



MYHA Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2008

I. Call to order

President called to order the regular meeting of the MYHA BOD at 7:35PM on Tuesday October 28 2008 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

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

IV. Treasury Report

- a) \$30,838.15 in cash
- b) \$84,987.86 in money-market account
- c) \$3,246.63 in concession stand account
- d) **\$90,059.21 in unpaid tuition (33 families)**

V. Current Business

- a) Learn-to-Skate clinic opened: 52 skaters officially registered (41 still owe USAH documents)
 - o Lowell Devils mascot Devil Dawg to appear this month at the clinic
- b) Team Skills sessions:
 - o Issue in a locker room during the Peewee/Bantam hour: disciplinary committee formed and a hearing is scheduled
 - o Goalies skills sessions occur both in Salem NH training facility and at MHS rink
- c) Committee has been formed to review the association's by-laws, policies, and rules
- d) MYHA will participate in this year's Methuen Santa Parade on Nov 22.
- e) November practice schedule is posted on the website and at the rink.
- f) Team/Individual picture dates are set:
 - o LTS Clinic – Saturday Nov 8 at the rink from 9:00AM to noon
 - o Team practice nights – Monday and Tuesday Nov 10 and 11. Please come early to practice and bring both blue and white jerseys
- g) 3-on-3 Turkey Tournament will be held on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

VI. New Business / Open Questions

- a) Locker room safety:
 - o In the wake of the incident at skills earlier in the month the Head of Coaches met with his head coaches to establish and enforce a policy requiring the presence of a coach or team parent in the locker room at all times.

- More control is needed when it comes to checking out locker room keys and keeping teams separated by age. Keys should only be issued to coaches or team parents who restrict access to the room to members of the team or age group.
 - Better communication needs to exist between MYHA and the rink staff in the event of another major incident or infraction.
- b) Skill sessions:
- A question was raised as to the perceived value of the current skills sessions content for the kids at the bantam level.
 - One parent expressed a belief that the current vendor does not provide adequate training or value of service.
 - Another parent asserted that the current offering is very valuable, and that any discussion or criticism of the service should be brought up at this public meeting and not be bickered and groused over at the rink.
 - One board member who recently observed a USAH coaching clinic advocated the “intensifying” approach to routine drills
 - A parent provided positive feedback on last year’s checking clinic.

VII. Adjournment

President adjourned the meeting at 8:05PM.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Foreman