

September 14, 2005

Eau Claire Youth Hockey Board Meeting

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

Guests Present: Marty Hickey, Kevin Lovvik, Bill Stein

1. Bill Stein: Bill informed the board that the association could count on him to continue with the referee scheduling. Brian Knapp said that the November and December schedules are on line and he could get started. Mike told him that all Peewee and Bantam teams are managed by the association and we are paying the refs. At Peewee 2 refs will be used and at Bantam 3 refs will be used.
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Move to approve Brian second Joe, all approved
3. Use of CVTC for the referee clinic on September 24th is under approved number of \$300. It should come in at roughly \$262.00.
4. Scott Lapoint has resigned for the board effective immediately. Per past practice, the next candidate with the highest vote total will be contacted and offered the board seat. Mike F. will do this. If that person accepts, then the board has to vote to accept. The board needs to absorb these duties. Scott was Vice President (Which involved running the Travel Program and chairing the Travel Committee – Registrations, tryouts, team selections, team managers on board, contact person for travel teams, and ensuring the High School C program up and running to name a few things) Experience is very helpful in this position, but not required. Brian said since not everyone was present at the meeting an email should be sent out to assess interest. We can also consider splitting up this job. We can also add 2 non voting members to help cover responsibilities. We will fill VP candidate from current Board and vote on this at the September 28th meeting.
5. Financial Report – Larry not here so no report. We do have bills that are being forwarded to him.
6. New Rink – Chuck A.
 - a. Have a meeting on the 22nd at Wipfli, noon to go over the new design in from Ayres Associates. Chuck had copies for review.
 - b. Originally had 1200 seating capacity. We have cut this back to reduce span and adding a bay at the end. We can add seats more effectively at the end of the rink. Seating capacity is being assessed, and we are proposing to square off the building to ease construction costs. At 800 seating capacity, we will save land in parking and actual parking space. The current site plan meets zoning codes. For every three seats we need a parking spot. Still working to reduce span for rooms off to the side.
 - c. Will also drop the floor to lower outside profile from 28 to roughly 18 feet, and which will also be more efficient. This will save on the cost exterior building costs.
 - d. Still working on final cost figures. Working on dasher boards, refrigeration, but shell is getting refined. This is being worked on by the committee and still something in the 2.5M range. There is still a lot of work to do.

- e. Eau Claire Sports Center – discussed again. We have approached two years ago with no interest. It is expected that the facility would fit a regulation rink inside plus seating. Board considering approaching again. There will be significant demo inside to get rinks in resulting in expenses similar to current site numbers (when purchase of facility is considered). They have columns inside we think, so rinks have to be on both sides of supports.
 - f. Hobbs – there is no verifiable information regarding any change in the future of Hobbs. Given the information we know, Hobbs is expected to operate as usual.
 - g. Profit and Loss on new rink. We are in process of assessing the expected financial statements. Initial pro-forma statements are set up and assumptions being refined closer to our expectations. Larry and Jeff M. from rink committee are working on these.
 - h. The committee would like to approach the YMCA regarding their land and see if there is any scenario that works for them. We have no invitation, but would like to check that prior to commitments on the Stile Land. Mr. Steil has entertained the concept of construction the outer structure and leasing it to the association. Only discussion at this point.
7. Fund Raising – Joe W.
 - a. Calendars are done.
 - b. Raffle tickets coming in.
 - c. Tournament booklet layouts are being worked on.
 8. Tournaments – Dan D.
 - a. Got first check
 - b. Answering lots of phone calls.
 9. Travel Committee – Mike F. Acting.
 - a. Want to be staffed for registrations. Compile list of how many.
 - b. We have received some registrations already. Registration session are September 21st and 25th from 6 to 8 pm.
 - c. Discussion regarding putting the Peewee A's in the NORWIS League. We need to talk about this and vote formally on it. For the last few years we have not put them in NORWIS this league. Marty Hickey – when the coaches decided a few years ago, he wanted to stay in as Bantams. Other coaches pulled out due to no shows and poor competition. Ryan Parker inquired as to the board's position. We have heard that the Peewee A's could not get games, so 11 tournaments were played last year to supplement, therefore should a change be considered? Set ice times will help and is set up better this year already. Motion made by Pat R. that Peewee A remains in league for the 2005 2006 season but coaches can adjust schedule as they see fit. Second, Dan G.: Additional discussion: whether Player refunds would be made needs to be addressed as part of this. All in favor, motion passed.
 10. Registrations: Need help – looks like enough guys. Be here at 5:30. Meet people and ask and answer questions.
 11. ACE Coordinator – Pat R.

- a. Letter in spectator for coaching.
- b. Pat will sign up men's league participants. About 5 or 6 teams. May get some coaches from this team.
- c. Any person who has never coached and those whose certifications have expired has to certify by December 31st. Coaches need to register at USAHcosy.com. The board will reimburse the coaches for the clinic with documentation. Level 3 can be done on line.
- d. Al will schedule visits to schools, but will not be able to go, so we need volunteers from the board or else where. Pat will get players from High Schools to go with promoting hockey. Target 5 to 8 year olds.

12. Recreation League:

- a. Letter will go out at registration and follow up with those that did not take the letter.
- b. Paul will meet with Pat to get details on evaluations.
- c. Brian will get me schedule to attach to orientation letter.

13. Player Development – Chuck

- a. Having meeting at Paul's office Thursday 2:30 regarding dry land.
- b. We are having Jeff Janot come in from UWEC to set up dry land protocol for the winter. Also getting his Kinesiology students involved.
- c. We need to get with fund raising to get money for purchase of equipment. This will be covered at the meeting Thursday.
- d. We would like to get the volunteer services of a welder so we can make some Russian Boxes.

14. Scheduling – Brian K.

- a. League games and practice times are almost completed.
- b. Checking with Marshfield and Steven's Point, may check Medford.
- c. Next meeting is High School C and Rec teams. Need to figure out how many teams we have, so will be in October.
- d. Away tournaments are set except for HSC.

15. Web Site – Tim B.

- a. On line Registration - Discussion of timing of charges to credit cards given making travel teams or not. If we can get on the internet, then we could have a computer at the registration. Stu has access in his office.
- b. The system we are looking at uses registration information in a data base to make mass mailings, etc, very efficient. Many other associations are doing this.
- c. \$40 bucks more per player. This is a user funded program.
- d. Pat makes motion we use on line registration for players fees this year, Dan D. Second. This is not required, but is an additional service offered to the player's family. Available to both Rec and Travel Registrations. All in favor, motion passed.
- e. New Software – Coral Software – so forms can be changed by board members. Pat motioned that Tim can use up to 150 bucks, second by Brian K. All in favor, motion passed.
- f. Selling Ad Space – Have to make sure that jersey sponsors are primary. And need to make sure web site quality is maintained. Might be better to

designate available space and sell it. Can add ads to scheduling pages.
Tim and Mike S. will work to redesign main page.

16. Facilities – Dan G.

- a. Jerseys – we believe we have enough for 2 teams and will be able to get the jerseys for Peewees from Parks and Rec.
- b. Pretzel machine – Need to sell it. Checked Prices. Mike will contact Mary Hanson and ask \$200.00.

17. Five Minute Topics:

- a. Handling hockey tryouts – letter – put on our letter head and hand it out at registration. And will be put on Web Site.
- b. Motion to adjourn Brian, second Pat, all in favor.