



MYHL Minutes for August 8, 2005 meeting at Germantown Center starting @ 6:30 PM.

Board Attendees: Susan Szaroletta, Ted Carroll, Russ Beatse, David Stevens, Christine Fowler, Darrell Wodowski, Rob Nelson, Tom Rose, Jack Rogers, Jerry Moran, Brian Summers (late)
Absent: Damon Waxler

There was a discussion about Brian Thomas. Brian Thomas was recently injured in a diving accident and sustained a spinal injury. Brian is currently receiving care at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Ga. Brian played four years for the Houston Mustangs and was team captain during their Predator Cup State of Tennessee Championship season of 2003-2004. Everyone was encouraged to send an electronic message to Brian. You can do so through the [Shepherd Center website](#). Staff will print it off and hand deliver your message to Brian. MYHL also voted to donate \$1000.00 to the Brian Thomas Fund.

The MYHL Handbook review was presented. Need to add TSSAA Scholastic cut rules under the team and player eligibility for the high school division.

Jr. River King update – They are open to merging with our organization and we will be working with them on all issues concerning this as well as fundraising opportunities.

The ice schedule will be out soon and will be posted for viewing to all. Once we know what ice is available we will be working on each divisions separate ice schedule.

The recreation division will be in need of volunteers. Carol has moved and is no longer with us. Jack Rogers is our new recreational director and is looking for parent volunteers for various jobs. Please contact Jack if you are willing to help this division. There are a lot of things to do in each division to insure that information is distributed and everything runs as smoothly as possible.

High School News: **Tryouts** are September 24th and 25th in Decatur. Please look on the website for updated information on times and team tryouts. A question was posed about the substance abuse policy for HS players. Darrell said the policy follows the TSSAA guidelines and the MYHL by-laws and code of conduct has guidelines on this issue. He will look into the wording and see if the guidelines need amending to try and make the policy stricter. An early bird HS tournament in October was discussed to see if there was a possibility of having one then. Also pre-season ice availability was asked about. This all depends on DCC! Houston's HS coach will be Art Kunkel. Metro still needs a HS coach.

Travel tryouts this weekend - August 13th, 14th. We will probably have an out of town practice the 17th and 18th of September. Information will be forthcoming. Hopefully we will be able to get ice at DCC by the first of October and avoid another out of town practice. Carl Swearingen has volunteered to schedule the travel divisions ice schedule.

3 players that will move up to the midget division have tried out and been selected for a AAA team in Nashville. The board and some members of the MYHL held an at-length discussion about these players being allowed to play in our HS division in addition to this AAA team in Nashville. A letter was shown to the board stating that this had been tried and did not work for a number of reasons. Concerns were voiced about the affects on the other divisions and on the players themselves. Russ researched other organizations and found out that this is not allowed. Also some precedence has been set in years past with other MYHL players. Concerns about conflicts with games for HS and the Tier I AAA games was voiced. Pro's and con's of league, teams and players was discussed and whether we can provide the players with what the AAA team wants (the "right" extra practice). A motion to approve that the 3 players be allowed to play in our HS division as well as on the AAA team - motion made by Tad and seconded by Darrell. The vote was passed with an 8 to 1 vote that the kids will be allowed to play on the HS team as well as the out-of-town AAA team in Nashville.

Meeting adjourned.