

# MCYHA

## Board Meeting January 7th, 2008

- Attending** Mark Herzog; Greg Carriere; Cassy Braun; Bernie Langlois; Theresa Smoter; Shannon Nickels; Renae Tiller; Nancy Koss; Bob Popple, Missy Christensen and Lowell Johnson
- Call to order** 7:00 PM
- Approve Minutes** December 3rd, minutes: motioned, seconded and passed.
- New Business**
- County League 2008-2009** Numbers have been falling, this season the skaters fees are not covering the ice costs. The Board had been talking about moving away from a MCYHA run County League, thus leaving the program for the MCIC to run, if they desire. MCYHA will focus more on an "Intro to Skating/Basic Skills" program and a "Mite Cross-Ice" program. See attachments at bottom. Shannon will be contacting other associations to learn more about how their Cross-Ice programs are run.
- MCIC Report** Issues with Bantam players arriving early and not being supervised, creating headaches for MCIC personnel. Reports of damage and missing items being blamed on Bantams and Varsity. Both coaches will be contacted and requested to take action. Violators need to be held accountable and the Board is recommending that benching players be applied as a deterrent. The Board also is going to insist that the coaches set time frames in which the players are to arrive and leave the ice center. If they are present beyond those times they must be supervised by a parent or other adult. The coaches will be asked to not leave the players unattended in the locker rooms for any longer than 5 minutes. When problems arise the MCYHA President will meet with the appropriate coach to address these issues. The Board spent way too much time discussing behavior issues involving what is mentioned above and the behaviors of unruly spectators/parents of both Home and Visiting teams. We can not possibly police and enforce the issues that seem to occur on a regular basis. Mark will be contacting management of the MCIC to ask that they take some initiative in locking the areas being abused and giving keys to MCYHA coaches and officials to limit access. Also we will advise the MCIC that issues involving vandalism and poor behavior by spectators to be made Police issues.
- January 26<sup>th</sup>, the EXPO will be hosting a Sportsman Show. Volunteer opportunities are available and hours worked by MCYHA members will be compensated at \$8.00 per hour in the form of a donation to the MCYHA.
- WIAA** The Board is putting together a task force which will be headed by Theresa Smoter, to gather information regarding WIAA, and how we can become a WIAA member.
- Refund Policy** There were two instances this season in which a player decided to drop out of the program, thus creating a need for a refund policy.
1. Pro-rated refund for a season ending injury or a family relocating out of the area. The refund will be per month, for example if the termination is January 1<sup>st</sup>, the refund will be for February and March.
  2. Full refund for players who paid but never participated in any practice or game.
  3. No refunds for termination due to disciplinary action.
  4. No refunds for voluntary withdrawal after December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  5. 25 % refund for voluntary withdrawal before December 31<sup>st</sup>,
- Motion to accept policy, seconded and passed, with 1 no vote

- Trainer Contract** The contract for Athletic training service was brought by Mark and signed by Nancy
- Old Business**
- Member Handbook** Motion to approve section 5, seconded and passed. Greg will double check for typographical errors and post to the web site.
- New Board Member** The Board welcomes new member Lowell Johnson, who will finish out the balance of Karen Joyce's term.
- Committee Reports**
- Programs/Marketing:**  
 Numbers for Basic Skate: session 3, are low.  
 County league games have started, coaches and team parents are in place. The numbers there are low also, and mite and squirt travel players are playing to fill up teams.  
 For the 2008-2009 season the programs committee would like to have a representative from each team to help set the hockey programs for that season.
- Fundraising:**  
 There will not be a second Port Sandy Bay frozen pizza sale. They are unable to accommodate us for another event.  
 Theresa put together the information we had requested from the fundraising committee, which shows the results of our fundraising efforts to date and the projected numbers from Blade Bash. The numbers show us to be fairly short of our goal.  
 Another function of the committee is to review the volunteer hours put in by association members and to invoice members who are short of meeting their commitment.
- Theresa is going to contact a member in an attempt to revive the 141 speedway 50/50 raffle. This member had been mentioned in the past as a good candidate to run this fundraising event. If unwilling, Bernie volunteered to take this on.
- Coaching:** Mark presented a policy regarding on ice help for non-WAHA activities. Attached below. Motioned, seconded and passed.  
 The committee is formally recommending Craig Everson as an assistant Mite coach. Motion to approve, seconded and passed.  
 The non-parent coaches payment guideline was presented and motioned to approve as ammended, seconded and passed.  
 The compensation guideline for parent coaches was presented as a work in progress. These guidelines will be reviewed by the committee annually.  
 Pete contacted the Peewee coach regarding his lack of attendance, and was informed that his shift will be changing and he will be able to attend regularly.
- Finance:** The Jacobi Memorial Scholarship applications need to be handed out to graduating Seniors.  
 We discussed the amount of work the SBCU is doing in helping the association with its bookkeeping and need to consider some kind of compensation. More discussion at the next meeting.  
 Reviewed financial documents, motion to approve financial plan and update as submitted, seconded and passed.

Adjourned at 9:30 PM

Next meeting, February 4<sup>th</sup> (march 12<sup>th</sup>) 7:00 PM @ MCIC

"NEW"

# Mite "Cross-Ice" Program

## 1. General Info

- For "Mite" age children ONLY.
- Must have completed "Intro to skating/Basic Skills" OR have equivalent experience OR be recommended by "Intro" coach.
- Would share ice with another team for practices (as we do now)
- Would have "jamborees" (see below) until January 1<sup>st</sup>, then play 10 full-ice limited travel games.
- Jamborees  
Associations "host" one or more jamborees. Kids play 3 cross-ice games in one day (against other assoc.) Current assoc. with cross-ice programs include: Green Bay, Appleton and Oshkosh.  
\*\*I have e-mailed Appleton and Oshkosh for info on the cross-ice program\*\*
- \* \* **Will have to determine cost** \*\*
- **\*\*Will need to purchase more bumpers\*\***  
Blue Line Club?  
Ask other associations?

## 2. Cross-Ice Specs (taken from USA Hockey)

- Smaller rink results in more puck possession for each player
- Skills develop more quickly
- More frequent line changes means more playing time.
- Scoring skills are enhanced since players have more shooting opportunities
- More repetition for goalies
- Hockey sense/understanding the principles of the game are being developed at a younger age

## 3. General Organization

- More efficient use of Ice time and space
- Size of playing area in proportion to player size
- **USA Hockey recommends 2-3 teams of 4-5 players and 1 goalkeeper**
- More playing time for more kids
- Same exciting and fun environment as a "real" game
- Different kids of different skill levels will benefit from close action on the ice

- Children are more excited about playing because they are playing **MORE**
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#### **4. Things to Consider**

- Need to purchase more bumpers
- Need to purchase smaller nets (cross-ice nets are 1/3 smaller than regulation nets)
- Cost??
- Coaches??

**"New"**

### **MCYHA Programs for 2008-2009**

#### **1. Intro to Skating/Basic Skills**

- a. Full Ice
- b. 4 week sessions (would not change)
- c. 1/3 ice for "new" skaters  
2/3 ice for those that can skate without help

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would teach BASIC skating skills - forward/backward, stopping, cross-overs etc.

- d.** Once skills are mastered (to be determined by coach on the ice) parents would have the opportunity to enroll their child into the appropriate travel team (Mites \* \* see "new" mite program), squirt, etc. **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> OF THAT YEAR.**

\*\*Kids that are NOT ready to join a team will have the opportunity to continue with the skills portion for the remainder of the session/year. (Won't change)

**\*\* Things to consider:**

1. Cost?
2. Would we start sessions sooner to allow for team placement?
3. How would we staff coaches? Recruit?
4. How to distribute this info to parents?
5. Do a "survey"?

**MCYHA Policy for On-ice Coaching Help**

- WAHA requires that **all** on-ice coaches be either certified at the appropriate level for their team, or be in the process of seeking certification (i.e., be scheduled to attend the appropriate coaching clinic)
- Without exception all on-ice coaches **must** complete the appropriate certification level before December 31st, or they cannot continue to coach after that date until they are appropriately certified. There can't be any other on-ice or on bench assistants or coaches who are not appropriately certified.
- MCYHA registered players may participate in other MCYHA team level practices as 'helpers' as long as they are not providing "coaching" instruction, but instead are showing how to perform drills, being role models for how to skate, pass or shoot, working goalies, etc. This includes WAHA activities such as team practices, and MCYHA activities such as goalie clinics, etc.
- Non-WAHA activities conducted by MCYHA such as Goalie Clinics must have at least one WAHA certified coach on ice at all times to provide overall supervision of the practice/clinic.