

**LaCrosse River City Youth Hockey**  
**Monthly Membership Meeting**  
**August 19, 2009**

**Meeting Began:** 7:03 p.m.

**Present:**

**Board Members** – Michelle Bryant, Kim Edwards, Kelly Ziegelbein, Dan Berg, Jim Szymanski, John Radtke, Ginnie Davis, Jim Browning, Becky Yoshizumi, Tracy Larson, Kris Bartley

**Absent:** Marla Cunningham, Todd Neumann, Phil Kotlowski, Dan Koperski, Kevin Bryant, Margaret Ebner, Elizabeth Callan

**Guests** – Roy Thienes, Troy Richter, Shannon Neumann, Dave Hengel

**President's Report:**

New lights and sound system are in at Green Island and are great. Michelle B. went to an orientation on the sound system. We will offer orientation/instructions for RCYH families before the season starts. The city will allow us to lease the skate sharpener at G.I. Jay Odegard from La Crosse Parks and Rec is working on a lease. Troy Richter will head a committee to get skate sharpening going for the organization. River City has taken over the Park and Rec full ice program. P and R will only have cross ice this year and the full ice program will become part of RCYH Mites. Mites will practice Mondays and Thursdays from 5:45-6:45 and 11:00-12:00 on Saturdays. Fees at the Mite level will decrease this year because RCYH will not be charged for ice during this time and we will be able to use the city's equipment. Mites will pay \$40 to cover the USA Hockey fee. The board is working on policy and procedure manuals for the organization.

**Vice President's Report:**

Last week's WMHL meeting was cancelled. Will meet next month. Online registration is going well. So far we have 16 registered. Kim has received positive feedback regarding online registration. All skaters need to be registered before parents attend the registration meetings in September. Parents must bring necessary forms to the meeting. There will be a WMHL scheduling meeting in October. All league games will be scheduled at this meeting. Will find out in October if there will be an A and B bantam schedule or just an A schedule like last year. Kim is looking into whether we need to purchase new jerseys or not for Squirts, Pee Wees and Bantams.

**Secretary Report:**

Motion to approve July minutes made by Michelle Bryant. 2nd John Radtke.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Discussed in Marla Cunningham's absence. Michelle Bryant worked on a budget, fees,

etc this past month. Will look into providing a treasury report at meetings so members are aware of how money is being used.

**Bantam Program:**

Dan Berg asked about our tournament budget. Budget will be the same this year as last - \$800 will be given to each team for tournaments.

**PeeWee Program:**

No Report

**Squirt Program:**

No Report

**Mite Program:**

Michelle Bryant nominated Phil Kotlowski as Mite coordinator. 2nd by Kelly Ziegelbein

**Coaches Report:**

Discussed in Dave Losen's absent. Tryouts 90% sure for Friday October 23rd and Saturday Oct. 24th. Dave is compiling a list of coaches and getting coaches set for each team. Hope to have coaches set by the beginning of October.

**Ice Scheduling:**

Discussed in Dan Koperski's absence. See last months minutes for each teams tentative practice times. Ice scheduling going well per Michelle Bryant.

**Concessions:**

Tracy Larson getting information, key, etc from the Bartecks.

**Tournaments:**

Our tournament schedule is out in "Let's Play Hockey" and Ginnie has received some calls and inquiries regarding our tournaments. WAHA sanction forms are ready to go. Ginnie to get money from treasurer and get sanction fees sent in.

**Raffle:**

Dave Curtis will print raffle tickets at no charge with his advertising on them. Waiting for raffle license which should be coming soon. Hope to have raffle tickets ready to hand out at registration.

**Fundraising:**

Discussed in Kevin Bryant's absence. Michelle Bryant states Club's Choice fundraising seems to be going well. Order forms are due to Michelle by Aug. 28th. Will have products available for pick up on Sunday September 20th at the registration meeting. Shannon Neumann looking into a Chili Cook Off. Details coming soon.

**Sponsorship:**

Kevin Bryant and Jim Browning are working together to make a chart/spread sheet to

help with sponsorships. Kevin and Jim are working on team sponsorships as well. Sponsorship/Advertising ideas: Place brochures/flyers at local business (ie. Play It Again, La Crosse Athletics, Park and Rec sites, South Side Neighborhood Center, etc.). Radio station community service announcements. Advertise in La Crosse Magazine, Coulee Region Magazine. Place flyers at Children's Museum, etc.

**Equipment:**

John is looking into a bigger equipment room. Need small blockers and catchers for mites and squirts. May be able to get some money form local businesses to cover these costs through sponsorship. May need more pucks. Kristy Knoble is working on an equipment swap. Details coming soon.

**Communications:**

Becky open to comments and suggestions regarding website. Ice calendar and game calendars are not compatible. Becky will try to combine them to make things easier.

**Park Board Rep:**

No Report

**Referee Scheduler:**

No Report

**Old Business:**

Oktoberfest/Torchlight Parade - Oktoberfest bar-tending sign up will be posted on website by the beginning of September. Looking into doing Torchlight Parade. Will keep everyone updated.

Candle/Pizza Update - see fundraising report

Online Registration Update - see VP report

**New Business:**

Red Ranger Camp/Power Skating Camp - Red Ranger camp is scheduled for the week of October 12th. Jon M. still working on Power Skating Camp. Will keep us updated.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Michelle Bryant at 8:50. 2nd by John Radtke.