

February 12, 2008

Hockey Board Meeting – Minutes

Present Directors: Paul A., Chuck A., Brian K., Al D., Joe W., Tim B., Jef M., Tim C., Scott W.

Guests: Stu from Parks and Rec, schedule update at beginning of meeting.  
Troy Berg

Minutes: Brain moved approval, Jef Second, all in favor.

### STATE TOURNAMENTS

All sign ups good, there are 7 teams going to state. It's all set up. Thanks every body!

### WAHA ELITE LEAGUE

Midget Team stops when H.S. Starts. Starts up in September. The team has to get 20 games in to get eligibility for the nationals, and each player 10 games. This is to keep kids in WI to play, instead of going to MN. This is different from Team WI. This is done by district. They are going to eliminate District 6 and have been held in Tohma, WI. Are we as an org interested? Means we have to have a practice a week, maybe two. Have to provide Coaches. This would be a tryout. Everybody in the district would be eligible. Would be open to H.S. kids that want to play. They play the other districts. Have to get the 20 games in to get the games to get eligibility for nationals. They play other state teams. They will play 2 or 3 games a week. You can play the high school fall sport. It's only on the week ends, so they can make the hockey too. 4PM on Monday at Hobbs, O'Brian room, for an informational meeting. U16 and U18 team. They may also pick up some MN teams. More details to follow. They need a manager for each level, normally a parent from the team, and coaches. So ECYH would help make that happen.

### WAHA CUP HOST

We are hosting the WAHA Peewee (95 and 96 birth years). We have had kids participate in the past. Will get 1,500 bucks to host. All the association has to do is run the clock, penalty boxes, and announce. There will be families at each level from our association (likely) – Held on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March. There will be 12 teams, 6 at each level (95s and 96s). Generally 16 or 17 kids on a team. Saturday Sunday, 3 games total, 4 if you

win the semi's. Competitive, and at a high level of competition. From this, they pick a 'team Wisconsin.'

## USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE

Registration, we have an issue. For years we waited until we have teams picked to register. But now we are supposed to get registrations prior to kids getting on ice. (Also, at Hobbs, they are insured while in the Hobbs Building). An issue happened in another association that now is falling out on ECYH. Next year we have to link our registration with ECYH with also an immediate sign up with USA Hockey. This should prevent any issues. Essentially, where ever you go outside your organization, you have to carry USA Hockey Insurance, via registration. Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, to Aug 31<sup>st</sup> the next year, is the coverage upon registration. Need to figure out a way to get this done. Our issue right now, is getting kids registered by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Will present logistical challenges. The board needs to find a solution to improve the registration timing for next season. Is there a way where we can get both covered out of one registration action by the family? At a minimum, we will have to make the family aware. This was in the fee at 35 bucks, so our fees would also drop by 35 bucks because the fee would be handled earlier than ECYH fee collections. At this time we will plan on making the families aware and getting them to register themselves at the time they do this with ECYH. We also have been registering all the EC Parks and REC kids. They have only been doing Squirts. So follow up will be needed to make sure nothing is exposed here. At 6 years old is the age when the 35 dollars starts to be collected. Parks and REC will have to figure out their end. Tim Culliton: Presented a list of fees for squirts that we registered. Technically the in house association run by Parks and REC comes under the ECYH authority, via USA Hockey/WAHA. There is planned activity at the squirt level the board is aware of at the end of the season. This is not supported in any way by the ECYH board. (At the squirt level). No tournament will let you in without a USA/WAHA registration.

## PULLTAB MACHINE @ DOOLEYS

Need to get cash down there. We have 'funded' the machine with 1,000 dollars of Working Capital so he can 'pay out.' At about 3,600 bucks in, the association should get about 850 in. Please support this! The interest so far is very good and we anticipate good returns. If it works out, we recommend paying the 3000 for the new machine rather than the 750 range for used, given the challenges of getting this one up and running.

## ALL FEES ARE IN/CALENDARS ARE DISTRIBUTED

The logistics were briefly discussed. Stubs are stilling coming in. Distributions will start soon.

## SCHEDULE SOFTWARE

Meeting with Stu will be set up; Tim will handle the issues with Mary/Stu. At this time, the Parks and REC will not give us access to their schedule system. At this time, without access to master schedule, most of the keying savings are lost. But we are still looking into the feasibility of advantages. We may have leverage with the new consortium of users to schedule and use ice. WE don't care about the other aspects (H.R.) of their schedules. We anticipate we may be able to get only the ice time access. It seems reasonable to us the City should give ECYH and the consortium some latitude in this potential efficiency.

## COACHES EVALUATIONS

Form was discussed and approved. Team managers will distribute and collect. We also have on the web site to down load. Tim will put on web. We will tell them we want one from all. Signatures are not required.

## HOBBS ADDITION

Fund raising kicked off at the North Memorial game. Requests for Proposals are out to Architectural firms. They are then going to get that company to get construction drawings followed by taking the structure to bid. No additional meetings have been called that we are aware of. So far feed back is varied. Phasing of the project with Hughes Rink covered in a later phase has created some question. However, we have been told that the Hughes rink will be covered. Bonding from the city covers 4M. Then fund raising needs to be 2M to finish the project. There are the usual questions regarding the use and plan for the total project cost of 6M from our membership. This is now in the cities hands. Now we have to ride this through. And we believe the City Council knows we are counting on the Hughes rink will be covered.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (No type means no entries no updates)

### FINANCE

There is a family that owes us 200. Chuck will follow up. Brain will follow up on money from PR on mini mite equipment. The Hughes 2006 tournament – outstanding funds, is this taken care of? Chuck said the CD should be used if we were short funds. So Jeff will look into this and move

the money, roughly 4,000 dollars. This year the awards are tuned down and there is no meal. Chuck said this would use much of the CD. Jeff will check in with Joe Susa and sort this out.

#### REGISTAR

Tim has everything completed. Brian is taking paper work to Stu.

#### REC / HOUSE LEAGUE

No Report

#### FUND RAISING

Discussion on the Golf Outing and Joe will follow up with new board members mentioned before (Akervik, etc). Needs to get rolling.

#### TRAVEL

Question has been asked if there would be interest for 2<sup>nd</sup> year mite travel team. A regional travel team. Menomonie, Chippewa, Point, etc. Some interest. There may be enough interest to get 16 kids. If it comes together it would follow ECYH protocol. Al D offered to help with information from when he was involved if it happens. Comments from board members included: There is really no reason not to do this. Shouldn't hurt the kids or other programs. Most the other large associations have a Mite travel team.

#### FACILITIES

We discussed the change of locks on the storage room. We also discussed The possibility of programmable keys. We did lose a couple jerseys and some other minor losses. We are working to prevent this. There is an extra set of goalie equipment. Mite program has switched to ½ ice hockey for Eau Claire games. We need to discuss banners. Would like to move those from Banbury and get those updated that may result this year and at Akervik.

#### WEB

#### TOURNAMENTS

Joe Susa: Hughes is full with 16 teams. With recent events in Pro hockey, Trainers were discussed. These are not required. Battle of the blades had 8 teams because he couldn't get 12 teams. Holiday Inn is Pee wee A and Squirt A. Al D. recommended putting all three A, B, C level on one weekend. Checking with Stu, he said 24 team weekend tournaments (8, 8, and 8 at each level) would work fine. We get more help that way and get more of the association families together. This will be considered next year. This would help facilitate support from local hotels. It's also easier to run

from an association standpoint. There is a lot to do to pull this off. This needs to be acted upon at the next meeting.

#### SCHEDULING

This should be done now. The teams are even with fees less one team, and Brain is working on that and will have it covered. It's under control.

#### CONDUCT

We discussed the Eagle River tournament and the concussion on the Fond Du Lac Team member. The child is recovered now, and there was no malicious behavior. The bantam A coaches have addressed, again, the policy of clean and fair play. No follow up action required.

Bloomington Jefferson U16 team, called Chuck today. They play instead of H.S. C in MN. They want to play our H.S. C team. This may not be competitive for them. They want to play a group of teams. Maybe we put together a U16 team. Hudson Has a U16 team. Might be March or April 11, 12, 13<sup>th</sup>. We also may have the district U16 team starting by then too.