



## April Board Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2008 at Leaf's Ice Centre

### 6pm - Call to order

Attendees: Mix, Purcell, Rasmussen, Quinn, Gamboa, Davidson, McFarlane, Wiedbusch

### - Board Update

#### **New members and specific responsibilities discussed**

- + Secretary responsibility to keep most up-to-date email/phone list.
- + Registrar has preliminary contact information from USA Hockey software.
- + President and VP to attend all league meetings. It was agreed that league meetings and SCN board meetings should appear on the monthly calendar on the website.
- + Questions about what financial information is shared with board like coaches fees. This shared with the Executive Board only.
- + Executive Board is President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer

#### **Treasures report (recap/close of 2007-8 season)**

- + Report unavailable due to a last minute business conflict for Treasurer Zimmer

### - Old Business

#### **2007-8 General discussion**

**Year end banquet** considered a success.

- + Everyone agrees the Riverview Banquet facility was an excellent choice.
- + Huge thanks to Rose Vivirito, Jan Quinn, Rhonda Mix, Debbie Audette, and many others
- + Agreed we should book the same room again for next years banquet and wine tasting fund raiser.
- + Discussions regarding the season video held over for "New Business"

Rick Mix will put together list of all the volunteer positions. Completion by May meeting.

### - Current Business

#### **Spring 08 Teams, including combining with ELS/SE**

- + Our Varsity and JV teams are completely registered & certified per AHAI requirements.  
Both certified rosters were back from AHAI before our Varsity Black and JV games on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- + Discussion about our the April 6<sup>th</sup> JV game vs. St. Charles East. Mix & Brandon Lyon are already discussing the questionable roster for East. (i.e. rostering of fall 07/08 varsity players in a spring JV league). It's already been decided that we will replay that game. Either against St. Charles East w/revised roster or a team to be decided later. Decision on St Charles East roster by the league is expected by April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- + discussed rosters, primarily the double rostering of players
- + What will be repercussions of "no shows" at games? Quinn pointed out that this is an "On-ice-decision" and should not be addressed by the board. Questions was brought up that the board should try to outline where on ice and off ice start and end to reduce any gray area.
- + "Practice to play" requirement is being questioned due to different perspective of excused absence. Should a school responsibility, event or school sport allow an excused absence? It was agreed that this constitutes an on-ice decision and it would be up to the appropriate coaching staff to make the determination. The board offered to implement anything that would assist in enforcement.
- + 8<sup>th</sup> Grade goalies were determined to be at a potential risk of injury and will not play in games until the playing level of the other JV teams in the league is established. The first game vs. STC East indicates this was a good decision by the coaches. This creates a financial issue with those players that may not get to play in games. It was agreed by the coaches that the players should be encouraged to continue to attend practices and that no further fees are charged over the initial deposit. This must be agreed to by the ELS board before any action can be taken. It must be communicated by the board, in writing, so that the parents understand that they will only play when the opportunity arises and they will receive an appropriate discount on fees.
- + Players must be registered and fees paid to be able to participate in tryouts etc. This spring was Problematic in that many players were allowed on the ice without proper completion of registration paperwork and \$200 deposit paid.
- + For Fall tryouts we will utilize a system where stickers are given out at check-in and a board member be stationed at the ice entrance to make sure players that aren't paid/registered don't get on the ice.

- *Current Business, continued*

- + Jim Quinn indicated he has questioned/doubted our ability to combine with any team for the 2008-2009 season based on an AHAI requirement that any club with 15+ players is not eligible to combine. It was explained that although this rule exists exceptions have been allowed most recently at Batavia and Geneva. Any further discussion on combining should include evaluation of this rule and possible waiver process required. Past President Scott Paulsen seems to be an ideal candidate to investigate for us. More to follow at future meetings.
- + Should families pay more if they're player is double rostered? The consensus is no. The coaches will try and use the varsity players equally.
- + Davidson pointed out that many parents are disappointment with playing in the West Meadows league. He was one of the members that had championed the team playing in the Fox Valley League and now many of the North HS players will not get to play at Fox Valley. It was felt that the negatives of game times / driving distance etc. to Rolling Meadows vs. Fox Valley equates some of the double roster concerns.

- **New Business**

**Proposed revisions to club bi-laws**

- + Modifications need to be implemented to the "boiler plate" bi-laws implemented at the inception of the club. Some of the items discussed: responsibilities of members of the board, Director of Hockey responsibilities and ability for the Director to have a vote in board decisions, what's considered on-ice decision? Leagues? Roster? # of teams, etc.
- + Purcell to lead a committee to revise current bi-laws. Quinn / Zimmer / Davidson selected as the committee to make revisions. Revisions will then be reviewed by all board members before accepting.
- + The goal is to have this completed for the 2008-2009 season.
- + First committee meeting to take place between April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Workouts**

- + It was felt that summer workouts are needed. Additional discussion put off to next meeting.

**Golf Outing**

- + McFarlane to communicate with Mike McNamara and come up with the best two options
- + Mill Creek & Hughes Creek info provided by McFarlane
- + Friday is preferred, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> to be checked for best availability and price
- + 2007-08 season sponsor Robinette Demolition Co. will get a complimentary foursome.

**North Star Cup 08**

- + Mix to establish the date of the tournament based on communication with the school to avoid Homecoming weekend & ACT testing. Get agreement with the Leaf's Ice Centre on the date.
- + Selection of a tournament director to take place as soon as the date is established.

**Thoughts on the merger for 2008-9 season**

- + Board Meeting to discuss possible combining/merger for fall season to be held after April 15<sup>th</sup>. The options would be SCN / S. Elgin, SCN / ELS, etc. ....

**Teams and league options for 2008-2009 season** - discussion put off to next meeting

Fall travel tournament  
New Jersey's / reorder etc.

- **Additional New Business**

The "Annual Program" and "Tournament Guide" are expected for 08-09 and need to get started now. Fund Raising for '08/'09 will be led by John Gamboa and Pat Esposito.

- + Additionally, discussion on level of donations to be discussed with Dann Zimmer ASAP.

Improved video for next year is needed

- + Should we budget for purchase of video equipment for 2008-9?
- + We need to discuss "video" as two different items. The video requirements of the coaching staff are different than the requirements for our year end DVD. Agreed we need to make the DVD better through better planning and to start the collection of video footage at the beginning of the season..
  - The North HS video club should be an option. They've agreed to help in past but were "no shows" when scheduled. We need to pursue this further.
  - Can we pay for this service? How much money is available for this?
- + It was mentioned that it would be nice to have a stationary video camera in place for coaching purposes. This is similar to what the football team uses; a high elevation end zone camera.

Coaching Fees were discussed and agreed upon for the spring 2008 season.

- **Schedule May board Meeting**

Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at Leaf's Ice Centre

Tentatively agreed to schedule future board meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6PM at LIC

- **Adjourn 7:40PM**