

# MCYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Manitowoc County Ice Center

February 2, 2009

Attending: Mark Herzog, Shannon Nickels, Lowell Johnson, Missy Christensen, Carmen Persaud, Cassy Braun, Angie Morrelle, Brian Kiley, Jennifer Rogler, and Theresa Smoter.

Guests: Lori Deschene (Referee Task Force, Volunteer Committee, Tournament Coordination), Jay Hetland (Coaching Committee), and Roseann Kuehne (Blue Line Club Liaison).

Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

Approve minutes: A motion was made to approve January minutes as submitted, seconded and passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

Registration Status of Mitch Nelson: Mitch Nelson is registered and will not play games at this point, but wishes to keep up his skills and will attend practices only.

WAHA "season" date change: The changed registration season of May 1 through April 30, does not affect our organization at this point, but if we decide to change our summer hockey program into a travel team, this would have an affect on our registrations. If the kids would be moving up to the next level in fall, they would have to register with USA hockey before playing in summer, however if they would be remaining at the same level in fall, they would be covered for summer and have to register sometime before the beginning of the next season.

Equipment Swap Report: The swap seemed to go over well. It was well utilized by kids from basic skate. Will consider running a swap again next year, possibly earlier in the season.

Newsletter coordination: Cassy is going to try to coordinate info needed for newsletter due to problems with Steve's computer. The plan is to have all information for newsletter reach Steve by the first Friday of each month. This will have a chance to have all information from the Board meeting and Blue Line Club up to date for association members. A request was made to have copies of the newsletter available in the front lobby.

Volunteer hours – problem areas: It is the consensus of the Board that if a family's required amount of team hours have been met for the season, their time spent towards marketing areas for the Association can be counted as volunteer hours. Team parents need to reinforce the need for families to account their team and volunteer hours to keep accurate records. Families are responsible to account their hours in some form whether it is with volunteering or buying their hours. A motion was made to allow one \$10,000 raffle ticket sold to equal 2 hours of volunteer hours, was seconded and passed unanimously. The Fundraising Committee will add a reminder of ways families can complete their volunteer hours to the newsletter if anyone needs ideas.

Appointment of MCIC Board MCYHA representative: The MCYHA Board is looking for someone from our Association, that is not on our Board, to join the MCIC Board. Our Board would like to have a liaison between the MCIC and MCYHA. The MCIC Board meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month. The position is held for a two year term, and joining the MCIC Board would count towards fulfilling that person's team hours requirement.

Jacobi Scholarship: Parents have been given materials to complete for the eligibility of the Jacobi Scholarship. Completed applications are due by March 1.

Senior night: Senior night will be held Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Doors open @ 6:00 p.m. and the show starts @ 7:00.

Scoreboards; The scoreboards are in need of repair. They were donated by Coca-cola with an agreement to sell their product at the Ice Center. Lori is going to check with Pepsi to see if they can offer a similar deal.

Sound system; The new sound system is installed and working great! Janelle is going to write up a thank you to be announced at Senior Night.

#### OLD BUSINESS

WIAA Application Status; There will be a meeting held this Thursday, February 5, with Mark Swanson and three other reps from Lincoln. So far, things are sounding favorable.

Blue Line Club report; The BLC bought the personalized pucks that will be presented to the seniors at Senior Night. They bought practice jerseys, they will be sponsoring a table at Casino Night, and they paid \$200 towards the bus trip to Monroe. The Blue Line Club is interested in taking part in marketing programs of the promotion of hockey.

#### COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

Programs/Marketing Committee; Basic Skate will be running from February 5 through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Two sponsors are still needed for the new skater sponsorships. Planning is beginning for summer hockey. It is being decided whether to run the pond hockey again or to have a travel team. The decision will be mentioned in the newsletter, followed by a survey to see where the interest of the Association is.

Fundraising; Pizza pick up is tomorrow, February 3 @ Port Sandy Bay. Need to start looking for a Blade Bash Coordinator for next year. Cassy is going to look into Gambler fundraising opportunities.

Coaching; Player evaluations are in process at all levels. The evaluations are a helpful tool for coaches the following year. Looking back at this season, dual rostering should have been utilized more at all levels to have more competitive teams.

At the July Board meeting we need to reserve an agenda item to include the Coaching Committee to help decide what levels our teams should be scheduled for to be more competitive.

There is an issue at the Pee Wee level which will be discussed at the March Board meeting.

Nominating Committee report; At the April Board meeting, the new Board will be presented to the old Board and the nominations are Brian Kiley for Treasurer, Missy Christensen for Secretary, Carmen Persaud for the Vice President position, and Mark Herzog has agreed to one more year as President. Members holding current positions will work with members that will be assuming their positions, if need be, for a smooth transition into the season.

Finance; Lowell distributed the current P & L. There is no record of itemized pizza sales to date. Cassy is going to include a note in the newsletter to be sure to turn in all expenses and revenues to Lowell Johnson. \$2000 will be added to winter registration income. The Board needs to take a firm stand on financial responsibility for skater registrations. The IRS does not have record of our Association filing taxes in 2002. We could be assessed a fine of \$10,000. There is a copy of completed taxes, but no record of mailing. This will be resolved this month.

#### OPEN FORUM

Shannon received an e-mail from USA Hockey stating they have the kits available to fully suit a player through the "One Goal Program." The cost to the Association is \$70 per kit, and we would need to order a minimum of 20 kits. We can ask the BLC to help sponsor this program. The deadline to place our order is March 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made to participate in the "One Goal Program", was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was a complaint of a child hanging out behind the bench during a game who was not a member of the team playing. This child was not listening to coaches behind the bench and was a distraction. The parent felt it was okay because he was wearing a helmet. The rule is that if anyone is under 18 they need to be wearing a helmet if they are behind the bench. The Board feels

that no one should be “hanging out” behind the bench unless it is approved by the coach. We will look into the rules and discuss further at the next Board meeting.

Jennifer is looking to include the Basic Skate program in the Manitowoc Recreation Department’s program for this summer.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to chair committees for next year (Fundraising, Coaching...)

Adjourned @ 8:44 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. @ MCIC.