

EHA Board Meeting Minutes 11/06/06

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members present: May, Sparks, Chrastil, Thorn, Carroll, Everson, Broders, Dunham, Haas, Jackson, Wall, Gebhart, Galaski, Bonstrom, Merchant, Borman, Downey

The members reviewed the Minutes from 10.2.06:
Motion to approve by May, second by Gebhart, approved unanimously by the board members present.

Previous Business :

Tryouts: Carroll reported 4 Bantam, 7 Peewee, 7 Squirt and 2 girls U12 teams formed.

All policies from the handbook were followed. Adjustments were made accordingly
The tryout committee did move up Mites (12) to cover a short coaching issue at the Squirt level.

Chrastil pointed out there are some details that need to be updated in the handbook with respect to the tryout process. Carroll indicated they will be addressed next year when the handbook is updated.

Carroll sited he has collected ideas to improve the tryout process and as usual the process will be discussed prior to next years tryouts.

Charitable Gambling Report:

Sue Downey reported:

September cash transaction report was not available for the October 2nd board meeting so we need to review these tonight. For September showed gross receipts of \$14,921.00 short \$101.00 for a net deposit of \$14,821.46. Disbursements approved at prior meeting for \$6,294.05 leaving an increase in cash of \$8,527.41.

Motion to approve the Sept cash transactions by May second Sparks
Unanimous approval

For October showed gross receipts of \$14,031.00 short \$38.00 for a net deposit of \$14,783.16. Disbursements approved at prior meeting \$12,229.58 for an increase in cash of \$2,553.58. Our fund balance stands at \$29,548.69.

Motion to approve the Oct Cash Transactions by May,
Second Jackson – Approved unanimously

Motion to approved Nov disbursements to cover expenses of \$7,640.64 by May,
Second Jackson – Approved unanimously

Potential Assistant Gambling Manager has been located – she has very good qualifications. Downey will pursue license requirements etc prior to presenting the candidate for board approval.

New Business

Association Financials (Thorn):

Audited Bantam Peewees, Girls – MN Hockey registration audit is used
November balance due notices are being prepared.

Sponsor income 50% looking good.

Jerseys – Booster club contributed \$2500.

October November:

Previous Balance = \$281,006.94

Payments \$71,296.41

Deposits \$40,062.50

Service charges \$42.00

Interest \$2.00

Ending Balance = \$249,733.03

Level Reports:

Mites: (Borman) Underway this past weekend. Mite 2 and 3's.

10 teams total, with 4 at each mite level and 2 - u8 girls teams.

12 kids per team.

Mini – mites will start 11/15 – coaches meeting.

Expecting 8 teams with 4 Mite-prep and 4 Mite 1's.

Squirts: (Galaski) – 7 teams formed using a number of Mite moved ups.

Teams have started practicing. Face off event coming this Sunday.

Edina and Eastview will be joining us for exhibition games.

Motion to approve addition of the following Squirt Coaches:

Robin Foder, John (Jay) Mountain, Terry Everson, Mike Guggenburger,

Tom Mueller, Keith Dahlen

Motion to approve Galaski, Second Wall

Approved Unanimously

Hass asked how did the Squirts move up get handled?

Carroll indicated the process is in the handbook. Basically parents who had inquired about move ups, were contacted – they had to have notified the level coordinator previously.

Some tryouts participants quit – and this changed the numbers on the fly. They tryout committee had to act quickly.

The Squirt level has enough goalies to adequately cover all teams.

Girls: Wall – 14 skaters and one goalie on the 14u team.

All teams are looking good. 3 girls went to the squirt program.

Bantam (Everson): New Standard of play is taking some getting used to. The teams are experiencing a number of penalties. Some Parents are complaining about usage of special

teams – not everyone getting equal time on the ice. Bantam C team has 2 players from Apple Valley. We are a little heavy on Goalies on the C team.

A parent asked why couldn't the standard of play been phased in instead of a slam dunk? May indicated there was no alternatives presented by Minnesota Hockey.

Jr Gold (Dunham): 12 kids signed up through registration. 40 – 45 kids estimated from Eagan. We are expecting 5 – 10 outside Eagan skaters. Goalies numbers are very good. District 8 needs 8 teams to host a "B" league.

Sparks noted we need to commit to having one team or another. (ie We will always field one Junior Gold A...) It would be a good idea to have the program committed and have a committed coach from year to year.

Dunham indicated Due diligence has been performed to acquire a coaches.

Junior Gold players do not have to register prior to tryouts, they must register and pay the fees prior to district Registration.

Tournaments (Broders) – Thanksgiving tournament we are still looking for team parent volunteers. The Squirt tournament is full. We will be hosting the Bantam A district tournament.

Fundraising/Sponsors (Jackson) \$1800 still uncollected. We still have others who have not committed to a sponsorship level.

Score sports posters; will be at the pictures event. We are expecting this to be hot with the mites and squirts mostly. We are still working out the details with photographers on this option. The Fundraiser starts next month – exact dates TBD.

Web site does not indicate traveling vs non-traveling for sponsors.

He needs to update the last page of the newsletter.

Westwood player passes are available by the mailboxes.

Marketing (Gebhart): High school Jersey night Dec 5th

There is a Noodles and Company Girls hockey fundraising event 11/13.

Boys high school; – Gebhart expects to have more information at the Dec meeting.

Coach Taylor said there will be an official Skate with the Cats – Sometime around the holidays. He also said:

We need to support the Equipment vendors – They should be added to the Equipment page on the Web site.

Booster Club –

Booster club will be working at the Squirt kick off. They are arranging for Tournament volunteers.

There has been an issue with Backorders on the sweatsuits...(7 or 8 teams affected)

This could have been avoided if we could order ahead of time, but there is no way to predict the numbers and sizes.

Newsletter – Articles due to Sue Chrastil by 11/24.

High School Update:

Eric Davis: Tryouts starting the 13th. 33 – 36 total players will make the teams.
The Girls teams have 38 skaters and their season opens Thurs 11/9.

Other:

Sparks: Coaches and Helmets: How will we police this?

The Chin strap is mandatory. We can issue a warning then 30 days off the bench.

Who will be the police for this? All board members are responsible.

The Warning will be delivered by the level coordinator to the individual coach.

The infractions will be tracked by the level coordinators. We will need a paper trail.

Head coach is responsible for the enforcement with their assistants.

Any Non- approved helmet is a violation. A piece of tape is not a chin strap.

Sparks will pull the MN Hockey Helmet Notice put it on the web and send to the level coordinators.

In a nutshell: IF a coach does not snap the strap – report them.

Other:

A Parent had an issue with Player Development program: the Number of kids (60 Bantams) with 2 coaches/instructors is a dangerous ratio. Haas indicated Ice time for this program has been an issue, getting more coaches was also an issue. Consequently, 3 or 4 teams were on the ice at the same time. We need a better process to get the ice time, and the coaches to run the sessions. We need better communication with the ice coordinator.
It should be made clear: Coaches are allowed to be on the ice to help out.

Other:

May reported on a Meeting with Mark Vaughan. We need to create an Officials room on the East rink. We could use the room at the end of the hallway with some fixing up...
Eagan is looking into the Training center option again. It is not clear what the city of Eagan is planning for this facility. It could be like the Hudson training center model.

Off Season Hockey Training Program proposal:

If we want to provide a program we need to start blocking out ice time for next year.

What off season programs do we want to support?

We will look into a 4 on 4 league or 3 on 3. To be administered by the association rather than one coach or another.

The proposal will be posted on the web site for input from the association.

The time frame for the program is July – Oct The board member should all read the proposal and we will vote at the next meeting.

One more item from Hockey ops.

Weight vests are new for training. – The Rink has the key to the equipment room.

Sure shots – go in front of the net -Bungee cords. All levels can use these.

Again the rink has the keys.

Only Head coaches may request these items and they must be replaced after usage.

There are no instructions – how to use is intuitively obvious.

Please Keep the room in order.

Adjournment: 8:41 PM

Motion by May, second Sparks with unanimous approval from the board members.