

Mesabi East Youth Hockey

Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2011

Attendees: Jon Skelton, Patti Dale, Aaron Undeland, Jess Johnston, Sherry Craven, Diane Houdek, Amy Mugge, Andrea Soular, Mike Hamilton, Boone Przybylski, Robert Hill, guest Bryan Mortenson – President Eveleth Youth Hockey.

Called meeting to Order – 7:00pm

Approved last month's minutes.

President's Report:

- a) Attended Eveleth Recreation Board Meeting on April 13. Introduced myself, established communications and discussed Girls 12U program and need for a cooperative effort to recruit players. I feel this was well received and we have approval to contact "Buckels" to have further discussion, which is on my radar to do. Along with this is the plan to develop a flyer, which some parents have expressed interest in doing. Plans under way to distribute flyer in ME and Eveleth schools once it has been approved by our board and Eveleth rec board to ensure good quality message (Eveleth has an open house in the August/September time frame).
- b) Bryan Mortenson came to the meeting; he is the President for Eveleth Youth Hockey. His purpose was to open communication between our associations and begin discussion on the potential consolidation at the peewee and bantam levels. He invited me to attend their next meeting to be held on May 3rd, which I accepted in good faith to keep our communication open. We had about a 30 minute discussion with Bryan on various topics related to consolidation efforts, concerns, past issues and Eveleth's re-newed drive and efforts to promote hockey, more to come as it develops. Very good discussion and open communication. I was very please with Bryan's approach and openness.
- c) I had expected Becky Edstrom to attend the meeting with a draft flyer for the Girls program; she was unable to attend due to an illness.
- d) I spoke with Mr. Jim James, ME Athletic Director, related to the Eveleth High school coach position and shared my discussion with the group in attendance at the board meeting. Once a selection has been made Mr. James is OK with our approaching this individual with plans to enhance and establish our programs to fit with the high school programs needs. More to come as it develops.
- e) I shared with the group the excellent opportunities our volunteers from Blue Cross were able to attain for the association. "Free money" \$1250 combined from their volunteer efforts. ***"Please thank Andrea Soular, Lisa Wippler, Andrea Esler, Bobbi Lesar and Renee Ronning when you see them."***

- f) There will be a District 12 Spring meeting held at the Eveleth Hipp on May 10th @ 6pm. I will attend and share information at the next board meeting or sooner if warranted. Topics to be discussed: Peewee checking rule change with USA hockey, State/Region tournament hosting, Bantam and Peewee A/AA state tournament formats for 2012-2013, election of the district director position for a three year term.
- g) We are looking for volunteers for a burger fry fundraiser to be held May 21st at the VFW in Hoyt Lakes from 10am – 3pm (food sale from 10:30-2:30), PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN. Contact mike for more information (218)984-3084 home or (218)229-8803 work.
- h) I shared home tournament registration forms for Pop, Mite, Squirt, Peewee and Bantam. We would like to get the Peewee and Bantam listed in Let's Play Hockey this year. Once the bantam dates have been finalized I will submit for listing at a cost of \$50 per listing. We also discussed doing an ad at a cost of \$110 as we have never been listed before. We are hoping to increase our potential team draw with these efforts.

Vice President's Report:

Aaron would like to see a consolidated calendar with important dates for events and deadlines. Otherwise he is still in learning mode as he is new to the board.

Ace Coordinator's report:

Boone will be working on coach selection list and setting up a meeting sometime in June with those individuals. More details will be brought to the June meeting. Boone is also in learning mode being new to the board.

Jon Skelton:

Jon shared a list developed from the banquet along with other important information on the coach selection process and timeline. His counsel is greatly appreciated in this matter and for all his years of service to the program. He shared additional information with Aaron, Boone and I on other various topics. *"PLEASE THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO YOUTH HOCKEY" – mlhamilton.*

Secretary's Report:

N/A

Treasurer's Report:

Annie shared a financial summary for the 2010-2011 season.

Registrar's Report:

Nothing to report.

Website Manager's Report:

Amy would like to see the banquet date set permanent to make arrangements easier for all attendees. Amy also shared an idea for a fundraiser...more to come as it develops.

Apparel Coordinator's Report:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- a) Volunteer fees, hours and guidelines – changes or updates? - TABLED
- b) Tournament date for Bantams and Girls 12U- Bantams Dec 16th, 17th, 18th. Girls will potentially be combined with another event or set later pending registration numbers in the fall.
- c) Fundraising – many ideas were mentioned, this will be ongoing and no longer show on the agenda.
- d) Banners – Jess Johnston will work with vendor from Eveleth to order these for Peewee and Bantam as approved by the board. (Sample of layout pending) Estimated cost to be about \$300 or less.
- e) Legacy record – will be developed as the year progresses with handbook updates and incorporating event needs and coordination lists as event occur this year. So will no longer show on agenda.
- f) Promoting goalies (report from Sherry on potential for clinics) – Sherry shared preliminary information on goalie clinics and discussion was had on estimated costs and potential for weekly one day clinics. Sherry will setup with vendor to attend a board meeting in the near future to work out more specific details. Mike will share with Eveleth at meeting on May 3rd as potential to share and cooperate.

New Business:

- a) Coach selections – information was shared and the process begun.
- b) Dryland discussion is needed (formulate needs) – Jess will begin discussion with Arena (Wayde) to develop this for this summer.
- c) Next years rates/fees (begin though process) – TABLED
- d) Sherry handed off information for this year's water carnival. (Mike has it)
- e) Boone was approved to build one Russian Box training ad to be utilized with the summer dryland and kept at the arena.

Adjournment – 8:50 pm