

# Mesabi East Youth Hockey

## Board Minutes

April 4, 2011

Called meeting to Order 7:00pm

Attendees: Jon Skelton, Patti Dale, Boone Pryzbylsky, Aaron Undelind, Amy Mugge, Diane Houdek, Jess Johnston, Patty Luke, Jim Luke, Sherry Craven and Michael Hamilton.

President's Report - Shared info on recent Free Jersey Degree program submission and appears we were successful, true test will be when the jerseys arrive. We expect 119 white jerseys sometime in August at no cost to the association. Thanks to Lisa for her work on the ads in the shopper. Talked about home tournament gate fee limits (\$250 squirt, \$300 peewee, \$350 bantam), will update forms for web posting.

Approved last month's minutes.

Vice President/Ace Coordinator's report – looking for coaching pool candidates. Will have info at banquet and post form on web site. Hoping to have list for board meeting in May.

Secretary's Report - N/A

Treasurer's Report – N/A

Registrar's Report – no report

Website Manager's Report – Amy commented that she needs the association computer to continue web site maintenance, etc. Coordinating with Patti who has it currently.

Apparel Coordinator's Report – Diane commented there will be apparel items available for purchase at the banquet.

### Old Business

- a) Final Banquet needs - Setup Saturday morning 10-12, Jon to pick up final items needed for décor. Had discussion related to kids who are at that age of transition from youth to high school.
- b) *Volunteer fees, hours and guidelines – changes or updates? – this was tabled*
- c) Level of play A or B for Bantams – Bantams will be A in the 2011-12 season. A lot of discussion on this item for rationale and justification to ensure a wise decision was made in the best interest of the kids at this level.

- d) *Tournament date for Bantams and Girls 12U – this was tabled. Bantam coaches will get back to the board with a date next meeting. No representative for the girl's team present.*
- e) Coach's dinner – options of Alden's in Biwabik or a bowling/pizza party in Hoyt Lakes. Diane will check into each location on cost and availability. Dates of April 29<sup>th</sup> primary with April 30<sup>th</sup> alternate were selected.
- f) *Fundraising – this was tabled*
- g) Promoting goalies – a lot of discussion on incentives with potential for reduced fees and of course the association provided equipment were discussed. It was also discussed on specialized goalie clinics, Sherry Craven will check with a gentleman who showed interest in holding clinics prior on specifics and get back to the board. This clinic option spurred more discussion related to forwards, defenseman, etc having similar clinics with perhaps one night per week during the season for such events. More to follow on this item as info becomes available.
- h) *Banners – this was tabled. It is noted to get banners, the board just needs to work out the details for which level (squirt and up, etc) for what events and the style of banner we want to select.*

### New Business

- a) Had discussion related to High school coaching position and the need for youth hockey to get involved through a meeting with Jim James, new coach and association to ensure we are providing the desired skills needed as the kids progress to the high school level. Looking to engrain our association into the “Big Picture” in the program overall. This will need more attention as a selection is made for that position and future coordination.
- b) Talked about how to promote the Girls program in addition to the association as a whole. Patty Luke volunteered to put together a pamphlet for the girls.
- c) Next year's fees to include advance gate, etc. need to be discussed over the summer.
- d) Dryland discussion is needed.
- e) Legacy record – tabled
- f) Discussed potential of Bantams participation in the VFW league. More to follow.
- g) It was mentioned that we should let Eveleth know we will have a Bantam A team. More to follow.

It was noted that we are beginning to get a lot of tabled items and things we are not able to finalize in our regular board meeting and that a special meeting may be needed to accomplish the large work load ahead. More to follow.

Adjournment – 9pm