

MBA Storm Joint Committee

August 6, 2007

Meeting minutes

7:00pm at Buddy's in Hancock

Attending: Jaime Beyer, Miriam Lindblad, Kristin Ohren, Jim Rentz, Scott Schwendemann, Barb Schwarz, Todd Valnes

1. July minutes were reviewed, no corrections
2. Treasurer sent email notice and listing of the account. The fund balance would need to have deposits from both associations if there are upcoming expenses. Discussed that there are goalie camps to be paid to Andrew Faith \$450. Austin and Brandon Crow total \$855. Also the tournament add fee \$660. Both associations to submit \$1000 to the joint fund.
3. Subcommittees:
 - Registration: Sue Helberg, Ann Vipond, Dan Aarhus, Teresa Hovde
 - Registration for all players is Sunday September 16th at the Benson High School cafeteria. Registration to open at 5:30pm and continue. Possible speakers for the group at 6:00pm, Pot Luck meal at 6:30pm. Barb S. has verified the space is available. Possible speakers are; Jim Kennedy, possible new teacher and new coach in Benson with hockey history as a youth, someone to share highlights of MBA last season, etc. Committee to finalize plans notices to Morris, Benson, Glenwood newspapers, flyer to mail to hockey members with upcoming newsletters. Also verify the plates, utensils. Barb S. will bring beverage of Gatorade to mix.
 - i. The district meeting for registration is on August 12 in Moorhead Teresa and Ann plan to attend to get packets for each association with the forms for the current season.
 - ii. Also need to plan for registration for those who do not attend the picnic event. Fees remain the same in both associations for '07-08.
 - Hockey operations: Todd V. Troy Kennedy, Phil Goff and Barb S.
 - Tournament dates are set and posted on website and advertising coming in Let's Play Hockey. Benson rink: Dec 1-2 PeeweeB, Dec 15-16 Girls 10U, Jan 5-6 BantamB, Jan 19-20 SquirtB. Morris rink: Nov 17-18 BantamB, Dec 15-16 PeeweeB, Jan 19-20 SquirtC, Feb 2-3 PeeweeC, Feb 9-10 SquirtB.
 - Teams and coaches work continues with contacting coaches. There are returning coaches available and some interested new coaches that need to be contacted. Planning now for Bantam, Peewee, 2 Squirt teams and youth girls likely 10U. Tentative date for coaches meeting with board and Jim Kennedy is Tuesday August 21st 7:00pm at the Lee Community Center.

- Officials have been arranged in the past by Bob Rooney in Benson and Ron Sharstrom in Morris.
- Scheduling: Jim, Barb, Scott, Jamie. A sample two week rotation for practices was reviewed. High schools from 4:00-6:00, Peewee and Bantam scheduled 3 times per week 1 ½ hrs each time. Others twice per week 1 ½ hrs. Open Skate and open hockey on Wednesdays and youth skills Friday's after initiation practice. Agreed the skills need to have coaching staff on hand to lead them, ok for all ages to skates at that time. This would get our teams close to the recommended amount of practice time to games ratio. Agreed the Friday skills may be cancelled and used by a team that missed a practice due to bad weather or scheduled games. Also plan to schedule once per month a cross ice initiation/mite session with Morris Benson rotation and do drills, skills and scrimmage. Barb shared again that at the District meeting it was noted that girls teams can request to play local non district games and it will be approved due to lack of teams to play. Barb S. has not had success with contacting companies or staff about the jerseys we currently have for youth or the prices to purchase about 12 more in the small adult size. She will continue to check.
- Communication: Rob Jergenson, Miriam Jaime, Deb Orr
 - Jaime has worked on the website. She agrees to try to get items posted within a reasonable time frame, not immediately. She is asking for respect from the association members. She will work to schedule away tournaments but will work with coaches from those teams also. Suggested contacting Redwood falls for the squirt level tournament.
 - Miriam will write up a radio message that youth hockey players especially girls could read with an adult to promote girls hockey in our areas.
 - The position description was signed with the deletion of the requirement for 24 hours a day availability September through March 15. She is agreeable to being available during the day and evening.
- 4. Additional business: Noted the Morris association is kicking off a capital improvement fundraiser with a Sept 22 street dance with a band.

Next joint meeting moved to Monday September 10th, 7:00 pm at the Clontarf Liquor store

Submitted: Miriam Lindblad, secretary