

## **Luverne Hockey Club**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

9/29/08

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, VanBatavia, Connell, Frankenhoff, Sterrett, Smedsrud, VanSanten, Wenniger, Baustian, Sommers, and Reverts. Thompson arrived at 7:55p.m. and Crabtree arrived at \_\_\_\_\_. Paul Erickson was also present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the September 8 meeting were reviewed, motion by Sterrett, seconded by Smedsrud to approve, motion carried on a voice vote.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Thompson reviewed the financial report. Motion by Frankenhoff, seconded by Sterrett to approve, motion carried on a voice vote.
4. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Registration:** Sommers reviewed registration numbers, there are several skaters from last year who are still not registered for this year. Sommers has left messages for them to get their registrations completed. Sommers also reported that there are 3 players from Sioux Falls/ Sioux City who have inquired about playing in Luverne. It was noted that they need a release from their home association and completed paperwork before they would be considered for acceptance in our club. Discussion was held about 2 Mini-mite players who signed up last year but did not attend practices or play any games. They are interested in playing this year but asking whether they need to pay full price again. Decision was made to have them pay for equipment rental and do hours for building and maintenance, concessions, and fundraising. Sommers also noted that there will be a new player registration on Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at BMIA.
  - b. **Building & Land/BMIA:** VanBatavia noted that about \$1200 was brought in for ticket and program sales for the Stampede game. The Luverne Optimists donated \$8600 toward the purchase of the new ice painter, a thank you will be sent.
  - c. **Fundraising:** VanSanten noted that the golf tournament brought in about \$7200 before expenses, plan is to put the profit toward the rest of the Ozone Machine expense. 79 golfers participated in the tournament. VanSanten also noted that the phone book delivery will be taking place soon, Steak Fry at the Eagles will be October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm, and the Optimists Wine Tasting will be the evening of October 16<sup>th</sup>. VanSanten noted that she still needs workers for the evening and encouraged hockey families to plan to attend. Discussion was also held about annual meeting date, decided on April 6<sup>th</sup> if the Little Theatre at the school is available on that Monday evening.
  - d. **Parent Representative:** No report, will finalize parent reps once teams have been determined.
  - e. **Concessions:** Wenniger reported that about \$1700 was brought in for concessions during the Stampede game before expenses. The Pizza Ranch donated 10 large pizzas for each team, a thank you will be sent.
  - f. **Referees:** No report.
  - g. **Coaches:** Smedsrud has talked to possible coaches but no decisions have been set until teams and registrations are finalized. Question was asked about a rumor that mini mites will be having practices on Sunday mornings, Smedsrud reported that no decisions have been made but that it had been thought about due to the shortage of ice time. Wednesday evenings had also been considered as a possible practice time for a team, Crabtree and Reisdorfer noted that some churches have Wed evening religion/ confirmation classes so would not be a good time for practice. Smedsrud will continue to look at the time slots and encouraged board members to think about other possible alternatives and bring them to the next meeting.
  - h. **Tournaments:** Crabtree reported she has had interest in the tournaments and has 5 Bantam B teams registered already. Tournament rules have been changed to allow a 3 hour rest period

between day games and a 10 hour rest between games overnight. This will allow for more flexibility with scheduling.

- i. **Grievance:** No report.
  - j. **District Representative/ ACE Coord:** Frankenhoff reported that only 3 teams have ordered their HEP materials, he will be ordering for our club soon. The initial scheduling meeting has been set for Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the first day allowed for games to be scheduled.
5. **Old Business:**
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6. **New Business:**
- a. **Finalize teams/ moveup requests:** Reviewed numbers of players signed up so far, there are 12 varsity girls with 3 pending, 17 varsity boys with 2 pending, 15 bantams with 2 pending, 21 peewees with 2 pending, 13 girls 12U, 17 squirts with 1 pending, 18 mites with 3 pending and 28 mini mites with 5 pending. Discussion was held about minimum and maximum numbers of players needed for a team. Members agreed that due to the large number of peewees a try out should be held and have two teams. Discussed later in the meeting whether to have 2 goalies on the A team or B team, decision was made to recommend placing 2 goalies on the A team due to increased intensity of games. Members reviewed move up requests for mini mite players wanting to move up to mite level. 1 request was denied due to the player not having any playing experience with organized hockey. The other requests were approved, 1 player had played mites last year, another was recommended to move by the coach, and the other two had played mini mite for 2 years. The move up requests left 24 mini mite players and 22 mite players. Discussion then turned to the four mite requests to move up to squirt level. A comment was made that if the four requests were granted, there would likely be more requests coming to the board. Members discussed whether it would be better for the club and players to have two squirt teams and one mite team or one squirt team and two mite teams. A motion was made by Connell seconded by Sterrett to have 1 squirt team and two mite teams. There were 3 yes votes and 6 no votes. After further discussion a second motion was made by Smedsrud seconded by VanBatavia to have two squirt teams and 1 mite team and limit the total number of squirts to 27 players which would leave 14 mite players. There were 6 yes votes and 3 no votes. After additional discussion, the board decided that Sommers would call the families of mite 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to find out what the family's interest would be for their skater to move up to squirts or not. Sommers will gather the information by 10/6 and the board will plan to meet again on 10/9. Discussion then turned to the request of a squirt to try out for peewees. Discussion was held about the try out process, the move up guidelines that were adopted at the last meeting, and that the Luverne Hockey Club board has the authority to give final approval or disapproval. A vote was taken to see if the board would allow the squirt to try out for the peewee team with the final decision on placement to be made by the board. The vote passed with Smedsrud and Reisdorfer abstaining.
7. Adjourn: With no further business, motion was made by Thompson and seconded by VanSanten to adjourn the meeting at 11 p.m. Next meeting will be 8 p.m. October 9 at BMIA.

Linda Reisdorfer, Secretary