Session by Wade K at 20:20 2nd by Tina B. Motion carried.

Motion to Open session by Wade K. at 20:30 2nd by Rodney S. Motion carried.

Rodney reports that some people have complained about 3 on 3 going on during spring break. It was noted that the 3 on 3 have been done on spring break before. Sorry but this will not change.

Mac had a question on the Figure Skating Clinic that happened in January. "Does the ERRA make any money from this?" The coaches that teach at this clinic make money for the lessons that they teach. "Do these coaches pay anything to the ERRA?" This question needs to be asked to the Figure Skating Club. Tina says that any money made by the Figure Skating Club is used for uniforms and props for the ice show. The coaches that come to our clinics are brought in due to their high levels/talents and are there to help the girls increase their skills. This has been being done for years.

Rodney asked about the number of figure skaters on the ice in the Dome when games are being played in the other rink. This question has been answered many times in the past.

Motion to adjourn by Tina B. at 20:35. 2nd by Wendy E. Motion carried.

Next meeting February 15th, 2010 at 18:30.

Respectfully Submitted by Tina Basil