

Voting members present: Dave Trennes, Max Trennes, Andy Jerke, John Lord, Mary Hieb, Sonya Olsen, Jenny Gauger, Mandy Robinson - Absent Jim Binert, Lisa Johnson, Shawna Huls. Also present: Denise Niehoff, board representative, Cat Erickson, Recruitment and Retention

Ice is planned for 10-1-10. Dave brought up that the Girls U-12 will be beginning as teams this year, playing non-league games and allowing those girls to double roster to help grow the program.

He also handed out the new code of conduct that has been approved by the MSHA board for this season. MSHA is discontinuing their school affiliation, and have established their own discipline program, with a discipline committee, with Mike Lawrence heading the committee. MSHA will no longer be involved in school lettering. MSHA is tougher or the same in all areas, but allows faster recovery time in some instances to allow players to get back on the ice. MSHA will be enforcing this code from September - March, with carry-overs possible.

A press release and newspaper article have been released regarding the Sam Trennes memorial scholarship hunt, which is proceeding very well.

He also mentioned the change in fees for 2010-12. Denise Niehoff stated that all non-league teams had fees cut in half (\$87.50 Squirts, \$54.50 Mites, \$45 Mini mites), all league player's fees dropped to \$200. Each player will need to sell 4 additional raffle tickets to help cover the drop in fees. The change was made because of the perception of hockey being such an expensive sport, even though it is cheaper than many programs because of the length of the season, and number of hours on the ice.

Denise also mentioned that they need help with the reded booth Friday, Saturday and Sunday (16 people each night). Sonya will send out another note to all coordinators. Denise stated the new website should be up very soon.

Rink Rats was discussed, with the possibility of adding a "bring a friend or family" time to the schedule. We discussed giving a small gift to those who come with the player, to encourage attendance. Cat and Max will work on this and set up the program.

Mandy stated they did not have any specific dates set yet for registration. They were asked to come up with some dates in the next week or so. It will probably be the first week in September. We discussed having representatives from each level there just to visit with new parents. Andy brought up having an equipment exchange. Having separate lines for new skaters and returning skaters was discussed. Mandy and Shawna will work on this.

John has possibilities for coaching for each level, and feels he can cover all the teams. It was mentioned that there were some coaches who did not get certified last season, so we need to make sure it gets done this year. Dave mentioned that coaching certification is undergoing a major change for 2011, and we need to make sure everyone is aware of any changes coming up.

Jenny's MSHA computer is having problems, but she is trying to get it fixed so she can finish the scheduling process. The state schedule is out, and she, Max and John are working on a practice schedule that can be issued at registration to all. Mary stated the tournament dates for the squirts, mites and mini mites were set, with the mites and mini mites combining on one week end. Dave asked to add a Girls U12 at some point to encourage the growth of that program. It was also mentioned that she is having problems finding Jr. Gold contacts for North Dakota. Dave will try to get that information for her. Jenny mentioned that she was still checking on the "round robin" concept for the squirts and mites.

Sonya will have to arrange for a couple of new coordinators this season, but most of them seem to be coming back. They had some problems with concessions last season with the number of people working and supervision. Sonya said it would be easier for her to take over the duties involved in this, and Denise agreed. So the next season, Sonya will be handling that part of concessions, with Jenny establishing the schedule for the teams.

Andy discussed getting equipment to players going to camps, and stated that e-mail was the best way to get in touch with him. It may be late at night but he will make sure everyone gets their equipment. He would like to get a few people together and go through all the equipment. He feels that we need better fitting helmets and many of the breezers, gloves, etc. are in bad shape and need replacing. Because of his job, he would need to have help to do this in the summer. No time was set to handle this at this time. Denise said that some monies for equipment may be able to come

out of the general fund, and to let her know what he needs.

Next meeting August 4th, 6:30 pm at Toshiba

Meeting adjourned.