

MHA Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes – June 24, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

Board Members present: Elgine McArdle, Cathleen Bennett, Mark Schraf, Jim Shingleton, Tom Powers, Perry Babb and John Karolcik (via conference call)

General Members present: Colleen Faber, Lisa Horowitz, Rachael Braud and Stacey Powers

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

Coaches Committee – Jim Shingleton

Recommendations for Travel League Coaches will be submitted at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting for July.

A request from Jim Mullens to have MHA absorb the coaching fees for Coaches clinics since the Coaches volunteer their time to the organization/team.

Referee Committee – Mark Schraf

Bill Lankford has volunteered to be a member of the Referee Committee.

The Referee Clinic is scheduled for Sunday, September 12 for levels 1, 2, and 3.

Suggested the MHA Board consider a pay increase for Referees as current compensation is significantly lower compared to other organizations in the PAHL region. Comparison of referee compensation with the Wheeling, WV organization is summarized below:

Level	League	Wheeling	MHA	% Deficit
Mite	House	15	12	20
	Travel	25	--	NA
Squirt	House	17.5	12	31
	Travel	25	15	40
PeeWee	House	20	15	25
	Travel	30	18	40
Bantam	House	22.50	20	11
	Travel	35	20	43
Midget	House	25	20	20
	Travel	45	25	44

House average deficit 21%
 Travel average deficit 42%

Communications Committee – Tom Powers

WEBSITE

Jeff Anderson is working on the website. Jeff needs the following documentation in a .doc or .pdf format for the website:

- 1 A copy of the updated bylaws
- 2 Policies / Procedures

The website is hopeful to provide online registration (with credit card payment).

BOPARC is willing to provide a link to MHA. PAHL website will allow a link to the MHA website. Also, Tom will inquire with the www.morgantown.com website as well.

The anticipated date of website operation is July 10, 2004.

FUNDRAISING

Tom indicated that the organization needs to do several fundraisers potentially on a monthly basis.

Fundraising ideas are being accepted.

- Stacey Powers is organizing a fundraiser with PEPSI products.
- Suggestions of setting up booth at community festivals (i.e. Balloon Festival, Buckwheat festival, etc.) for fundraising.
- Elgine suggested a Steak fry or other type of a single, large fundraising activity to generate a large amount of revenue.
- Other fundraising ideas include: Sarris Chocolate covered pretzel candy sale and monthly lottery ticket (similar to what the Midget travel teams had done)
- Soliciting donations at street intersections was suggested. More information regarding permits within city limits is needed. A permit is not required outside the Morgantown city limits.

CONCESSION STAND

Tom contacted the Monongalia County Health Department regarding Food Handler License for the concession stand.

- A Food Handler license for 1 year is \$ 5 and requires attending a training class. Individuals with an existing Food Handler license can opt for a 3 year license at \$15. A Food Handler Manager license is \$100.
- The concession stand will need to have a Person in Charge obtain a Food Handlers license and that individual is responsible for providing training to all other concession stand volunteers.

Elgine informed the Board that the concession stand yielded a net loss of approx. \$ 6,000. This may be attributed to several factors:

- Lack of available and willing volunteers resulted in loss of potential revenue as the concession stand was unopen.
- Fewer private group parties leasing the rink.
- Theft of cash and food items at rink.
- Food loss – perishable, dropped, burnt, etc.

Elgine's researched of concession stand operation of other organizations and the inherent cost of MHA's concession stand (rent, supplies, insurance, equipment repair/replacement, compensation credit to volunteers, etc.) is projected to be > \$ 20,000. Does the organization want this level of overhead? From a business perspective, it is not cost effective for the organization to continue operation of the concession stand. Under the current concession volunteer compensation, discontinuing concession stand operation may have an impact on the membership. (The organization may lose several long-term members, especially families with several players.)

C. Bennett made a motion to table the Concession stand issue and address the concession stand at a separate, special meeting on Sunday, July 11, 2004 at the ice rink.

E. McArdle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Registration – Cathleen Bennett

PAHL player placement forms for teams are due September 1. MHA will begin practice for the 2004-2005 travel season the week of August 23, 2004. Registration needs to occur earlier to complete USAHockey and PAHL registration.

E. McArdle made a motion to hold registration Saturday, July 24, 2004 from 10 am – 4:00 pm.

M. Schraf seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Postcards will be sent to existing membership regarding registration at the rink and through the website.

President's Report – John Karolcik

No PAHL meeting for June

NEW BUSINESS

The organization does not have an official address to have information sent.

E. McArdle moved to rent a Post Office box for MHA.

P. Babb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A hockey scholarship committee will need to be formed as part of hockey development.

E. McArdle motioned to adjourn the meeting.

M. Schraf seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm.