

EHA Board Meeting Minutes 2/5/2007

Meeting Called to order at 7:15 PM

Board Members present: May, Thorn, Carroll, Haas, Gebhart, Galaski, Borman, Bonstrom, Broaders, Everson, Dunham

Absent: Sparks, Chrastil, Jackson, Wall

Previous Business:

The members reviewed the minutes from January:

Motion to approve the January, 2007 meeting minutes by May, second by Gebhart.

Minutes approved unanimously by the board members present.

New Business:

Charitable Gambling Report.

Sue Downey, Gambling Manager, reviewed the transactions for January, 2007 and the disbursements for February, 2007.

Sue indicated that she will send report to Sue Chrastil for minutes.

January total disbursements \$10,843.62; decrease in cash of \$3278.38; Balance of \$39,852.11.

February disbursements: \$9784.62

Motion to approve February disbursements by Dunham; second by May; Motion was approved unanimously by all board members present and 1 non-board member.

Association Financials:

Dawn Thorn presented 2006-2007 Budget Report 3 covering 6/1/06 through 5/31/07.

The Association still has approximately \$20,000 outstanding in registration fees. Letters have been sent to families with outstanding balances.

Dawn is looking into applications for grants that have been offered to EHA. Possible recommendations will be forthcoming in further board meeting.

Level Coordinator Reports:

General:

As teams wrap up their season, coordinators need to send a request to the team managers to return the manager's book to Mickey Sparks. The can be put it in his mail slot.

Jr Gold:

Dunham reported that all three team are competitive within their leagues.
Receiving positive feedback on coaching staff.
Addressing some discipline issues.
Junior Gold Minnesota Hockey Scholarships are open for application from any of our seniors who are playing. Details are available from the link on the MN Hockey Home page.

Bantams –
Evenson reported Coaches Evaluations have been returned and distributed.
Bantam A and B1 Teams are doing well and in good position for playoffs.
Bantam C's won the Onalaska Tournament.
Volunteer hours for Bantam and U14 levels seem to be going well.

Girls –
May reporting for Wall
Beginning to plan for 2007-2008 team structures and number.
EHA approved waiver for a couple girls to play U19 for other associations.
U14A team took first place in district 8 league play.

Peewee's –
Merchant reported that a number of teams are good position for Playoffs.

Squirts –
Galaski reported – teams are doing well and continue to be very competitive.

Mites:
Borman reported –
Outdoor ice has been very welcomed to get the teams additional ice time.
Mite Jamboree went very well – good feedback from players and parents.
Skills competition over the past weekend was a great success.
Mite Jamborees are being coordinated by Colleen Buckingham and are scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd weekends in March.

District 8 report – May reported for Mickey Sparks.
The district meeting was fairly non-eventful. The only topic that brought out any interest was the cross district play possibility with District 4. The draft plan is to play the majority of the leagues games against teams geographically close and a few games against teams that are farther away but still in District 8. Essentially what it does is accomplish the SE Minnesota district without creating a new district. We have a District 8 Board only meeting on 2/12 to go over it and game rescheduling.

Newsletter:
Current newsletter is at the printer.

Reminder to Board to get the word out the coaches to provide team info and stories for upcoming newsletters.

Next newsletter will have requests for new board member letters of interest along with position descriptions.

Hockey Ops: Pat Carroll reported that all coaches have received mid-season evaluation feedback

Tournaments:

Mary Broders reported –

Squirt Tournament was a great success two Eagan teams played for 3rd place – one in each bracket.

Bantam A district tournament will be hosted by EHA February 18th thru 25th. Need Board representatives through out the tournament. Additional volunteers are needed for Score keeper, clock, penalty box ect...Request and sign-ups forthcoming.

Bantams/U14's can work admissions with an adult to work off volunteer hours.

Player Development:

Hass reported –

Steve Carroll training continues for goalies.

Last of set of Acceleration MN training sessions going on. Positive feedback from players and coaches.

Total Hockey sessions are still in progress for younger teams.

Marketing

Gebhart reported -

- PSA charities sports memorabilia silent auction during squirt tournament.
 - o Total Proceeds \$3,194
 - o 15% of proceeds (\$479) go to EHA
 - o Additional 15% (\$479) goes to charities chosen by EHA board. This will be split 3 way between Dakota Woodlands, RAVE Special Olympics and Feed my Starving Children.
 - o Feedback was that logistics were not ideal with most of the pieces in the east rink and no display in the West rink where most of the games were played.
- Sports Star panoramic photos – participation was very low. Mites already had similar photo promotion through Skor(?) photos and it was late in the season for other teams.
- High school Boys team will have jersey night at both Feb 15 and 17, 2007 home games. Feb. 17 is Senior night also.

Equipment:

Bonstrom reported -

- Reported missing coffee pot.
- New Jr. Gold Jerseys have been ordered.

Other:

Pat Carroll reported that the girls high school team is seeded 2nd in the section and the first Section playoff game is Wednesday, February 7th, 7:35 PM face-off at Eagan Civic Arena.

With no other business to report, motion by May to adjourn at 8:05 pm; second by Dunham; unanimous approval by all present.