

November 9, 2005

Hockey Board Meeting

Present: Tim B., Joe W., Brian K., Dan D., Chuck A., Mike F., Al D., Paul A., Pat R.

Guests: Phil Swiler, Marty Hickey, Mike Sand, Dave Ambers

1. Dave Ambers: Hockey Photos. Prices are going to be the same. Samples of what was done in the past. Buttons are the same; a 3" button has options to it, and different packages. The Magnets have protective covers this year to resist scratches. Lots of options. Colors go better with the Mustangs Colors. Has Flexibility with Scheduling. Will work to minimize the time on the ice, most in past was 10 minutes. He suggests doing this on ice because it's similar to other sports on their fields of play. Dave had samples of the last few years and discussed what he is going to do to get better quality shots this year. No action will let him know in a few weeks. In the past Dave has contributed to ECYH.
2. Minutes of last meeting – Motion to approve Al, D, Dan D second, all in favor, motion passed.
3. Discussion of Full set of jerseys, 30 – its 750 bucks. Should consider doing the Peewee teams given the bantams have better jerseys – for the Recreational League teams.
4. Motion made by Paul and Pat that we get two sets of jerseys and include spots on back for corporate sponsors. At 750 a set. This would include the mustang logo and involve them into the program more. There would be a spot on the back for the corporate sponsors. In the past the Rec teams wore Mesh Jerseys. These would be new versions of those Jerseys. Brian K. second. Discussion. A bit better jerseys are significantly more, up to 86 bucks from 25 for these. All in favor, motion carries.
5. Think about nominations for people for the O'Brian Award. The vote is in January.
6. New Rink: Chuck
  - a. Rink Tec is going to provide a proposal on two different units – Chillers – that would work for our project – Used units with limited warranties – also have used Zamboni and Dasher Boards - There is also a used unit that would run three rinks – more than we currently need. Prices are on the way.
  - b. Met and we are working on Brochure and case statement and working on breaking up various parts of the rink – the colored rendering will be displayed at the rink.
  - c. Talked to the USHL about this opportunity. But to get to 3,500 seating may be an issue. We have contacted the NAHL as well that also may create revenue possibilities.
  - d. Have meetings set with the Chamber and the Economic Development Committee, and are trying to set up dates. We will also contact convention and tourism organization.
  - e. There is space for retail and other dry land facilities.
7. Fund Raising – Joe W.

- a. Calendars are out and t-shirts were handed out. Most everyone was pleased. Nice Job Joe!!!
  - b. Calendar for next year – can we get a larger calendar that people will actually use and maybe set it up so we sell ½ as many and raise the same money and offer the discount. How much would the cost of these be? These full size might also get used more. We may be able to put sponsors on the bottom of the calendar, and get all the relevant hockey dates in EC in there. Also, run a photo contest to encourage Mustang shots and include them. Joe will cost out the same amount of calendars and see how we have to run the program to make this work. We will try 3000 as a quantity to run numbers on.
  - c. Are pull tabs usable? These are a great deal to raise money. We need to check into the feasibility of this. Thanks Phil!! A lot of associations have them in Minnesota. You have to man a booth and get a gaming license and non profit status. Also have these at ‘busy establishments’ like a sports bar, proceeds go to ECYH.
8. Tournaments – Dan D
- a. Working on Insurance
  - b. Working on filling the Kurth and other tournaments – C tourney is filled.
  - c. Al is getting calls, but says send in check. One spot back for Peewee B. Hughes will be filled by a week or two.
9. Travel – Dan D.
- a. Have High school C coaching vacancy. Pat is working on some candidates and has calls out there. We are looking for leads for candidates. These guys will play JV games. We have to make a decision by 12/1 so that State Tournament registrations and eligibility is in force. It is possible we will have enough kids for two teams. If anyone has ideas, please contact the board and get some names to investigate.
  - b. Peewee A team parent would like to get permission to solicit tourney’s beyond what the board has determined. They have 27 games. They would like permission to schedule 2 tourneys and some games to make up the difference. They want the Superior and New Richmond tourneys, and play games at Menomonee and Rice Lake. Will the board consider this? The coaches support the request. There seems to be no opposition on their team given this parent’s attempts to request feedback. The board appreciates the manner in which the request was presented to the board. The board is aware that there are some parents that are not in favor of the idea. Motion on table to approve this as stated in the letter with unanimous parent approval – Pat – Second – Al D. It’s all but Joe W. decent. Motion passed. Board would encourage that some of these are used for practice.
  - c. Parent Meetings: Held and went good. Some questions.
  - d. Bantam Evaluations are this weekend – need help to get this rolling. Player selections on Sunday. Rec will skate Monday night and pick teams right after that skate.

- e. Tim Culliton – parent coach – Brian request that he be approved to cover times when he can not be there. As long as there are two coaches on the bench. Tim Motion to approve, Dan D. All in favor, motion passed.
- f. Request from a parent to go on ice to work on goal tending. Coach has not been contacted. Table until the coach makes the proposal.

10. Ace Coordinator –

11. Rec Program – Mike

- a. Peewees Picked, practices last night, coaches are doing great.
- b. Both teams shared ice, things when really well.
- c. Need Goalie Pads. These will be in tomorrow according to Al D. Tomorrow night practice is 8:30 – they will pass out jerseys and gear tomorrow morning.
- d. One team does not have a goalie. Two alternatives – first, just rotate. Second is moving a squirt up to cover and play on squirt team. He has the size and the kid wants to do it. Need board approval for second alternative. The board wants to make sure this is not a precedent setting situation. This is a special circumstance with a special position. The board has to make an educated decision to accommodate these needs. Squirt team would take priority if there is a conflict. The coaches would like the kid to play up. Pat makes motion that we let him play up at goal and this does NOT set a precedent to allow playing up at later dates. Al D. Second. All in favor, motion passed.
- e. Dad will forward to Paul and Paul will get these books to the team parents.

12. Player Development – Al

- a. Stables dry land area will be done Friday. Looks great, thanks Al and everyone on the committee!!! Great Job.
- b. Monday before Thanksgiving, 21<sup>st</sup>, UWEC will be here, then Monday and Wednesday's after that.
- c. Wednesday 7:00pm 11/16<sup>th</sup> the board & Coaches are invited to watch some High school kids go through all the drills. UWEC will adjust from this dry run.
- d. Coaches will have access to room to use as they want for their team. The coaches have to sign up on sign in sheet in room. UW staff and coaches need to sign in. Damages have to be reported on sheets provided at room. We want to keep track of utilization. The room schedule will be covered on the WEB site.
- e. Discussion regarding use of trainers that are employed by the cumulative teams parents and/or the coach. No solicitations can be allowed essentially is the sum of the comments.
- f. We are suggesting a 10 dollar donation, not mandatory, for use of the facility per player. Out side the association, the recommendation is if there is additional time available at the facility, then a 20 dollar fee is required per player for 10 times at the facility. There will be an issue over time with supervision as the UWEC student help subsidies. We have

coaches. We do not want parents to feel pressure to pay for trainers when the facility was created to avoid these expenses and provide quality training.

- g. Joe W. Motion, that trainers are volunteer facilitators only; that have completed an orientation; and trained with UWEC trainers, that follow the established protocols by ECYH only, Second Pat, all in favor, motion passed.
- h. Donations – Al makes motion that we ask for a volunteer/optional one time 10 dollar per skater donation – motion second by Brian, all in favor, motion passed.
- i. UWEC and high school program players may be interested. We see this as an opportunity to get the high school coaches to get interested and possibly contribute to ECYH again. We can reach out and make sure they know that this is available. We anticipate the UWEC programs may be interested given they may not have a competitive alternative.
- j. Monday, December 5, 6:00 to 8:00pm, we will have an open house at the facility. This will be listed at the web site. All players and families are invited to see the facility.

13. Scheduling:

- a. Still working on Scheduling. The bantam C is full.
- b. Pee wee C still has some work to do, but coming along fine.
- c. Squirt teams need another game or two and they are done.

14. Web Site

- a. On line payments – have had 4 so far

15. Facilities

- a. Jerseys will be out to pee wee Rec teams tomorrow night

16. Five minute topics

- a. None.

17. Tim motion to adjourn – second Dan D. All in favor, motion passed.