

# MYHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**HELD:** Tues., November 13, 2007  
Green Lantern

**Call to Order:** 6:33 p.m.

**Present:** Jeff Engelkes, Dean Gille, Deb Jenks, Todd Kroneman, Mark Matthews, Joe Mazzara, Danielle Olson, Lisa Schwoerer, Tom Siesennop.

**Absent:** Brian Bruno, Lisa Mazzie Hatlen, Dave Laux

## President's Report

1. New BOD Member: Joe introduced Deb Jenks to the board of directors. She will be filling the vacated seat previously held by Kathy Schmidt, Webmaster.
2. Try-outs: Joe Mazzara reported that the try-out process for the 2007-2008 hockey season went smoother than in past years. Mark Matthews stated that it really helped having the board help at the rink during the try-outs this year. This allowed to the coaches committee to concentrate on the needs at hand. Discussion was made on changing the language from "try-outs" to "placement." The word "try-out" tends to scare newer families to think that a child will be turned away if he/she doesn't make a team. All kids are placed on a team; therefore, it should be worded as a placement evaluation rather than a try-out evaluation. Voted on unanimously, this change will be implemented at the start of the 2008-2009 hockey season.
3. Teams/League Assignments: Joe reported that there have been many discussions regarding the skill level of play at the Squirt 3 level. The head coach of the Squirt 3 team and the parents have expressed concern that the league placement is too high for the skill level of this team. Although this may be true, Joe commented that this year, the Squirt level is split by 6 divisions, instead of 4 divisions like in past years. Unfortunately, the divisions are set prior to when our try-out/placement process happens, therefore the skill level of skaters is uncertain. Todd mentioned that in the past, Dane County/Region 4 used to hold a "fun round" to get a better idea of where the skaters should be skating at. This "fun round" is no longer held.
4. Registration /Day at the Rink: Discussion was made on whether we should move registration dates up to August and start during the Day at the Rink. Families wouldn't be required to pay half of the dues at that time, but we'd require a \$100 non-refundable registration fee. This would be one way to get some early commitment from families and we would have a better idea of skater counts prior to try-outs/placement. The \$100 registration fee would be applied to the families' accounts when their children are placed on a team. Joe asked Dani to create a draft document for early registration at the Day at the Rink. Dani will provide that at the next board meeting.
5. Concession/Zamboni Schedule: Joe reported on Lisa Mazzara's behalf. So far, all is going well; there are zero no-shows to report for concessions. Todd reported that for the zamboni schedule, we had three no-shows total last year and we have had two so far this season. Dani will be billing the families for

the no-shows. Joe will send Mark the Quick Call list so that he can post them on the web.

6. Ice Mite #'s: At the time of the meeting, there were 45 Ice Mites registered for this season. Seven of the 45 are non-McFarland skaters. The first practice is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. There was discussion that this number is a bit lower than anticipated. However, Ice Mites families tend to register here and there through December. There was discussion on whether to keep the In-house Mites as is instead of creating a Mite 3 team later. We may have overestimated the In-house Mite numbers earlier in the season. Dean suggested that at the end of the year, MYHA should supply each skater with a certificate that would indicate what his/her placement should be next year.

### **Secretary's Report**

1. Approval of Fall Membership Meeting Minutes: Joe handed out the Fall Membership Meeting Minutes. Dean Gille moved to approve the minutes, and Jeff Engelkes seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. Treasurer's report: Dani Olson handed out profit and loss reports. It was reported that registration went rather smooth this year. Invoices and payments have been applied. There is currently just over \$8,000 in the checking account. Ice buy for October, November & December have been paid.

### **Coaches Committee**

1. JV for 2008-2009: Mark Matthews reported that a JV team will begin next year. Based on numbers, there will only be 1 Bantam team next year. Joe mentioned that the Patriots will not be having a Bantam team next year and that Matt Zapp will be back in McFarland.
2. Try-out Process: This was already discussed during the President's Report. Mark noted that Brian Bruno will be scheduling a coaches meeting for CPR.

### **McFarland Boosters**

There was no representative from the Boosters at the meeting.

### **McFarland Hockey, Inc.**

There was no representative from McFarland Hockey, Inc. at the meeting, but Mark Matthews stated that Hockey, Inc. will be having a meeting 11/14/2007. High on the subject right now is their expenses. In 2006, Hockey Inc. spent about \$10,000 on maintenance of the zamboni and approximately \$3,000 has been spent so far this year. A new zamboni is in the \$90,000 range.

### **Fundraising Report**

1. Calendar: Joe Mazzara reported that 2008 calendars have been distributed to all teams. Dani stated that all extra calendars need to be paid for in advance. The extra calendars are in the meeting room in the bottom drawer. There is a form that a board member or team rep needs to fill out. The form and money should be placed in the black box.
2. NFL tickets: The NFL ticket winners are listed on the Boosters site. The NFL raffle is run out of California and by that state law, names cannot be

listed, therefore only the ticket numbers and amounts are listed on the boosters site.

3. Wreaths: Jeff Engelkes has been working directly with the wreath company. The wreaths arrived on Tuesday morning. Teams have been assigned shifts to distribute wreaths at the rink. The teams and times are posted on the website. MYHA has a few extra wreaths, so if you know of families who may have missed the sale or would like to purchase some, they can contact Jeff. We would like to have the wreath handouts available during the Day at the Rink also. This would allow families to sell for two months instead of two weeks. Jeff will get Dani the wreath money and dues reduction after the wreaths have been distributed.
4. Golf Outing: Dean Gille stated that there aren't full details at this time. The date is slated for sometime in May 2008 and once Ron Main has more details, those details will be shared with the board.
5. Plasma TV: Joe reported that raffle tickets are starting to sell. Tickets are kept in the concession stand. We should promote this raffle; it is a fundraiser for MYHA.

### **Webmaster's Report**

New Webmaster: Due to the resignation of Kathy Schmidt, the position of Webmaster has been vacated. Mark Matthews will take over the webmaster position for the remainder of his term, which terminates in the Spring. Mark has already done a fantastic job keeping the website as current as possible.

### **Tournament Coordinators Report**

As the new tournament coordinator, Deb Jenks has been working with Lisa Schwoerer on what Deb's responsibilities are.

### **New Business**

There is no new business to discuss at this time.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

At 7:50 p.m., Joe Mazzara moved to adjourn, and Mark Matthews seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. 6:30pm in the Booster Room at the Rink.