

SMAHL Travel Board Meeting  
May 12, 2007

Board meeting called to order by Shawwna Easton at 7:03pm.

**Board Members Present:**

Shawwna Easton, Sharon Bombrys, Linda Furry, Jane Pfeifer, Tom Clement, Tatiana Masyk, John Miller, Chris Easton, Bob Napierala

**Guests:**

Azim Mustapha, Todd Switala, Pat Heldt, Doug Parsell

No minutes to approve

Todd Switala stated that he felt there was a rule violation and wanted the 93 coaching selection invalidated. He felt that Chris Easton should have excluded himself from the coaching selection of the 93 team since he was applying for the position. He felt that the By-Laws were not followed during this process.

Pat Heldt has spoken with Chris and believes that he gave a good faith effort to do the job correctly.

Bob Napierala stated that Chris has had more communication with the coaches than the previous Coaching Director ever had. Chris stepped up to take the most critical position in our organization. Picking the right coach is everything.

Doug Parsells voiced his opinion and concerns over the Coaching Director position.

Chris Easton stated that he knows that SMAHL can be a better organization. He believes that all the Board members want to do well.

Shawwna Easton discussed the coaches' evaluations that were sent to the parent's. The following were considered when selecting the coaches:

- Total Evaluations
- Verbal Communication
- The development of the child
- Whether or not the child would return to play for the coach

Pat Heldt made a motion to revisit the 93 coaching selection process.

Seconded by Bob Napierala.

Unanimously approved.

Motion passed.

Bob Napierala will reevaluate the coaching applications. He will personally talk with Todd and Chris as well as parents from each of their teams. He will have a recommendation by the next board meeting.

Azim Mustapha stated his coaching philosophy to the Board. He would like to be considered for the Mite AA coaching position.

### **New Business**

#### **Equipment**

John Miller is still waiting for the quote for new jerseys. As soon as he receives it, he will email to all Board members for review.

Jane Pfeiffer suggested that we order both sets of jerseys at one time.

#### **Rules and Discipline**

Nothing to report.

#### **Treasurer**

Linda Furry reported that she met with Donna Momsen to finalize and close out the past season. Donna still had a few more teams to complete.

Donna is fixing the problems with the Bantam A team.

All paperwork and promissory notes will be collected at the mandatory parent's meeting.

#### **Public Relations**

Jane Pfeiffer posted tryouts for all divisions except Pee Wee A, Squirt A and Mite A on MichiganHockey.com. There was a problem with the website and couldn't post. She will post them as soon as the problem is fixed.

Hockey Weekly charges for the posting. She will not post on that website.

Pat Heldt suggested that she post in the Toledo Blade Notes located in the sports section. Jane will look into this.

Her first newsletter will be to the coaches. She will include the following:

- Board Meeting Dates
- Explanation of the Newsletter
- Board Members names and phone numbers
- Coaches names and phone numbers
- Online Registration information for USA Hockey
- Disco Party information (October 5)
- Tryout Dates
- B Team information

Jane is working on a mailer to all SMAHL members to announce tryout dates. This will be mailed by June 1, 2007. Pat Heldt stated that he will help her mail them out.

The proof for the logo is completed. Approval for this needs to be done soon.

**Scheduler**

Tom Clements reported that all tryout dates have been scheduled for the 8 travel teams. He has also finalized the Midget tryout dates.

The mandatory parent's meeting has been schedule for July 24<sup>th</sup>. He has scheduled ice to use for the kids to skate while the parent's attend the meeting.

Mite/Squirt	6:00-7:30pm
PeeWee/Bantam	7:30-9:00pm

Tom is working on a schedule for tryouts to ensure that a Board member will be present at all tryouts.

**Coaching Director**

Chris Easton will meet with the coaches to decide if they would like summer skates.

The Coaching Selection Committee consisted of Chris Easton, Harold St. John and Dave Faulkner.

Chris Easton made motion to select the following coach:

Mite A Kevin Mankowski Seconded by Shawwna Easton Unanimously approved

Mite AA Matt Fink Seconded by Pat Heldt Unanimously approved

Still waiting to finalize the B team coaching selections.

Chris will reevaluate the Mite AA coaches and talk to all nominees involved to see if they can all work together.

**Finance**

The Disco Party is set for October 5, 2007.

Tatiana is working on getting sponsors for this event. She would like to get a Sponsor Boards to advertise our sponsors.

She suggested that we raise the Association Fee from \$100 to \$150. If we did this, we could give each family two tickets to the Disco Party.

Tatiana suggested that we do coaching evaluation more than once a year.

**Secretary**

Sharon Bombrys suggested that we hold a special meeting in two weeks to discuss the purchase of new jerseys and to finalize the 93 coaching selection.

Next Board Meeting on May 21, 2007 at 7pm. This meeting will be used to discuss the purchase of new jerseys and to select the remaining coaches only.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chris Easton.

Seconded by Bob Napierala.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Bombrys  
SMAHL Travel Board Secretary