

MLAHA Board Minutes
March 23, 2011

Present: Dan Benzie, Vern Anderson, Leslie Bakhtiari, Rita Parzy, Terry Burn, Bryan Muecke, Rick Lake, Bill Fossum, Chrissy Gamst, Adam Schmidt

Reviewed minutes from February 23, 2011 board meeting. Motion: Fossum/Lake Passed.

SWOT Analysis – Bryan Muecke

Why do we exist as a hockey association? What should we prioritize to be the best youth hockey association we can be? Bryan sent the board members a questionnaire to fill out and will compile the answers to talk more about at the next board meeting. The goal will be to have some clarity to move forward with our purpose and vision by the July meeting.

Community Rink Program – Bryan Muecke

Communities are asking to have information to put into August school newsletters by the end of July.

Bryan also had a meeting with the coaches to evaluate this season and see what improvements could be made for next season.

Old Business

Is fundraising to offset tournament costs for specific teams allowed? Currently there is no policy on this – please talk with Vern Anderson about fundraising until policy is in place. Board agrees there should be no soliciting of businesses. We will be looking at this more at the April meeting.

Gaming Report – Terry Burn for Missy Gamst

We currently have over \$19,000 in the gaming account. The fiscal year end is approaching and money will need to be transferred into the general account from the gaming account by March 31, 2011.

Motion to transfer \$13,000 - \$16,000 from gaming account to general account.
Fossum/Bakhtiari Passed.

Gaming account is negative \$80.25 for bingo game shortage.

Motion to transfer \$80.25 from general account to gaming account. Bakhtiari/Gamst Passed.

Holly Gamst has informed Missy that she is interested in applying for the position of Gaming manager. The new gaming manager needs to attend a 2 day class, which is available in April or May, before taking over the position.

Board recommends having a clear job description in place and posting the position on the website and in the newspaper. FYI: This position does not need to be filled by an association member.

Financial Report – Leslie Bakhtiari

Capital Account Balance: \$8661.68

Savings Account Balance: \$2130.69

General Account Balance: \$32,957.59

Motion to approve financial report: Anderson/Fossum Passed.

District Information Update – Terry Burn

Terry spoke about Hockey Hierarchy and the specific responsibilities held at each level...USA Hockey, MN Hockey and District 11.

Tournaments – Chrissy Gamst

Chrissy is working on setting up dates for the 2011-2012 tournaments. She will check with Dan Dougherty to see if he has any dates in place yet.

Chrissy is also inquiring about getting tournaments listed in advertisement materials such as Let's Play Hockey or Hockey Hub. She will look into the costs and talk with coaches to get their input on where they generally look to find tournaments. She will bring information to the next board meeting and we will look at cost vs. effectiveness.

It was brought to the attention of the board that families that are paying for extra tournaments are having a hard time getting reimbursed. The board was thinking about putting a poll on the website to ask association members what they would like to do for fundraising and paying for extra tournaments. Ideas of questions for the poll will be brought to the next board meeting.

Registrar

Much discussion by the board regarding the importance of the registrar position and finding someone to fill it. This position is crucial for the improvement of our association.

Ice painting seminar- Bill Fossum

Bill brought information about an ice painting seminar with free registration. Goyal N. and Dan L. interested in seminar. The board agrees it would be great to send them!

The High School teams will be transitioning to new locker room areas. Girls will be moving upstairs and question brought up about the possibility of converting the back garage to boys' area. Hook up for moving the heating system from the old warming house into the garage would be \$1500.00 plus the cost of electricity ? \$500.00.

\$6,000-\$8,000 per year will be saved in utilities by demolishing the outdoor locker rooms.

Board Meeting dates and times:

Board meetings will be held the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Gampers.
Next meeting April 27th, 2011.

*All team reps/coaches welcome and encouraged to join us!

Motion to adjourn: Anderson/Fossum