



MYHA Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2009

I. Call to order

President called to order the regular meeting of MYHA membership at 7:35PM on Tuesday, February 24 2009 in the cafeteria at MHS.

II. Roll call

Secretary conducted a roll call by distributing a signup sheet.
A complete list of attendees is available upon request from the clerk.

III. Approval of reports as read from last meeting

A motion was made and seconded (Paul C/Tony O) to approve the minutes of the January monthly meeting as submitted in writing by the clerk. Motion approved by general consent.

IV. Treasury Report

- a) \$15,262 in cash
- b) \$85,767 in money-market account
- c) \$4,311 in concession stand account
- d) **\$10,131 pending judgement in small-claims court**
- e) **\$7,860 active unpaid tuition from members**

A motion was made and seconded (Paul C/Tony O) to accept the treasury report as presented.
Motion approved by general consent.

V. New Business

- a) 2009/2010 registration form and policy review (presented by Paul C) Registration will take place at the rink on Saturday 2/28 from 9:00-11:00am, Wednesday 3/4 from 6:00-8:00pm, and Thursday 3/5 from 6:00-7:00pm
 - Tryouts will take place the week of March 9 – dates to be announced
 - Tryouts will be handled by High Skills in 45 min sessions per age group
 - Registration will be accepted on night of tryouts
 - Skaters must be registered to be picked for a team
 - \$100 fee is non-refundable but is factored in total tuition commitment for next year
 - Parents may mail in completed registration form and check, or drop in Treasurers box at the rink
- b) Lowell Devils fundraiser (presented by Joe K)
 - Although we sold only 280 of the 400 tickets expected, the Devils donated the full \$1000 to MYHA for our participation
 - Several MYHA teams have been involved in other events during the year and have helped support the Devils involvement in the community
- c) TD BankNorth Bruins game promotion (presented by Matt H)
 - TD BankNorth has donated 18 tickets to MYHA for a game early in March. Two parents were selected as chaperones and all the girls currently active on MYHA teams were selected to attend.
 - Kids and parents get a limo ride to the Garden and will be shown on TV during the game

- d) USA Hockey district 2 monthly meeting report (presented by Mike F)
 - USAH is retooling their approach to developing young players. This approach is called the American Development Program (ADP) and material is available at www.usahockey.com/adp. The focus starting next year is to develop good athletes and excellent skaters by reducing the emphasis on games and scrimmages.
 - Mouth guards are mandatory from Squirt and up. These are key to reducing the frequency and severity of concussions.
 - Starting next season, players who skate for select major teams are not required to also skate for their town program
 - USAH registration for 2009/2010 begins on May 1, 2010. Register early and get it out of the way! USAH confirmation barcode number is required when picking up game jersey
- e) 2009/2010 team selection process (presented by Matt H)
 - Top teams (1s) should be rostered light to allow for player movement during parity round. This allows the program to evaluate kids again in the fall as many may have developed in size and ability over the summer.
- f) Tuition policy changes for 2009/2010
 - Minimum 50% of tuition must be paid by 9/1/2009 in order to receive game jerseys at the start of the season.
 - Tuition must be paid in full by 12/1/2009 to qualify for early-bird discount of \$300 per skater (\$225 for “buzzer” Mites)
 - Minimum of 75% must be paid by 12/1/2009 or player will be held off game roster. If a skater has not played in a game in December they are not eligible to participate in playoff games in the spring.
 - Tuition must be paid in full by 3/1/2010 or player will be held off playoff roster and disqualified from tryouts.

VI. Open Questions

- a) Will there be a “sibling discount” in 2009/2010?
 - We have always done our best to help out families with multiple skaters. We will continue to come up with plans to encourage an active and growing membership. Details will be announced as they are developed.
- b) Will we continue to have two jerseys next year?
 - Yes. We are also looking into the possibility of giving a credit to skaters who can reuse their jerseys from this year, depending on condition. Details to follow.
- c) Will there be a “goalie discount”?
 - We understand that it is a huge investment to outfit a goalie at any age. We would like to examine some of the other programs, like Tewksbury, who offer a discount to goalies in order to determine a fair way to offer a discount.
- d) What is the status of the P2 coach?
 - Eric Lebel is the head coach of the team and has the full support of the board. Private communications have taken place between the coach and his team and parents and there are no planned changes for the coaching staff.

VII. Adjournment

President adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Foreman