

## Minutes of the Morris Hockey Association

Monday January 21, 2008

Board Members Present: Jim Rentz, Todd Valnes, Jamie Beyer, Sue Helberg, Amy Christians, Ryan Watzke, Kristin Ohren, Rob Jergenson

Others Present: Ron Staples, Juanita Staples, Adam Christians, Jeremiah Day, Jason Picht

### General Membership Meeting

Jim Rentz called the meeting to order.

### Gambling Report:

Gambling Report was presented by Deb Asmussen. Report on the gross and net expenditures, allowable expenses and lawful purpose expenditures were given. Checkbook balance report was provided for November. November 30th Checkbook balance is \$

Kristin Ohren moved to approve the gambling report. Jamie Beyer seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Rentz will be contacting some accountants to see if they have interest in taking our account. Kristin Ohren tried to get our records from CDS but was unable to pick them up at that time. She will try again this week. The cost for accounting at CDS this year was \$3365.00.

The gambling site in Nassau was recently shut down due to falsifying signatures, addresses, and License numbers on winning tickets. That site will not be eligible for a gambling license again and Morris Hockey Association will not be held liable for the money. The boxes that were pulled from the site were short \$237.00 and Deb reported that the site is willing to pay the missing money. Deb will try collecting that money within the week. Deb stated that we would owe the city \$46.00 but with a funds loss we would not pay that.

Todd Valnes asked about income loss and Deb stated that an extra raffle would make up the difference. Discussion on different options to make up for losing this site held. Todd Valnes will contact Buddy's in Hancock to see if they are interested in pull-tabs.

### Old Business

There has been \$22,696.00 pledged from seventeen families for the capital improvement drive. There are fifty-four families in our association. Jim requested ideas from the board to stir up interest in pledging money. Concern was raised about going to businesses for donations without a strong membership support. Jamie will publish the pledge form on the web page. Sending out reminders and making phone calls was discussed. Ron will be meeting with Dave Schmidt from Stevens County at the Lee Community Center to show him the improvements and repairs needed. The county board will possibly put MHA on the agenda for their meeting in February.

Jim has submitted the paperwork for an application for a grant from the NHL Players Association.

New Business

Discussion held on spring skating opportunities.

Discussion held on the proposed policies for financial accountability. The board decided to have Ron, Jamie and Kristin write out the procedure that they follow now and make adjustments as needed.

Kristin Ohren requested general information guidelines. Jim Rentz asked that board members write down their roles for February meeting.

Ryan Watzke moved to close the general membership meeting. Rob Jergenson seconded. Motion carried.

Board Meeting

Jim Rentz opened the board meeting.

Secretary's report: Jim Rentz moved to approve November special board meeting minutes and keep them on file but not publish them and to approve December Meeting minutes. Ryan Watzke seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Morris Hockey checkbook balance is \$2693.19. Ryan Watzke moved to reimburse Benson Hockey Association \$750.00 for the scheduling position. Amy Christians seconded. Motion carried.

Kristin will add a line on the treasurer's report for the capital improvement drive account. Ryan Watzke moved to approve the treasurer's report. Jamie Beyer seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Rentz requested that all parties involved prepare their records for the end of the year taxes.

Lee Community Center Report: Lee community Center financial report was reviewed. Lee Community Center checkbook balance is \$1864.64. Ron has sold new signs. Kristin Ohren moved to approve the LCC report. Ryan Watzke seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Roger Dufault built new racks for donated skates.

Membership: Jim reported that there are two players who moved to varsity after registration and are requesting the membership fees back. Jim Rentz moved to refund the two players who moved to the varsity team their membership fees of \$95.00 each. Jamie Beyer seconded. Motion carried.

Coaches and Referees: Todd Valnes reported on the planning of the end of season coach's banquet. It is scheduled for March 10, 2008 at Old #1, in the basement. There will be a two-meat buffet and Todd will work with Barb from Benson on the invitations.

Tournaments: Rob Jergenson reported that he is in need of workers for the

upcoming tournaments.

Concessions: Jamie Beyer reported that there would be a special in the concession stand for a hotdog, candy and pop.

Manager, Lee Community Center report: Ron requested permission to put up signs stating no pets allowed. The board granted permission to hang the signs. Ron reported that he is working on a claim for the in floor heat. There was a lawsuit settled and the manufacturer is ordered to pay for faulty cables. Ron is working to get the maximum amount from the claim. Ron reported that Ottertail Power is recommending that we insulate the brick wall in the warming room to keep the heat in.

Fundraising Report: Sue Helberg reported that the raffle tickets are ready to hand out. The drawing for this raffle will be held at the Met Lounge on February 26, 2008 at 8:00 pm. Sue will make a list to post stating which ticket drawn will go to which prize.

Ron Staples suggested that any Raffle money handed in prior to the deadline be locked up on the safe at the Lee Community center.

Jim Rentz moved to adjourn. Ryan Watzke seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is February 18, 2008 at 6:30 at Lee Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Christians, Secretary