

MCYHA Board Meeting

November 5, 2008

Attending: Mark Herzog, Lowell Johnson, Shannon Nickels, Cassy Braun, Jennifer Rogler, Brian Kiley, and Theresa Smoter.

Guests: Jay Hetland (Coaching Committee), Kent Anderson, Pete Hammill, Brandon Hakala, Steve Nichols, Lori Deschene (Referee Task Force, Volunteer Committee, Tournament Coordination), Chris O'Connell (JV Scheduler), Diane Hammill & Carmen Pankratz (Blue Line Club Liaisons).

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions were made.

High School Practice Scheduling: Discussion about rearranging practice times for JV/Varsity and Pee Wee/Bantam to better utilize the ice time originally slated for Girls. It was agreed that effective Monday, 11/10, Pee Wee/Bantam would share the ice 6:00-6:50 pm and JV/Varsity would share the ice 7:00-9:00 pm. The Coaching Committee will report progress at the December meeting for evaluation of whether or not to continue. Thursday schedule to remain as is with full ice for Pee Wee, Bantam and Varsity.

High School Game Scheduling: Chris O'Connell raised concern that nobody was in charge of scheduling refs for games and there has been confusion as to who's responsible for scheduling games. It was agreed that Chris and Kent Anderson will coordinate with Dave Mathers to schedule refs for the season.

Varsity Bussing: Discussion and clarification that the Association does pay for buses for Varsity travel. Any gate monies collected at home games is used to offset this cost. Paul Braun is responsible to schedule the buses with Brandt Bus Service.

Vacant Board Member Seats: The Board needs to fill three seats vacated by Bernie Langlois; Renae Tiller; and Mark Jaeger. Team parents are spreading the word, and this will be promoted in the newsletter.

Snow Cancellation: Discussion about who's responsible to decide whether or not to cancel practice due to inclement weather. It was noted that the ice center does NOT close even when schools and other businesses do. It was decided that the coach/team scheduler/team parent for each team is responsible to create a team policy and communicate this to the board by December 1st. Upon Board approval, the policies will then be communicated to the parents. It was further decided that the Head Scheduler and Team Schedulers need to come up with a policy of how to communicate available ice time when a game/practice is cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS

WIAA: Theresa reported that the committee is looking for more volunteers to continue with the process. Contact has been made with the Manitowoc School Board, and they are open to receiving a proposal from us. Mark indicated the Steve Johnson Pee Wee parent) is interested in helping. Cassy has two additional manes she will forward to Theresa. Mark Herzog expressed interest in attending the next committee meeting.

Blue Line Club: Carmen Pankratz (President) and Diane Hammill attended the meeting to introduce themselves as liasons to the Blue Line Club. They expressed their concern with the low numbers of kids coming into the hockey program and their desire to help in a variety of ways. It was agreed that the Blue Line Club will have regular input in our newsletter and continue to attend Board Meetings.

Registration Status: Shannon Nickels updated the Board with Roster changes.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

Fundraising: Lori Deschene presented the Board with a proposed Fundraising Volunteer Hours Chart. The Board approved the first three items on the chart.

Coaching: Jay Hetland gave an update on the Coaching Roster:

Bantam Assistants- Katrina is still coming, but not sure when as she's away due to personal reasons.

Isaac due to be here December- January. Greg Carriere has been helping in the meantime.

JV/Varsity Assistants- Still seeking some.

Locker room behavior- so far so good. The coaches have been well informed as to the Board's strong stance and have communicated this to players/families.

Finances: Lowell distributed current P & L. Discussion, but no significant changes/questions.

OPEN FORUM

A parent expressed concern with a coach who instructed players to call him "Coach Oreo".

Discussion about whether or not to sell off Girls jerseys since there is no team this year. It was decided against because this was the first year without a Girl's team, and there may be a team in the future.

Discussion and concern about Varsity players running from the upstairs locker room down to the showers and not being properly clothed. Coaches have mandated all Varsity players to wear robes. It was suggested that shorts/shirts would also be considered appropriate in lieu of robes.

Concern was expressed that Team Parents communications are off to a bad start and whether or not there might be continuing problems. The consensus was that with Julie Spurney having a late start as the Team Parent Coordinator and the JV/Varsity Team Parents coming on board late there were some understandable bumps, but that things seem to be getting better. Mark Herzog will invite Julie to Board meetings as a liaison to the Team Parents.

Shannon Nickels reported the need to collect the differences owed for those families who paid at a lower level (i.e., Bantams skating at JV/Varsity) and refund any differences for those families who paid at a higher level. She will do so immediately.

Lori Deschene reported that the sound system in the ice rink is non-functional. She volunteered to follow up with Janelle from MCIC.

Next meeting will be held January 5th @ 7:00 p.m. @ MCIC.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.