

Luverne Hockey Club
Board of Directors Meeting
8/3/09

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Dan Smeins with the following members present: Reisdorfer, Lammert, Connell, Frankenhoff, Sterrett, Boll, Smedsrud, Wenzel, Sommers, and Reisch. Guests present were Skeeter Frakes, Chad Nelson, Brant Behrend, and Paul Erickson.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed, motion by Sterrett, seconded by Smedsrud to approve the minutes with a change under fundraising to state that Dan Serie is assisting with organizing the golf outing, not Mike Hoiland. Motion carried on a voice vote.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Sterrett reviewed the financial report. Motion by Smedsrud, seconded by Connell to approve, motion carried on a voice vote.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Registration:** Reisch reported on the meeting held in New Ulm for registrations. One change this year is that birth certificates are no longer to travel in the team book, they will be filed after the roster is complete and confirmed. USA hockey forms are available online, Todd will be adding the updated forms to the web site. Reisch noted that all people (skaters and coaches) on the ice must be registered, and that skaters on the ice must be on the roster for that team. No new registrations or roster changes will be accepted after 12/31, and no league games may be scheduled prior to November 7.
 - b. **Building & Land/BMIA:** No report.
 - c. **Fundraising:** The golf scrambler will be held on August 30th, all board members are asked to bring 2 large bags of plain potato chips.
 - d. **Parent Representative:** No report.
 - e. **Concessions:** No report.
 - f. **Referees:** Lammert reported that dates will be coming for referee clinics in Sioux Falls in September and Brookings in November.
 - g. **Coaches:** Smedsrud reported that he is making contacts to possible coaches for the coming year.
 - h. **Tournaments:** Tournament dates are now posted on the web site.
 - i. **Grievance:** No report.
 - j. **District Representative/ ACE Coord:** Frankenhoff reported that there would be an Elite II tryout at Mankato August 15th and a Bantam tryout August 23-24 for anyone interested.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Handbook updates: Frankenhoff reported he had made the changes on the website to the handbook that were discussed at the last meeting.
 - b. Tryout info: Lammert presented the information that would be given to skaters and parents about the try out process. Clarification was made by board members to include language that there would be no spectators or parents of any skater allowed in the arena during the try out sessions.
 - c. Unpaid bill: Sterrett noted there is an unpaid bill for hours not worked during the last season and the family is struggling to pay it. Board members asked why the family did not work any of the hours during the season, no answer was available. LHC policy states that registrations for returning players will not be accepted until bills are paid from previous years and that expectations for hours to be worked is also listed on the registration form each year. After discussion, board members decided that Sterrett should talk with the family about working some of the unworked hours at the airport breakfast and set up a plan to pay off the remaining hours from last year so that the skater(s) would not be penalized. Board members noted that hours are expected to be worked or paid, especially when it has been a struggle at times to find workers during tournaments and in the concession stand.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Pancake feed: Skeeter Frakes provided information to the board members about pancake feeds that he had assisted with in the past. Discussion was held about supplies needed, number of people needed to serve, buss tables, etc. Prices will be set at \$5 for age 12 –adult, \$ for age 5-12, and under 5 free. A LHC board member will plan to attend the airport meeting on 8/11 and there will be a meeting with anyone interested in helping and earning fundraising hours on 8/12.
 - b. Fall 4 on 4 hockey: Plans underway to start after ice is in, decision made to keep the fees the same last year with registrations due September 4.
 - c. Raffle: Reisdorfer asked for date of next annual meeting so that raffle request can be filed. After discussion motion made by Boll seconded by Connell to have next annual meeting on Monday evening April 5, 2010 at 7 p.m.

- d. Brant Behrend: Brant asked for clarification of the minutes where it stated that out of state players pay an additional fee. Sterrett explained that players who have previously been part of another association and played organized hockey or new players from out of state will not be given the new player rate for registration. The decision was made because there has been an increasing number of new skaters coming over from Sioux Falls to skate for a season and then going back to their home association without making a commitment to Luverne Hockey. Brandt also asked about the number of coaches receiving building and maintenance hours at the mini-mite level because of the differences in ability and the number of skaters at that level. Board members agreed that the minimite need more assistance and with the numbers registered last year that they would consider 2 head coaches and up to 4 assistants but will discuss further at the next meeting.
 - e. Squirts: Behrend, Nelson and Erickson shared thoughts about the possible number of skaters at the squirt level for the coming year. It was noted that there may be 20-26 skaters and that there would be too many for 1 team. In the past skaters have been divided by age, suggestion was made that some fourth grade skaters may not be ready to play A level and that dividing by age may not benefit them. Several options were presented including tryouts, having the coaches from the previous year sit down together and divide the kids, and asking the parents whether they want their child to play A or B. It was noted that being on the B team would not make the child a “bad” player but that they would have more opportunity to develop skills and learn at a the B level. Board members noted that no decision can be made at this time but thanked them for their input and will consider it at future meetings.
7. **Adjourn:** With no further business a motion was made by Sterrett and seconded by Lammert to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Next meeting will be **Tuesday September 8, 7:30p.m** at Sharkees.

Linda Reisdorfer, Secretary