

Luverne Hockey Club
Board of Directors Meeting
7-11-11

1. **Call to order & Approval of agenda:** The meeting was called to order at 7:33p.m. by President Emily Crabtree with the following members present: Robyn Wessels, Steve Smedsrud, Rachel Buse-Flaskey, Tom Sterrett, Jamie Tofteland, Becky Gonnerman, Todd Frankenhoff, Jen Walgrave, Lisa Nath, Pat Baustian, Mike Hart and Jody Reisch.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. Motion by Sterrett seconded by Smedsrud to approve, motion carried on a voice vote.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Buse-Flaskey reported she sent out reminder bills and they need to be paid by Aug. 9th. She also reported that the Cruise In brought in about \$3,450.00 in cash and after paying the Cruise In bills with it she deposited about \$2600.00.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Registration:** Reisch reported he had compared our Registration with other associations and he had found that we are comparable. We will have no wavers on out of state player's hours. He is also updating the automatic withdrawal agreement. Candy sales will have to be turned in by November 1st and we need to check and see if Wayne would like to do this again.
 - b. **Building & Land/BMIA:** Sterrett reported that the Arena Board determined to wait until next year with the addition but will do what they need to do with the outside ice. This will give us some time to do some fundraising before the project starts. They are thinking it they will start on the addition as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The City of Luverne will provide \$60,000 in funding to the arena and will need to be paid with in 3 years. We will need lots of volunteers for this project. The Architect will be Erikson and the surveying will be DGR.
 - c. **Fundraising:** Boll reported - No Report
 - d. **Parent Representative:** Gonnerman reported she removed families who are no longer in the association from the email list. She also reported that the person who won the \$200 would like to donate it to someone in the association who needs it.
 - e. **Concessions:** Walgrave ~ We Welcome Jen! Frankenhoff reported he received checks from Wally Brown and a letter. In the letter it explained what he had sold during the hockey camp out of the concessions and he also suggested that we have it open next year for the entire camp. It was also discussed and brought to our attention by Baustian that Glens is willing to work with us in the concessions by giving us a discount on food items. It was said that glens could give us candy at \$0.50 to \$0.60 a piece. It is a few cents more than Sams but it is more convenient and it would be nice to keep as much as possible in town. Minnwest Bank may be interested in donating popcorn bags and popcorn. McDonalds has a new owner and would like to be more involved in the community and would possibly donate cups. We need to have Coke and Pepsi come and get the old pop.
 - f. **Referees:** Lammert reported – no report
 - g. **Coaches:** Smedsrud – no report
 - h. **Tournaments:** Wessels reported – no report
 - i. **Grievance:** Baustian reported – no report

- j. **District Representative/ ACE Coord:** Frankenhoff reported that USA Hockey passed a rule that there will be NO checking at Pee Wee level or below. It was voted on 65 to 9. They are allowing Body Contact and it will start at the squirt and mite levels. (There will still be checking just not on the center of the ice.) There are also 3 new policies from the state. 1) The Whistle Blowers Policy 2) A Cash Policy 3) A Board Code of Conduct – If a board makes a decision everyone needs to back it no matter how you feel about it. The Board needs to set an example for the club. Frankenhoff also reported that we will be holding the Bantam A Regional.
- k. **Marketing:** Crabtree reported from the email Von Terch sent out to everyone because she is out of town. Von Tersch is currently working on: t shirt designs. She has received a few so far and expects more as several people have expressed an interest in turning in a design. She has also been working with Print Express for designs, pricing etc. She has talked to the school about setting up a booth during open house night. We can do that again. Last year we got 15 names and 5 of those joined hockey. The Hockey Book was brought up again and it was decided that Von Tersch did a great job on it last year and everyone seemed to really like receiving one. The Board decided to make a motion that Von Tersch has the go ahead to start on this year's hockey book. The motion was made by Franken and 2nd by Gonnerman and was carried on a voice vote by the board.

5. **Old Business:**

a. *Registration update* – Lots of discussion was made on when and how to change our registration to online. The Board determined that we should just go ahead and start this year by having on of the registration forms available online and to have families print them out and fill them out. So we will no longer be sending our packets. We will send out postcards this year about the registration and to notify the families of the changes. We will also email and run ads in the paper on the back page to notify the community of the upcoming registration night.

b. *Concession shut down needs* - who can help Jen? Crabtree and Buse-Flaskey are going to help Jen with the shut down.

6. **New Business:**

a. *Coaching Compensation adequacy* – Discussion was made on how to compensate the Head Coaches (1 per team) with kids in the association for their time out on the ice. The Board determined that it would be best and fair not to give the Head Coaches a stipend at the end of the year. We will be replacing the stipend with credit for all of their Building and Maintenance Hours and all of their Concession Hours. The motion was made by Sterrett and 2nd by Wessels and was approved on a voice vote.

b. *Summer Ice* – The email from Coach Derrick Brown was reviewed and discussed. The Hockey Board feels as though the summer ice went well and is very grateful for all of Coach Brown's hard work and time that he put into the camp to make it successful. The Board does feel it needs to be looked at and revised for next year. There were a few concerns with the length of time the camp was for, supervision and safety of the children and we would like to see earlier planning for future camps. We would like to start the discussion in November/December for the next camp. Baustian also reported that the City of Luverne may give some money towards the summer ice.

c. *Pros/Cons/Concerns – Humidifier went out* – The children improved their skills

d. *Policy & Handbook Updates*

- a. *Code of Conduct* – needs to be updated next meeting.
We need to raise the bar for the Board, Players and Parents.
Coaching code of conduct needs to be reviewed.

- b. *Sketch a plan for the Out of State Skaters* - needs a page of their own in the handbook.
Bring suggestions back for the Handbook.

- e. Pink Tweeties – Where do we go from here?
 - The Board decided to make it part of the hockey registration and will have a registration form just for the Pink Tweeties. The Pink Tweeties is an in house only team so there is no travel involved.
 - We can give them 1hr of ice time a week and it is only offered to girls 2nd grade and under. There will be a registration fee of \$80.00 per season and a \$20.00 equipment fee.
- 7. **Adjourn**: With no further business a motion was made by Busse-Flaskey and seconded by Smedsrud to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. Next meeting will be August 1, 2011, 7:30p.m. at Sharkee's.