

Luverne Hockey Club
Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2008

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Dan Smeins with the following members present: Reisdorfer, Frankenhoff, Sterrett, Smedsrud, VanSanten, Crabtree, Sommers, and Reverts.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed, motion by Sterrett, seconded by Frankenhoff to approve, motion carried on a voice vote.
3. **Treasurer's report:** No report.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Registration:** Sommers reported that he had attended the District IV meeting and received information about doing online registration. Parents could register their skaters online and would pay \$40 (\$30 for UAS Hockey membership and \$10 for MN Hockey). The remainder of the registration fee would have to be collected by the club. Another vendor would collect the entire registration fee but would charge the club a fee for each registration received. Packets will still be mailed to collect orders for candy sales and equipment needs. Motion by Crabtree seconded by Reisdorfer for Sommers to pursue the online registration process. Motion declared carried on a voice vote.
 - b. **Building & Land/BMIA:** Reverts reported that the Luverne Optimists sent a thank you for the \$1500 contribution from the hockey club for the mortgage burning party. The new zamboni has been ordered and should arrive in 2009. Dave VanBatavia will take over as manager for BMIA and Dusty Smeins will be assistant manager. Reverts is working with the Stampede to schedule a game for September in Luverne, will let the board know more later. All of the guards have been installed on the sprinkler heads to prevent a puck from hitting them and setting the system off.
 - c. **Fundraising:** VanSanten brought several fundraising opportunities to the board to consider. Art Rocks, staffing the Glen's lunch wagon, Cruise In during Buffalo Days, and the Gold-N-Plump mobile were all discussed. Decision was made by the board to participate in all except the Art Rocks day. Glen's lunch wagon will be an opportunity for families to get their fundraising hours in during the summer but, in order for the hours worked to count, the person working must be 13 or older. VanSanten also reported that she received notice from the bank that she can no longer make deposits into the club's account since she is not on the signature card. Motion made by Sterrett to have Fundraising director (VanSanten) and Board President (Smeins) added to signature card at the bank in addition to Treasurer (Thompson) and to have Mary Gehrke removed from the account since she is no longer on the board. Motion declared carried on voice vote.
 - d. **Parent Representative:** No report.
 - e. **Concessions:** No report.
 - f. **Referees:** No report.
 - g. **Coaches:** No report.
 - h. **Tournaments:** Crabtree reported she has asked Karla Kruse to serve as assistant tournament director for the next year. Dates for next year's tournaments have been set as follows:
 1. Bantam January 9-11, 2009
 2. Squirts January 23-25, 2009
 3. PeeWee February 6-8, 2009
 4. Mite February 14-15, 2009Luverne has also been awarded the opportunity to host the PeeWee B District tournament February 20-22.
 - i. **Grievance:** No report.
 - j. **District Representative:** Frankenhoff reported that inter-league play was voted down by District 8 for the coming year. There was also much discussion at the district meeting about having 1 location for all of the championship games and possibly having them televised. That would likely mean having the other state tournament games in/near the Twin Cities metro leading up to the championship game. A final decision has not been made yet. Mason City will be part of District IV again next year, Sioux Falls has expressed an interest but no decision has been made on their status. Discussion concerning the ACE coordinator was another topic at the district meeting. The districts are leaning toward requiring the ACE coordinators to hold a current level 3 coaching certificate. The board members present felt this would be a good idea since part of the ACE

coordinator's job is doing skills assessments. President Smeins will talk to Niessink about the recommendation.

- k. **ACE Coordinator**: No report.
5. **Old Business**: Sterrett had received a request from Lisa Dinger and Sue Skattum for information about the number of families, financials, etc. to present to the Luverne School Board Thursday evening. Thompson or Sterrett will get back to Lisa.

Sterrett had a message from Thompson that he was looking for the hours book so he could start billing families for unworked hours. Tofteland or Connell may have it. Discussion was held as to who would enter the worked hours online since Lisa Dinger is no longer available to do it. Fundraising, concessions, parent rep. and tournament directors may enter their own responsibilities unless someone volunteers. Suggestion was made to put a reminder in the newsletter for families to be patient when checking hours online since there are several steps that need to be completed in the process.

Sterrett also reported that Thompson contacted Daktronics for scoreboard maintenance. Question was whether this was part of a maintenance contract or warranty and whether this was necessary. Sterrett will check with Thompson.

6. **New Business**: Van Santen asked about moving the annual meeting to an earlier date such as the end of February or early March and changing the time to an evening. Discussion was held about the alternatives including a Sunday evening or a school night to get more families in attendance. The board decided to think about the idea and discuss at a later meeting.

Sterrett reported that the negotiating committee met with the School Board members to discuss a new contract. The hope is to come up with a 3-5 year contract and have the school budget to fund part or all of the varsity hockey teams. There has been 1 meeting to date; another is planned for mid-May. Sterrett will provide updates for the board.

Smedsrud discussed the number of skaters potentially moving into the squirt level next year and whether tryouts should be considered for that level in addition to PeeWees. Frankenhoff noted that he had tentatively listed a girls 12U team for Luverne for next year and that there are a number of girls that would be squirts next year. Discussion was held as to having a meeting with parents of the skaters who could be part of a 12U team to determine their interest; Sterrett and Crabtree would make personal phone calls. Date was tentatively set for June 30th, 7 p.m. at Sharkee's with all board members present to hear concerns and answer questions. Frankenhoff will gather information about other 12U teams and how tryouts are conducted at other associations. Bylaws and handbook will also be reviewed to see what information is present and further discussion will continue at the next meeting in June.

7. **Adjourn**: With no further business, motion was made by Sterrett and seconded by Crabtree to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Next meeting will be 7:30 p.m. June 2 at BMIA.

Linda Reisdorfer, Secretary

