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MYHL minutes for November 19, 2007 Board Meeting held at the DeSoto Civic Center

Attendees: Russ Beatse, Loleta McLain, Jack Rogers, Mike McAteer, Brad Bartlett, Allison Pitts.

Not in attendance: Chris Schmied.

Visitors: Tom Rose and

Don Armour.

1. Skate-a-thon

Russ: Scheduled for December 23rd and RiverKings players are planning on attending. Concessions? If selling food, need to buy from the DCC. Will send out an e-mail regarding the skate-a-thon.

2. Ice

Russ: DCC has not been able to schedule enough ice time for HS or travel to host. Discussed hosting possibilities for next season: Thanksgiving (2008) and President's Day (2009). Will speak with Mike to see about setting up these two tournament dates. Nothing booked past mid summer currently. Jack would like to see us hosting a recreation tournament next season.

3. Since October's board meeting, Jack made 3 recommendation e-mails to the board:

1-Travel Squirts be allowed to play with Rec. Squirts on a 1-year trial basis with only 6 travel players allowed to play in order to make 13 players maximum per rec. team; 2-Travel Squirts be allowed to play with Rec. PW – this was negated.; 3-Near HS age to prepare for HS red shirt. Question of whether to allow Rec. Bantams or 8th graders to register with HS to get practice time in. Brad suggested talking to the coaches; Don Armour agreed. Jack noted he is NOT making a motion, he has been asked and thinks maybe with some more development and with the shrinking numbers in HS players, he was wondering if there is a way to help these kids? Tom Rose placed concerns of safety and how HS players will be affected. Russ suggested waiting to see how next season goes at the halfway point.

4. Director's Report

Russ: Approved for Jack to send out December's schedule. Down to 7 or 8 refs., now getting Travel Midget refs to referee rec. games - will talk to Bob. December's board meeting will also be a Christmas dinner for board members and their spouses. Beginning January, will hold meetings every 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Jack: As part of a discussion regarding some parents' desires to help Bantam aged kids prepare for high school, Jack said he felt that over the last few years, a culture has developed deemphasizing checking and physical play. It was agreed that we need to keep getting kids prepared for HS hockey all season long, in all divisions. Jack pointed out that checking is not bad, it's part of the game. Russ indicated he has had checking clinics in the past for 1st year PeeWees and suggested to keep this as a thought for next season and also suggested that Mike McAteer spend about 15 minutes with PeeWees and Bantams to talk about how to do legal checking. Jack agreed with Russ' suggestion.

Mike: Cutoff date is this Friday for HS coaches. Still no information on background checks; Russ will check on it. Inquired about weekday ice for rec. & Jack stated they will have some ice time during the week in Dec.

Brad: Needs to order 200 pucks and 2 bags. Inquired about someone keeping up with updates on the travel page website. Tom would need dates of games before he can enter the scores. Travel Midgets going to Silver Sticks.

Don: He and Ken are working on getting Commercial Appeal to publish scores. Jack inquired about RiverKings website & Russ stated they were redoing their website and were in the process of putting MYHL's button back on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.