

**Hastings Hockey Booster  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2013**

Joe Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present:** Joe Harris, Brian Dooley, Char Stark, Jay Stark, Lisa Foster, Ryan Stoffel, Rick Erredge, Jeff Plank, Travis Steele, Jim Zgoda, Ryan LaFerriere, Dustin Vogelsang, Chuck Schiller

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Coordinators Present:** Josh Colvin, Brooks Savage

**Approval of Agenda:** Ryan Stoffel made a motion to approve the agenda as published, seconded by Brian Dooley. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Lisa Foster made a motion for approval of the July minutes as published, seconded by Rick Erredge. Motion passed unanimously.

**Coordinator Reports:**

**Referees:** Harris stated that there is a need to recruit young officials into the program as several local on-ice officials won't be able to work games this upcoming season. He said that he knows of several interested new officials who have already registered with USA Hockey. The in-house Squirt Development League is great training for new officials for progression to higher levels.

**Technology:** Jay Stark reported that player on-line registration has been going well. Several Board members indicated that the registration process was quick and user-friendly. Jay mentioned that Randy Kruse accepted to serve as the Web Administrator.

**Tournaments:** Jay Stark informed the Board of teams who have registered for HHB tournaments so far. Harris mentioned that the tournaments officials work with Brooks Savage in regard to the ice hours to maximize scheduling of local teams on tournament weekends.

**Goalie:** See Below under New Business.

**Ice Scheduler (indoor):** Brooks Savage mentioned that he continues to work on the winter ice schedule. Brooks stated that he is working with Jeff Elliott on the possibility of publishing the ice schedules on-line.

## **Officer Reports:**

**President:** Joe Harris mentioned that the golf tournament was a great success. He recognized Susie Flynn and the team of volunteers as well as the players who participated in this event. Harris noted he received a lot of positive remarks about the registration cards for all returning mite players. He recognized Jay Stark for his efforts in developing and implementing this program.

**Vice-President:** Brian Dooley reported that he is working with the sponsorship committee for the upcoming season.

**Treasurer:** Char Stark presented the July 2013 financial report with an ending balance of \$56,660.71. Brian Dooley made a motion to approve the financial statements, seconded by Dustin Vogelgesang. Motion passed unanimously. Char mentioned that she is in the process of checking into outstanding checks that have not been cashed yet. Harris noted that these checks are somewhat small amounts that appear to be game fees for on-ice officials. Harris mentioned that he talked to Char about switching financial institutions from Wells Fargo to Premier Banks. Char stated that she will look into Premier Banks program options.

## **Director Reports:**

**Blue Mites:** Travis Steele stated that he is in the process of monitoring registration. He said that he will inform kindergarten players to register Blue Mites.

**Gold/White Mites:** Jim Zgoda stated that he is in the process of monitoring registration.

**Squirts:** Ryan Stoffel reported that he is still waiting to hear back on the hybrid travel squirt tournaments options. He stated that the in-house Squirt Development League will more than likely have six teams this season.

**Peewees:** Rick Erredge stated that he is monitoring registration. Rick said that he will reach out to players who haven't registered yet. Erredge mentioned that the tournament schedules for the A/B/C teams are finalized.

**Bantams:** Chuck Schiller noted that he is monitoring registration as well. He mentioned that he has signed up bantam teams for a few tournaments.

**Jr. Gold:** Jeff Plank stated that he is still searching for a Jr. Gold coach. The plan is have a Jr. Gold team and co-op with another community if more players are needed to fill out the roster.

**Girls:** Jay Stark made a motion to approve the U12A coaches; Steve Benson and Todd Judge (co-head coaches) and Bob Buck (assistant coach); Ryan Stoffel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Stark made a motion to approve the U10B (Gold) to Jeff Hubbard (head coach); Rick Erredge seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Coach-In-Chief:** Dustin Vogelgesang mentioned that he plans to have a traveling coaches clinic on October 3, 2013.

**Operations:** Ryan LaFerriere provided an update on equipment approved as part of 2013-14 budget; the intermediate nets have arrived; try-out jerseys with numbers on both sides have been delivered to the rink, team equipment has been catalog, and new socks are on order and expected to arrive in September.

**Volunteers:** Lisa Foster mentioned that the Rivertown Days parade was a lot of fun. Lisa requested that the level directors communicate with her on the number of volunteers expected to assist with clinics and try-outs. She will be contacting the level directors to set up travel and in-house manager meeting as well.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Bantam B Coach Approval:** Chuck Schiller made a motion to approve Ben Horsch as the Bantam B head coach, Ryan Stoffel seconded the motion. A discussion ensued about two applicants who submitted applications to coach at this level. Dustin Vogelgesang stated that he tried to connect with each candidate and they didn't call him back after he left two messages. Moreover, Dustin noted that he reached out to references on their application for feedback. Jay Stark and Joe Harris noted that is so important that a process is followed in hiring coaches. Harris stated that the Board was in consensus that an individual who submits a written application shall be interviewed at a minimum. Vogelgesang reiterated that he tried to talk to each of these candidates but they failed to call him back, so he proceeded to seek a coach. Voting Yay for the motion: Stoffel, Foster, Vogelgesang, Schiller, Erredge, Dooley, Plank, LaFerriere; Nay: Char Stark; Abstaining: Jay Stark, Jim Zgoda, Travis Steele. Motion passed 8-1.

**Wisconsin Player Registration:** Joe Harris mentioned that all WI residents must apply for a release waiver with the River Falls Youth Hockey Association. If a player release is granted the District 6 WI Hockey Association must sign a release form as well. This form is forwarded to Minnesota to accept the player. This paperwork must be kept in the team book in order for WI players to be eligible. Harris requested that level directors notify any WI players of this process so they eligible to play day one.

**Goalie Training:** Josh Colvin addressed the Board on the importance of the goalie position. He stressed importance of including the goalie into the practice plan. Josh suggested that teams designate one coach to learn more about teaching and working with goalies. Josh and Dustin will work together on this program.

**Try Hockey for Free Night:** Jeff Corkish, Brooks Savage, Jay Stark and Char Stark are working on the details of 'Bring a Friend to Hockey Night' on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. This program is for pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. There is a session designated for boys and girls. Corkish mentioned that he will need adult volunteers to go to the elementary schools to promote the September 20<sup>th</sup> event.

**Membership Comment:** None

**Comments from the Audience:** None

Rick Erredge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Jay Stark. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Green Mill – Champions Room

Respectfully submitted by Joe Harris on behalf of Dawn West.