

DYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010
6:00 P.M.

National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium Conference Room

1. Call to Order by Mike Belmont

Current Board Members Present:

Mike Belmont, Erin Coates, Eric Ellingboe, Samantha Hancock, Shawn Kelly, Ben Kluesner, Brian McCoy, Brian Rieckens, Dawn Savary, Marilyn Snyder, Lisa Thormann, John Tigges, Duane Tucker, and Dave Zillig.

Excused: Tim Weber, and Mark Wolff

Board Members Not Present and Not Approved: none

2. Motion to approve the March minutes by Lisa Thormann, seconded by Ben Kluesner, and carried. *Minutes approved with the following correction: Change “Dubuque Saints” to “Dubuque Fighting Saints” in the section about changing the name of the Stars.

3. Treasurer’s Report:

Dawn Savary gave the report. Correction to the January treasurer’s report: January’s report showed \$5,200, amount moved from the girl’s team to the travel team. It should have said \$10,200. On all the treasurer’s reports, the number at the bottom of the report should be 0.00 on the first page.

February: AR, under Fundraiser Travel Team, Dawn is waiting for one more check to balance out the amount. Note the NSF amount is down to just 1 check. Income statement, under fundraiser house league, the income of \$336 should not be there it should be under NSF. Referees were reimbursed \$35 for clinic fees. If they referee more than 5 games they are reimbursed. Under Misc A/R – in January the \$600 was for the Little Stars to play in the Iowa Games. The \$600 was paid out and then reimbursed by the Little Stars.

Motion to approve by Ben Kluesner, seconded by Duane Tucker, all in favor motion carried.

March: A/R credits are in travel team’s accounts yet to be closed out. These will be closed within next month. NSF checks are all cleared. Rental deposits in Liabilities, \$2,485 was paid out, but there are still many more not turned in. Tim Weber said he has had 8 sets turned in to him at Anderson Weber. At registration, those who still owe fees will be flagged to pay before they can register for the new year. \$67.75 was spent for the year end party raffle items. Under Expenses, \$973.89 was spent on the year end party, that includes the ice fee for the night. Mike Belmont said it appears the income is down for the year. Dawn said the Little Stars program was better than we thought. Brian

McCoy said he had estimated \$7 or \$8,000 in cost for the Little Stars program. Mike said that registration was down for the year, there were no team sponsors for jersey's, product sales were down from what was budgeted from last year, and stick and puck was down this year from last. Sponsor ads on the website were suggested. Duane said it is designed for that. Mike asked about site trackers for the website.

Duane Tucker made the motion to approve, Dave Zillig seconded, all in favor.

4. Old Business

- A. Changing name to Junior Saints: Mike-continued discussion. The website is in favor of the Stars logo at a 2-1 voting. Duane Tucker said he thinks people might be cautious of the new team. This might be a topic to re-visit next year.
- B. Summer action list: Erin will be working on the house league for the upcoming year. Dawn asked about online registration for the new season. Duane said it could be done but we need to decide soon. Duane said the website we purchased will interface with the USA hockey website. There is a one-time fee and a fee per registration user. Duane will get this information together for the next meeting. Dawn mentioned that she felt people weren't keep up to date, since we don't use the newsletter anymore. People need a reminder to go and check out the website. John Tigges asked if we should we pursue the online registration even if we are behind? Brian McCoy said we spent money on the website, laptop, external hard drive, etc. Dawn said we paid \$992 in bank fees, which is the cost for us to run credit cards through the bank at registration. Mike Belmont said part of the registration should still be face to face.
- C. Change to end of year meeting: Mike said the Bylaws state there should be a year of end party and the meeting with an agenda. It is mostly younger kids and families at the party and older kids with their parents are not voting because they are not attending. There should be a separate meeting from the year end party-dinner and meeting at one time, absentee voting, and making sure all the people running for board positions are on the ballot. Mike suggested we follow the format that is in the bylaws. Lisa Thormann suggested we put this on the calendar.
- D. New board member packets: Done
- E. Fundraising for new rink: Mike said the brick campaign is getting started. There will be 4x4 pavers for engraving and printed material coming out soon. Info should be available by next meeting.
- F. Volunteer labor for new rink: Mike said this has already been discussed, piping and installing the seats onto the bleachers.

5. Committee Reports (Include Checklists)

- A. Apparel/Merchandise: Dave turned money into Dawn. We still have about \$5,000 worth of apparel for sale. Online sales would be a possibility.
- B. Bylaws: Mike said there are a few changes that need to be made. We need to recommend changes in the next few months, so they can be refined and voted on at the year end.
- C. Coaching/Evaluations: Nothing to report.

- D. Equipment/Rental Program: All the stuff moved to Anderson Weber storage. Mike thanked everyone who helped move stuff.
 - E. Fundraising: Lisa said next month she will contact businesses for the cards. There will be a Trivia night held closer to registration date.
 - F. Golf Outing: June 4 is the new date for the golf. Mike stated that Dave is not interested in heading the event. Last year we raised \$14,355, spent \$5,002 and made roughly \$8-\$9,000. Erin would be willing to co-chair or be on a team to help with the golf outing. All the board solicits donations and we need someone to solicit people. John Tigges said he would be willing to help. Coordination is the biggest key. Erin, John and Dave will help head the golf outing.
 - G. House League: Mike said the house league information should be finalized before it is brought before the group.
 - H. Ice/Referee Schedules: Mike asked if there were any issues with refs? Lisa said the younger refs did a good job this year.
 - I. Website: Duane can email changes if you get them to him. Dave suggested making sure the team moms know how to update their pages. Duane suggested maybe having a meeting to get people going on their page.
 - J. Pictures/Awards: Nothing
 - K. Public Relations/Promotions: Mike said we need to do the Community Page for the Telegraph Herald, and flyers at the schools – to get approval. Dave said we should hand out flyers at the soccer complex again as it was worth it. Brian McCoy said for the Little Stars program, there is a 3 year payback on the free program. Dave received a message from TH Community Sports Desk to post our scores on their web site and it is free program. The team manager can post or give the info to Duane.
 - L. Registration: Nothing
 - M. Scholarships: Dawn brought up something that came up this year. If someone applies for a scholarship and then they went to play travel team, should this be allowed? Lisa said we helped pay for their scholarship to play House League. Mike said we didn't have a lot of competition for the money and that is why we decided to okay it. The scholarships should be evaluated on a case by case basis.
 - N. Travel Team: Dawn thought closed tryouts was a good idea. Mike stated he anticipated some feedback, but there wasn't any. Not many complaints this year. Ben Kluesner suggested Travel Teams figure in money for goalie coaching. Byron Porter said he has a goalie coach who could come and help. Ben said he will put together some ideas. Eric Ellingboe said that Dodgeville has a goalie camp weekly as well. Erin Coates also said Joe Ryder worked with the girl's team quite a bit this year. Dawn said to make sure it is in before the travel team budgets for the season.
6. Monthly Checklists
- A. April: Quarterly gambling and sales tax due, Annual by-law meeting, rental refunds, review all surveys, prepare board personal contact information, set meeting dates for the summer (Wednesday's work better for people), review committee assignments, organize coaching manuals, School district flyers, and Midwest Meeting in May.

7. New Business

A. Appreciation Dinner: Mike said all board members and spouses are welcome to attend an appreciation dinner. The organization pays for the dinner. An email will be sent around for date and time.

B. High school meeting: Ben Kluesner attended the meeting. There will be another meeting in May after the Midwest League meeting. 4 out of the 5 players might come back and play and there will be a change in coaches, with 3 or 4 that want to play. Ben volunteered himself to be a liaison between High School and the Board. Jim Goodman, Ben Kluesner, Tim Weber, and Bob Moldenhauer are going to be the coaching committee on the high school team. There will be a report at the June meeting. Lisa said the Dubuque Youth Hockey Association and the High School are both under DYHA. The High School team is essentially like a travel team to us, they are allowed to govern themselves, and some of their leadership has isolated them from us. Lisa said she does all their scheduling. The DYHA board approves their coach, they don't have their own by-laws, and they can come to us with problems. We need to bring them back together and allow them independence and work together. We have tried to re-connect and are happy that the board is trying to associate with them. Ben said this year will be tough, and the youth program should be a filter for the high school team. The youth kids should look up to the High School team as a goal to work towards. Mike said it is important to get everyone on the same page and then move up and work as a team. High school coach could help with the youth coaches. Byron Porter is interested in working with the high school team or youth coaches. Lisa said we might have to start paying some of the upper level coaches.

C. USA Hockey Insurance

8. Recap

9. Next Board Meeting - Tuesday, or Wednesday, May 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at Anderson Weber.

10. Adjournment: By motion duly made by Duane Tucker and seconded by Erin Coates, the meeting was adjourned.