

MEETING MINUTES (OCTOBER 6TH, 2009)

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. at the Becker Community Center

Present was Brad Weber, Barb Smithling, Jeff Phiel, Mike Reasoner, Theresa Slominski, Greg Kosch, Chadd Gundberg, Brice Green, not present Trent Bunes

Other attendees: Todd Weise, Myron Carlson, Scott Johannes, Krisha Friede, Chris Stalpes, John Samuelson (new high school hockey coach)

Reviewed and approved September 8th and September 15th meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Theresa, seconded by Jeff and approved by all.

The August 4th minutes were not reviewed and will need to be reviewed and approved at the November meeting.

Theresa reviewed fiscal year end financial report, motion to approve as made by Brice, seconded by Chadd and approved by all.

Greg presented the Program Directors report.

Michael from the Mitron program will be here Dec 12th or 13th for another skating camp. Ice will need to be scheduled for the event.

Coaching staff is in place but could use more support in the A-Mite level

Learn to Skate program, would be ideal to start registration at the second session of the program

Operations Director – scheduling tournaments for the teams and jamborees for the Mites. Princeton will be hosting a Jamboree this year.

D-10, not a lot of discussion due to a Vikings game. Need to check the D-10 website for mandatory Team Manager meetings.

Chadd is working on the volunteer site on our web page. Making it more user friendly and automated. This will be more beneficial for future events.

Chadd to review and update player lists, it contains names of players on wrong levels and skaters that have left the association.

Mike – fundraising, 309 people attended the pancake breakfast. Of those attending 168 purchased tickets at the door. Approximately \$1575 was collected at the door. We need to send an email out to have families turn their money for the tickets to any board member. Money can also be sent into the post office box.

Streamline Automotive donated discount cards to our association. These can be sold and used as a fundraiser for the association at no cost to us.

Mike will be inviting a new vendor to a meeting to discuss a new fundraising opportunity. This is the same program that Princeton conducts and is the only one they offer. More information to follow on this topic.

Jill Downs is working on the wreath fundraising and is comparing the company that Trent supplied to the vendor that has been used in the past.

A note needs to be added to the web site to let families know that this information is going to be

available soon.

Chris Staples gave a brief update in the Ice Association's progress. The state bonding committee will be in Big Lake on Oct 26th around 10:00 AM to tour the Ice Arena site and have a brief stop at the city Hall. This will give them an opportunity to view what we are asking for in our bonding request. Signs and banners need to be made and displayed the night before their visit. There was also a discussion on getting local businesses involved in showing their support. Signs and banners around our businesses would be beneficial. A date will be set-up to have families come together to make signs and banners for this effort.

Families helping with the sign effort will have the time applied to their volunteer hours. Mike made a motion to approve the volunteer hours, Brice seconded the motion and all approved.

Chris asked for a check to make the October payment on the land taxes. This was approved earlier in the year when the budget was approved. The check to be available at the end of the board meeting.

There is a need for more volunteers to work on the capital pledge drive. Three volunteers offered to help after the parent meeting. The Ice Association would like to have 10 people to help raise \$250,000.

Todd asked about the value of selling the current property and asking the city to donate land for the arena since it would be city owned in the future. The proceeds from the sell to be applied to the building. There is a group of people from the local government entities and schools that work on this project and many options have been looked at in the past. There are several options and contingencies in the works and any of the Ice Board members welcome any questions people have. Currently no changes will be looked at this close to the Bonding Committee's visit.

The BBLYH, Ice Association and Blue Line Club have made a commitment to meet quarterly, this will keep them updated on all associated hockey business.

Pictures are scheduled for Nov 16th at the Becker Middle School, information to be posted to the web site.

Scott Johannes gave an update on the Golf Tournament that the Blue Line is hosting on Oct 17th. The goal is to have 25 teams and 10 of those from the youth association. Youth will get \$75 for each team that supply. All youth will golf for free with a parents foursome teams. This is a fun event and they want to expand it next year to be held in August and have enough teams to reserve the golf course for the event.

John Samuelson came to the meeting to introduce himself to our organization. John is the new high school coach and is from Pine City. He just completed college with an Elementary Education degree. He grew up playing hockey and has a lot of new ideas for the team. Some discussion was centered on how the high school team can interact more with the youth levels. Some of the ideas are to have them help coach and mentor the youth. Have the youth skate between the high school games. Currently there is only 7 or 8 home games in scheduled to be played in Princeton. The first game is in Detroit Lakes in December. There won't be a JV team this year but plan to work on putting one together for next year.

A brief discussion took place on whether or not new teams should be posted at the pancake breakfast. Nothing was decided at this time.

Mite jerseys haven't been ordered yet; there was a delay until teams were posted. A question came up as to if the Mites needed two colored jerseys or would one color be enough for each team as long as each team has a different color. There was also a discussion on the current logo. Should the logo be changed so there are fewer colors? No decision as this time but will be looked at a later time.

Krishna and Barb are Team Manager Coordinators this season and asked if team bags can be purchased for the team managers. The bag would include the association logo on the bag. It would allow better organization of supplies and documentation needed at games and make it easier for team managers to find each other at games. Bags haven't been looked at yet; they will come back to the board with more information and prices.

Question was brought up concerning the SKATE program. There is a benefit to recognizing and rewarding the youth that work hard and earn good grades. Jeff made the motion to keep the program, Greg seconded the motion and all approved.

Barb asked the board to consider paying the gratuity to Trinity the waitress that helped at the Pancake Breakfast. She did an excellent job helping the volunteers. Tom made minimal revenue on the event and the association should offer to pay the extra for her help. This will be considered once the final costs are looked at. The amount asked for was \$100.

The Goaltending clinic is posted for the kids to participate in. see if the coaches are interested in helping and learning on how to coach and drill their goalies.

Flower reimbursement was discussed again. There was an issue in the past when a non-board member was approved to order flowers, the arrangement was not communicated and an additional arrangement was sent. Due to the miscommunications the payment will be made but in the future only board members will order the flowers. Details and clarifications have been added to the Policy available on the web site. Jeff motioned for the approval of the payment, Greg seconded the motion and all approved.

Barb to send a list on names of the volunteers that helped at the pancake breakfast. This is to be posted on the web site.

The motion to adjourn was made by Greg, seconded by Brice and approved by all. The meeting was closed at 8:45 P.M.

Action items:

Chadd - Post note on the web site to let families know that wreath fundraising information will be available soon.

Jeff - change practice time that is scheduled on the Nov 16th picture day.

Krishna and Barb – find team manager bags and submit prices to the board for approval.

All – need to approve August minutes including the special session.

Next regular board meeting to be held at the Becker Community Center on November 2nd at 7:00 P.M.