

MCYHA Board Meeting

July 7, 2008

Attending; Shannon Nickels, Missy Christensen, Lowell Johnson, Renae Tiller, Cassy Braun, Jennifer Rogler, Theresa Smoter, Mark Jaeger and Brian Kiley.

Guest; Jay Hetland (Coaching Committee)

Call to order; 7:00 p.m.

Approve minutes; Motion was made to approve June minutes, seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of program costs; The hockey season for 2008-9 will run a course of about 21 weeks starting October 13 and lasting until March 5. This year costs at each level will increase \$25 per lower levels and a little more at JV and HS levels. To try and recruit new players for our hockey league, we can apply a "new skater sponsorship" to absorb some of the cost for a new skater's first year in the league. For example, a mite registration fee would be reduced by \$100 sponsorship, giving them an introduction cost comparable to that of basic skate. After that, families would see all of our available payment options, finding one that will best suit them.

A motion was made to approve the program costs with the changes the board made to the JV and HS levels, pending Mark Herzog's approval, seconded and passed unanimously.

Volunteer/Fundraising; We need to check on the status of the letters to be sent out to families with inadequate volunteer hours. We will need to change the information about receiving volunteer hours for working at 141 selling 50/50 raffle tickets. We are no longer selling tickets at 141 Speedway. We have earned \$175 from selling the tickets this year. The next planned fundraiser will be the Port pizza sales beginning November 3 through the 10th, with a delivery date of December 9. Two new ideas were brought up as fundraising ideas; a brat fry at maybe Copps or at a hockey function, and having the kids work at Ponderosa, where a percent of the sales and all the tips for the evening they work, go towards the organization.

OLD BUSINESS

Equipment room status; The equipment we were looking to purchase through the One Goal Program is no longer available. Shannon and Pete Nickels will continue to manage the equipment room this year. Hockey pucks have not been returned by coaches, an e-mail will be sent out to find out status of puck numbers. We will need to order more pucks for this season, along with score sheets and new jerseys for the Squirt team. Girls jerseys still need to be returned.

Coaching report; The next scheduled meeting for coaching committee is set for July 17th. There is a need to look at coaching strength for Girls and Bantam levels for this season. They are working on possibly separate meetings for players and parents on code of conduct. They are looking into camera systems to tape games for coaches. There have been some conflicts with players involved in other sports, not being

able to make try-outs for hockey. Contact with athletic directors needs to be established to try and resolve this issue.

Financial report; We need to make it well known that all financial transactions need to be directed to Lowell Johnson. A meeting needs to be set up to work on budget. Again, the idea was brought up that in the future we may want to consider compensating a person to manage the account for the MCYHA.

WIAA progress; It was discovered that there is a nominal fee for membership. It was strongly suggested that we contact Notre Dame, as they had just finished going through the process of going WIAA. We discussed the need to find out a little more information on the entire process before addressing school boards. It will make this process much smoother to have the knowledge of which steps to take first. Mark will try to get in contact with someone from Notre Dame to begin this process.

OPEN FORUM

Summer hockey; We had some parent feedback on the summer hockey program. They wanted to confirm what the summer program was: pond hockey or skills/drills. It was advertised as "Summer Hockey" and parents and coaches were informed that the program was to be run as pond hockey. Participants were looking to play more pond hockey rather than all the conditioning they have been receiving. The thought was that the summer hickey program should be more focused on having fun playing hockey. Jay Hetland was in attendance from the coaching committee so he is aware of this feedback.

The mandatory meeting for hockey registration has been set for Wednesday, August 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ice Center. Registration through USA hockey should be completed by that date. Lawn signs to show support and help advertise our hockey program will be handed out at registration.

Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

(Next Board meeting is scheduled for September 1 @ 7:00 p.m. @ MCIC)