

MCYHA

Board Meeting

November 5th, 2007

Attending	Mark Herzog; Greg Carriere; Cassy Braun; Bob Popple; Nancy Koss; Bernie Langlois; Theresa Smoter; Shannon Nickels; Missy Christensen; and Lowell Johnson
Call to order	7:00 PM
Approve Minutes	October 1st minutes: motioned, seconded and passed. October 15 th minutes: motioned, seconded and passed. There will be an additional note on all Minutes that are posted on the website with a relevant date for the next Board meeting.
New Business	Lowell Johnson was present this evening to discuss activities regarding Varsity games. Admissions: Fees were set for games. Season passes will be available, need to get information to association members via team parents MCYHA Day: December 2 nd , we would like to coordinate some type of fundraising. Possible brat fry and raffles or chuck a puck. We are asking the fundraising committee to come up with something. Regarding a possible brat fry, there needs to be some one on the premises who has taken the necessary class which is now required for selling food publicly for fund-raisers. Team photos: Set for Monday November 12 th . Team Parents/Schedulers: briefly recapped, with the addition of Penny Amborne as U-19 scheduler, we appear to be set association wide.
Financial Assistance Addendum	An addendum was drafted to add to the policies and procedures. Motion to adopt, seconded and passed unanimously. Seven skaters received financial assistance this year totaling \$2,225.00, half of which will be submitted to the Blue Line Club.
State Tournament	State tournament fees need to be submitted shortly. There was a question of whether or not the Peewees or Girls were going to participate, due to the fact that no official response had come from either team. Greg and Bernie, acting on behalf of their teams, verbalized commitment for State.
Registration Update	The total to this point is 85 skaters. There was an official request by one association member for a refund, their child decided not to play this season. The Board has no problem issuing a full refund, as the child did not participate in any activities. The Board needs to draft a policy regarding refunds, this will be added to the policies and procedures. This will be an agenda item for Decembers' meeting. One of our players tried out, unsuccessfully, with DePere. Rumor is that there are an abundance of players in DePere. A motion was made, seconded and passed, to have Mike Johaneck (JV coach) contact the DePere Association and inquire about offering a spot on the JV team for a few of their players who wish an opportunity to potentially increase their amount of playing time by joining a smaller team/association. Mark will contact Mike regarding this.
Grievance Committee	Yet to be appointed. Not critical at this time.
John Leist Memorial	In memory of John Leist, the association wishes to have a plaque made. Though we are not certain we will be able to display it at the MCIC. It was discussed that the plaque might travel with the Bantam team, of which both of John's sons are members, and also be displayed at the Blade Bash and presented to the Family at that time.

Member Handbook The revised version of the Member Handbook needs to be finalized and posted on the website. Nancy will contact Kathy Palmer to have this brought to Decembers' meeting.

Board Member Needed? Mark will contact Lowell Johnson and ask if he would like to join the Board and finish out the remainder of Karen's term.

Committee Reports

Programs/Marketing:

28 Basic skate registrations. The next County league registration date is November 15th and 16th.

There was a question on how to officially roster the mites who will be skating as fill-ins on the Squirt team. Mites will be officially rostered as Mites, they can play up. This will keep the Mites eligible for State.

Fundraising:

Missy presented a schedule of events planned by the Fundraising committee. This looks to leave us short of the goal of \$70,000. More events need to be planned. Because of the success of the Port Sandy Bay Pizza event, we should consider it be done again in January. Looking ahead to next year, get an earlier start on the Football Frenzy.

The Board would like the committee to put together a spread sheet which shows the planned events, their projected costs, sales and profits which will show a path leading us to our goal. This same sheet should be utilized to show "actuals" for comparison to the projected dollars so we can see if the scheduled events will allow us to achieve that goal or if more events are needed.

Blade Bash was discussed. Bernie and Theresa volunteered to attend the Blade Bash meeting and offer their input.

There needs to be an emphasis on communication between the committee and Team Parents, so no member gets left out of participating in these important events. Fund-raising is crucial as it contributes to more than half of the necessary income to run the association.

Coaching:

Mark Persaud has joined as the Assistant Coach to the Squirt Team. Motion to accept, seconded and passed.

Still putting together skills manuals

Working on a pay structure/guideline for paid coaches-Mark has requested that Greg, Cassy, Pete Dollopf and Jay Hetland meet to create this guideline.

Goalie clinics: WAHA clinic was held Friday, October 19th, 5-9 PM at the MCIC.

The clinic was good, attendance was low. Seven attended the first Session and 4 attended the second session. This clinic was to serve as a learning experience for both players and coaches. The first session was represented well by the lower level coaches, the second session was not represented well, none of our paid coaches attended. This is somewhat disturbing because we are lacking a goaltender for the future of our highschool teams. Furthermore, coaches were to bring the teachings to our in house clinics which are held on Tuesdays, and to date not one has shown up. The association was very fortunate to acquire the services of Chris Akgulian, who used to play goalie back in the days of the cattle barn. Chris has no ties to the association other than memories and a desire to get out on the ice and work with the kids. Chris is volunteering all his time and has been aided by coaching committee members Greg Carriere and Jay Hetland.

County League Coaching: With adult supervision, it is our decision to fill the coaching needs with Varsity players. We would like 2 Varsity players (per team) to take the lead in coaching the teams.

The Coaches Committee met October 2nd with the entire MCYHA coaching staff. Coaching applications were completed and releases for background checks were signed and processed.

Tryouts: Have been completed and the teams selected. Have not heard yet of any problems arising from the process. We feel it is important that the recommendations made for scheduling the first three weeks of practice (noted in the October 1st minutes) be followed to help accommodate all players who have commitments to other sports during this process.

Website: No takers yet for web ads. Asking fundraising committee to pursue this a little harder. There was discussion about posting rosters on the web-site. We would like to post rosters on the team pages, separate from the team photos. This seems to be a regular practice with other youth hockey web-sites. There was a motion regarding this last month, but there has been no feedback. Rosters will be posted, and if there are issues with this, they will be accommodated when they arise.

Finance: Workers compensation Audit? We are being audited for some reason. Not a real concern

Approximately half of our projected registration income has come in, equating approximately \$30,000. Money Market Balance is at approximately \$50,000.

This has been tapped into for some consecutive years now and will be depleted if we continue to fall short of our goals.

Briefly covered budget proposal, there were some questions on WAHA fees and referee Fees, but we're content with the figures proposed. A line needs to be added for the Head Scheduler salary of \$500. The budget has yet to be approved.

**Open
Forum**

Lost ice time due to compressor failure. MCIC will credit the association for 3 hours

Due to the fact that there is a shortage at the goalie position for now and the foreseeable future Mark suggested that we entertain several options to drum up interest in a Freshman or Sophomore aged player. Some ideas were to waive registration fees; pay for goalie clinic(s); outfit with new equipment. Details will have to be worked out.

Adjourned at 9:20 PM

Next meeting, December 3rd, (January 7th) 7:00 PM @ MCIC