MYHA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Pam Entorf. Mission and vision were read by Pam Entorf. Roll call was taken and the following MYHA Board members were present: Pam Entorf, Ryan Hopp, LeAnne Talberg, Michelle Klass, Sarah Card, Nick Dowd, Keila Drout, Brent Miller, Lori Paulson, Tim Rowan, Dave Schneider

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The Ice Board was present with a representative of membership to discuss potential renovations to the Dunn County Arena. Presented the board with an outline of the total amount of money which has been spent by MYHA on facility improvements since 2005, as well as outlined future facility improvements that are needed in the near future.

Ice Board members have been meeting with the Dunn County Board to determine the future of the facility. Meetings will be ongoing with County representatives. A map of a proposed change in footprint of MYHA responsibility for the grounds and buildings was distributed to the MYHA board members. Of significance to the changes would be that the Ag building would no longer be within the footprint maintained by MYHA. The Ice Board is working on a comprehensive renovation plan to bring to the Dunn County board for review and approval. A motion was made by Tim Rowan to follow the recommendations of the Ice Board to move forward with research and planning the rink renovations. Seconded by Ryan Hopp. All members present voted in favor and the motion was approved.

**Member comments:**

John Entorf spoke to bring up a potential situation with the Bantam team. His concerns with new skater registration were addressed. It was confirmed by Lori Paulson that the new skaters have been registered and certified according to WAHA and USA Hockey rules. A concern was also expressed concerning Bantam coach assignments. All of the Bantam coaches have been approved and background checked according to MYHA and WAHA/USA hockey policy.

Dave Schneider was present to discuss the Peewee team and the A/B split. He was requesting a clarification of whether skaters would be able to “move up” to the different levels of the Peewee team. It was the Board’s understanding that skaters would be moved up as they gained skills and were able to compete at the A level. The board decided that Nick would check in with the coaches and review how the split and player movement has gone to date.

Fos Soper (Ice Board member) spoke in regard to the possibility to retire a jersey number of a past youth hockey member who recently passed away. Asked to have the board give approval to pursue possible ways to honor him. Tim Rowan made a motion that Fos Soper investigate a MYHA memorial gesture for Rob Smith. Motion was seconded by Brent Miller. All present voted in favor and the motion was approved.

**Secretary’s Report: LeAnne Talberg**

Minutes have been distributed and will be posted as soon as they are approved.

**Treasurer’s Report: Michelle Klass**

Michelle Klass presented a report of the MYHA finances.

**President’s Report: Pam Entorf**

An explanation was given regarding a match penalty situation at a Bantam game in New Richmond. The coach in question was given a hearing and cleared of any wrongdoing by the regional disciplinary board.

**General Ops: Lori Paulson**

A second session LTS registration was held and approximately 14 additional skaters have signed up. Lori was also contacted by a community member who would like to sponsor a scholarship for a LTS or Mite next year. It was agreed that interested members would submit a letter to MYHA requesting the scholarship and the individual sponsoring the scholarship will chose among applicants.

**Tournaments: Dave Schneider**

The Peewee tournament was cancelled for this year due to lack of teams. If possible, it will be replaced by a jamboree type event to use the ice time. The squirts have one opening for the upcoming tournament.

**Hockey Ops: Nick Dowd**

The season is going well. All coaches have completed their modules and are good to go for the rest of the season. Mid-season coach evaluations will be completed over the next couple of weeks. Skater evaluations were discussed.

**Concessions: Ryan Hopp**

February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. we will be hosting a high school sectional final. It was mentioned that we should have a second concession stand at the far end of the rink. This would relieve congestion at the main stand and potentially boost concession sales for the evening.

**Scheduling/Equipment: Tim Rowan**

All is going well with scheduling. No further updates at this time.

**Fundraising: Sarah Card**

Discussion of apparel sales was held. Sales with the new merchandise vendor have not gone well. There were issues with length of time before delivery, availability of sizes, and customer service. It was suggested that next year MYHA return to Fleet Feet for merchandise sales. The board agreed that we should move in that direction.

**Ice and Recognition: Brent Miller**

Boards in the ag building are mostly placed. Flooding of the rink will happen soon, based on weather cooperation. The rink will be a bit shorter this year, but will still work fine for practice purposes.

**Communications: Keila Drout**

The Mustang Messenger is almost ready for publication. Any further articles should be submitted to Keila as soon as possible. Will be a bit shorter than the early season publication.

The MHS “Evening With the Coaches” event was mentioned. All MYHA members are encouraged to attend. It will be held at the Stout Ale House banquet center and tickets can be purchased from any of the High School coaches.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lori Paulson. Seconded by Tim Rowan. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.