

Ames Minor Hockey Association Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2011

Ames City Hall

Present: Beth DeVries, Rachel Linder, Lori Oh, Chris Schmale, Wendy Ziebol, Robin Mitchell, Jay Weber, Eric Cowles, Stacy Woodward, Deb Lister, Holly Boman, Susan Koehler, Dave Thoren, Rick Borkowski, Steve Thompson.

None absent.

- I. Additions to Agenda: Boylstons. Brennan Shehan with Iowa State. Hockey Unlimited. Ice Scheduling. Midwest League.
Motion (Weber) to approve agenda. Second (Schmale). All in favor.
- II. Correction to April minutes: funding approved for promotions was for \$300, rather than \$500. Approval of minutes: Motion (DeVries) to approve minutes. Second (Cowles). All in favor.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Treasurer's Report: DeVries presented current budget. Reports no 5% ice increase this year from the City of Ames. Money from jerseys that are bought by graduates, or alumnae will be reported under "Jerseys" in the "Equipment" section of the budget. Motion (Schmale) to accept treasurer's report. Second (Cowles). All in favor.
 - B. Committee Reports
 1. Coaches/coordinator for summer – Schmale reports that coaches have been meeting to develop summer program, utilizing the ADM, required by the Midwest Affiliate. Coaches want summer to have more structure, more like a hockey school.
 2. Promotions - Woodward reports summer flyers going to schools this week. 4th of July parade may be option for this year. Mitchell introduced the idea of a free hockey day, open to the public. Des Moines area had one and it went well. Could have early in season. TJ Rensch's parents are willing to help fund any event that helps to grow hockey in Iowa, says Schmale.
 3. Hockey Unlimited – many donations from community businesses.
 4. Ice Scheduling – Error in the Ames Parks and Recreation book for AMHA summer ice times. Cowles will look into correcting. Face off times were discussed and a lunch meal will be looked into and ice time will be early afternoon. Mite Jamboree will be October 29th.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Update on Quinn Boylston was given by Eddie and Terri Boylston. Quinn has finished treatments, for the most part, for an inoperable brain tumor. Prayers, fruit baskets, all the support has been greatly appreciated.
 - B. USA Hockey Registrations – year is switching back to August to August. Those purchased April to April will be good until August.
 - C. Concussions – Dr. Schulman gave recommendations on treatment of concussions. Parents to sign form before season begins for having read required

information on concussions, treatment of same, and when player may play after having received concussion. Any symptoms – player excluded until they receive doctors or licensed health care provider’s permission to play. Research shows sitting for one week doesn’t always fit every player, needs to be individualized. New testing system called the King Devit test, a computerized program that uses a series of numbers, read by player. Base line established pre season, then tested again after hit. All based on time it takes player to read, without error. Cost is \$350 for 100 athletes. Non physicians have to be trained. Our High School trainers already have training. Base lines could be started over the summer. Coaches training line item budget this year. Coordinators to implement baseline testing. Motion (Schmale) to approve \$350 to purchase King Devit concussion testing for AMHA. Second (Lister). All in favor.

D. Tryouts – President Mitchell reports some are interested in having tryouts well before season starts, so game schedules can be made before other teams have theirs established. Linder will talk to Goebel, ice scheduler, about any available pre season ice time.

E. Amended by-laws – need correction, then get to Schmale for the website.

F. ADM – Schmale reports that the Midwest Affiliate has mandated that all U8 players are to adopt the ADM – no full ice, all cross ice. 50-55 minute practices. Station work, many coaches to many players, no goalies, use of small nets. Facilitates greater on ice time, increased puck touches. Eliminates over competing and under training. Schmale will meet with parents, players, coaches to introduce changes. USA Hockey will only insure cross ice programs at this level. Will need more coaches. Money is available from Midwest Affiliate to purchase equipment needed to implement ADM. NHL in full support of ADM.

G. President Mitchell – new website for background checks to be done for all board members, coaches, coordinators. Midwest Affiliate link will be placed on website. 990 File. Coordinators take money in – monthly report required for board. June vote on USA Hockey – 1) All U18 hockey can no longer ice the puck during a penalty kill. Encourages puck control and creativity to get the puck out of the zone. 2). Pee Wee level amending checking language, taking out “big hit” and “intent to injure”. Encouraging angling and shoulder contact, separate player from puck. Cannot take hands off stick. Purpose to eliminate hit to the head.

H. Brennan Shehan of Sabre organization and ISU Hockey Club introduced himself. Wants to develop relationship with AMHA. 1). Wants to be a hockey director, in future. Recommends 4 hour checking clinic, and is interested in doing this for AMHA at no cost. Is familiar with ADM. 2). Cyclone Hockey Schools, - works with them, open to ideas. Main goal is for hockey growth. 3). Special needs hockey plans. Pre clinic – interested in helping out. Schmale will get any questions, etc. to Brennan.

I. Midwest League Report – Schmale – League will take control of it’s teams. Tournament and championship dates are set. Select division is staying the same. Weekends are: 1st – Dec 16 – 18. 2nd - Jan 13-15. 3rd – Feb17-19. AA and A divisions are gone, becoming one group designated as “open division”. If team is beyond select level, will be a part of the open division. The open division will have 3 weekends: 1st – regional – Dec 9-11. Purpose of this weekend is to determine playing level. 2nd weekend – Jan 6-8 – seeding weekend. League will split into tiers.

3rd – Championship Feb 10-12 – all at one place. Teams grouped with those at same skill level. Provides more competitive balance. Does AMHA want to host regional weekend, if needed? We can host maximum of 6 teams.

Summer board meetings will all fall on second Sunday of the month. Let Robin know if you are unavailable.

V. Motion (Cowles) to adjourn. Second Schmale). All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Ziebol
Secretary