

Mesabi East Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting – 1/2/2012

Board Attendance: Anne, Diane, Patti, Mike, Aaron

Also in Attendance: Sherry Craven, Amy Mugge, Duane Dale, Barry Parendo, Heidi Skelton

- Mike resigned from the President position. Mike reviewed some of the items he has been working on.
 - o Kathy Hayes – Ex. Secretary for MN Hockey is the contact person for the State Pee Wee B tournament we are hosting.
 - o Gave Aaron the Legacy record documents
 - o Will transfer electronic documents to Aaron
 - o 75 Rooms have been blocked. He's spoke to the Holiday Inn, Fortune Bay, Super 8, County Inn. A team has already blocked 20 rooms at the County Inn. We need approximately 160 rooms set aside for the tournament. Aaron has also contacted Giants Ridge and is waiting for a reply.
 - o Mike has a ladder and some signage to give to Heidi.
 - o Mike offered to continue updating the website.
 - o The Squirt tournament sanctioning form has been done and sent in. As of right now we have NO squirt teams signed up. We agreed to reduce the entry fee from \$450 to \$300.

- Aaron discussed the Kobe Grivette waiver issue.
 - o I received an email from Jennifer Sale requesting the waiver. I spoke to District Steve on how to proceed. He said for the board to send him a letter formally requesting the waiver. He must forward it on. I have emailed JenniferSale requesting additional information to include in our letter, per Dist. Steve. She has not responded to the request for additional information at this time.
 - o A question was raised, "what do we do in the mean time? Where does Kobe play?" After the meeting I called Steve and he confirmed that Kobe can practice and play on the squirt level, until we get all of this sorted out. He said we may run into an issue if we go to a large tournament, but if we stay local we should be fine.
 - o I brought up a request I received from one of the Pee Wee B coaches for an official roster and stickers for an upcoming tournament. Patti said these were completely done and she will bring them to the tournament this weekend.

- Treasurer Report
 - o Brought up the question on reimbursing coaches for hotel room or mileage. It was agreed to pay coaches without kids on the teams up to \$100 for either mileage or a hotel room.
 - o The Eveleth Association knows our association only pays for two away tournaments a year for our teams.

- The Pee Wee B's owe the association \$250 for gate fees we had to pay (in advance) for the tournament in Two Harbors.
 - The Eveleth Mite teams have consolidated from 3 teams to 2 teams. They paid for 3 teams for our Mite jamboree. Question came up, what to do with extra \$150 they've already paid?
 - Mite pie fundraiser has netted \$728 to date.
 - Squirts Scenty fundraiser netted \$600. A special thank you Rebecca Levander who donated 100% of her commission to the association for this fundraiser.
 - Necklace sales has generated a profit of \$300.
- Other Items
- No squirt teams have signed up for our Mike Kangas squirt tournament. We've reduced fees and Lisa has emailed a number of teams requesting them to sign up. Tournament is in jeopardy of being cancelled.
 - Our Pop Jamboree is full. 10 teams have registered.
 - Nate Skelton has asked if the Hoyt Lakes Fire Department can do a pancake feed fundraiser during the State Pee Wee B tournament in March. The association isn't planning a similar fundraiser. We agreed to support the H.L.F.D. in this. Wayde West has the final say.
 - Amy Mugge brought up an idea to waive Termite volunteer fees and registration fees in hopes of attracting more kids into the program. I also spoke briefly how our beginner numbers have dropped and we need to seriously consider this. For comparison, Giants Ridges gives all kids age 6 and under free season passes.
 - Better coordination needs to take place when hosting home games. The area staff should have the clock set up and ready prior to the games. Volunteers should also be lined up in advance to handle the clock, announce and take books.
 - The Ironheads have our chuck a pucks and we need to get them back for our Mite Jamboree this weekend.
 - Patti needs to get the Bantam A jersey numbers.

- NEXT BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 16TH, 2012

Thank you everyone for all of your hard!

Truly,

Aaron Undeland – Association V.P.