

MCYHA Board Meeting

September 2, 2008

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

Guests: Jay Hetland(Coaching committee), and Lori Deschene(Referee Task Force, Volunteer committee, Tournament coordination)

Call to order: 7:03 p.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Registration status: The program committee needs help contacting families on returning status at Bantam, Girls and higher levels. Brian Kiley will contact families at Girls level to find out who is returning and whether playing at another level would be an option. Cassy will get list of players to Brian.

MCYHA/Blue Line Club Liason: Theresa has tried to contact Blue Line's President, with no luck yet.

High School Coach recruitment: Jay has not received any calls or emails thus far for the interest of HS Coach. If there is not enough players to have a Girls team, that Coach expressed interest in coaching at HS level. Mark Persaud has volunteered to coach JV if that position does not get filled. Two to three people are needed to volunteer to join the coaching committee. A potential signing bonus could be used as a deal closer to a potential candidate interested in coaching, as opposed to drawing applicants with an offered bonus. The Board is comfortable with Jay advertising coaching compensation, if Jay feels he should offer a signing bonus to a candidate, the Board would like him to contact the President first.

OLD BUSINESS

Skate sharpening program: We need to talk to the equipment manager about taking charge of the skate sharpener. Ideally, we need about 2-3 people to be trained to operate it. Maybe offer the responsibility to parents or HS kids? Jennifer will talk to her brothers about possibly training others how to operate it.

COMMITTEE & TASK FORCE REPORTS

Programs/Marketing committee: Registration for Basic Skate is October 2, any registrations for the hockey league will also be accepted until that date. There has been some thought to having another "Taste of Hockey" in October, if someone would be willing to take on the responsibility of getting that organized.

Fundraising: The candy bar sale is going better than anticipated and will continue indefinitely. They are still looking for one more fundraising idea. The fundraising committee needs to decide how many hours are earned per an amount of money raised.

Coaching: Lori is going to talk to Jim Bueller about coaching. The Board has unanimously agreed to vote electronically on the coaching decisions that need to be made due to limited time before season begins.

Creating and Maintaining a Team Environment; Many players are losing interest in participating in the hockey program due to abusive, disruptive behavior.

1. At least one coach or authority figure needs to be present in the locker room when occupied by any member(s) of the team.

2. The team captain, chosen by the coach, is expected to be a role model and will be held responsible for locker room behavior.

3. Someone will be present until last player leaves. Coaches are going to need support of parents and players in strictly enforcing code of conduct rules.

Finance: The Board received an updated budget spreadsheet, which included a couple added expenses that can be made up with \$2000 of more fundraising. One added expense was for reimbursing kids that take the referee course to promote more kids to participate. They would be reimbursed once they have been certified and officiate a minimum of two games.

OPEN FORUM

Region 3 meeting is scheduled for September 10 @ 6:30 @ Cornerstone. Lori volunteered to attend on behalf of the Board.

We need a team parent coordinator for this year. Will ask Julie Spurney.

A special Board meeting was held on August 18 to review a release request and the release was approved.

Next meeting will be held October 6 @ 7:00 p.m. @ MCIC

Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.