

November 13, 2007  
Hockey Board Meeting

Joe Walters reviewed the Bantam REC league issues. Chuck and Joe W. checked this out today. We do not have a definitive answer at the time of the meeting. We are, at this time, continuing as though we will get approval. Joe and Chuck drafted a letter to send to WAHA to accept. Chuck did call and had a good conversation. The WAHA officials talked to today thought there is a good chance this will work. We do not have a decision at this time from WAHA.

The idea is to have 2 teams of 12 and 13 kids. They would play a regular schedule as much as possible. Then, before 12/31, have a tryout and send 15 skaters and one goalie to the State C tournament. This was agreed to by the REC parents present (majority) as the best alternative. This is being checked into, and we anticipate that we will find a way to work this out. We did go ahead and reserve the spot at the State C tournament, we will be able to get our entry fee of 525 back prior to the tournament. The next best alternative would be to roster the two teams and have a playoff, and the winner goes to state. This was agreed (majority) to by the parents present as the second best alternative. There is more to do, prior to a decision here.

Chuck will get the letter out this week to the appropriate WAHA officials. He will continue the dialogue with them as well. We will get a final answer ASAP, subject to the WAHA.

Brian is working on more games already. Medford called, and now we have more games. Mike Mosul will be assistant, and Marty has coaches. This next practice will be 'all skate' then the next practice will be evaluations for teams run by Marty.

At the Pee wee level, they will have to play off. Right now, the winner will go to State, and the loser will go to Plover tournament. Then Brian will look for another tournament.

Chuck Reported on Parent that requested a meeting regarding helping coaches. Chuck left it at the Head Coaches Discretion.

Tournaments:

Are coming together, still room in some of them. Bantam A is not full, and is new. Needs 5. Bantam B needs 3. Pee wee A needs 4. Squirt A needs 3. Everything else is full. Joe feels these will be filled.

#### Facilities:

Jerseys are out, less Bantam A/B and High School C.  
Still collecting checks for jerseys.

#### Fund Raising:

We are paying out 15k, so we could do some kind of raffle on large items, and reduce or cancel calendar. The board will consider a change, and is still considering the pull tabs.

Golf Outing: Andy Akervik, Schwengler, and others will work it. Likely be in June.

#### Schedule:

Brian is still working on it. Getting closer and now with the Bantam REC issues, more to do. Some cancellations from other associations are causing issues. But will get it handled. Have to reconcile the Bantam C depending on how the tournaments and teams come out, so it works. Added ice for the additional bantam team, will be booked at EC first, then Altoona, then Chippewa.

#### Tim Bresser:

All team parents can update their pages. Instructions are out there. They can also set up there

#### Kathy E. & Paul A.:

Background checks will be conducted on all coaching aps. This is underway.  
Collecting money from the Bantam C parents – 5 outstanding.

#### Tim C: Registrations

Getting player registrations for the walk-ins at evals figured out. And will send into WAHA.

#### Pull Tabs:

Still checking into the machines and the entire program. The machines are expensive. Have to check out the difference between several alternatives right now. They vary in numbers of pulls, and styles. Expenses differ as well. More work to do here than we thought, but still looking good and under way.

Scholarships – at this point it looks like we have approved those submitted. Numbers are in line with other years.

#### HOBBS Renovation Issues:

Mike Falch and Chuck went to the city council meeting last Thursday night. They essentially stated that the covering of the Hughes rink should be included, but there are financials to work out. This does not mean we ‘approved’ new rates. But delivered the message that we need the opportunities made clear as to what the fund raising alternatives are.

They plan to send out Request for proposals in Jan, and shortly after, the Architect will sit down with the consortium and discuss each parties needs within their budget.

We are still emphasizing the need to lower costs of operations. We put this requirement in writing to the City. We know that the 165 for ice time, or where ever it ends up, is not going to capital cost. Phil P. from Parks and REC told us the rate will be going up and the capital has to come from fundraising partially and bonds by the city for the some of it.

We want some accountability with the system. We want to see what the proposals are for the consortium to verify that the city is still working to sell the facility and doing real initiatives to keep costs as low as possible.

We as a consortium need to continue the dialogue with public officials.

The current proposal is dry floor in O’Brian, and keep ice on Akervik and the newly covered Hughes rink. The time frame is now to summer to get some Architectural drawings. At that time, about a year from now, there would be a bond for 4M in front of the city council. Then the naming rights would make up the rest with fund raising. The city said if the consortium can make some kind of a commitment, then it will get the bond.