

GREELY HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB

MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2004

PRESENT: Don Hawkins, Nick Knight, David Swan, Pam Harwood, Damian Bolduc, Ralph Nelson, Gary King, Carol Saucier, Sue Bisbing, Jeff Daigle, Jennifer Daigle, Sue Blais, Rose Spaulding, John Stevenson, John Moody, Tom Allen, Terry Beckman, Mike Sheldon, Ken Filliter, Maria Bowden, Paul Godin, Greg Leighton, Peter Blais.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Leighton reported: girls and middle school registration moneys have been received; high school pick-up hockey lost about \$40 this past summer; the boys varsity is signed up for the Christmas Invitational Tournament in Yarmouth; the last middle school dance raised about \$1,000. Knight motioned, Stevenson seconded. Report accepted.

II. SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER REPORT

Bolduc motioned, Sue Blais seconded. Report accepted.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Caribbean Raffle Fund-Raiser: Godin reported: proceeds from 26 ticket sales turned in to date; a PowerPoint presentation has been distributed via email to booster members to assist sales; remaining tickets will be distributed to those who still need them.
- Ad Book: Harwood reported: revenues from two ads received to date; all high school boys and girls skaters must sell \$90 worth of ads or write a check for \$90 by Nov. 15; Jane Swan will help with the ad book graphics.
- Girls Sanctioning: Godin reported the school committee approved the sanctioning proposal on Oct., 4 by a 6-1 vote. The committee raised some concerns about future financial commitments.

IV. PROGRAMS

- Girls: Knight reported: 18 girls have registered, including five freshmen and a first-year sophomore; eight skaters graduated last year and two have chosen not to skate this season; no junior varsity program is planned; this season's schedule includes 16 Tier I games and an additional six Tier II games for younger players; practices begin Nov. 4; a pre-season dinner is scheduled Oct. 28; Hawkins and Knight have met with Jack Hardy to officially apply for the coaching jobs, which may be paid positions in future budgets; as a sanctioned club, players will be covered under the school's insurance policy, take buses to away games and be eligible for varsity letters; two hours of girls ice are available to turn back to the boys high school or middle school program.

- High School Boys Varsity: Bowden reported: the team will host a Thanksgiving tournament that will also include teams from Yarmouth, Brewer and Deering high schools; the team will participate in the Falmouth Foreside Tourney with Falmouth and NYA on Dec. 3-4; 19 regular-season games have been scheduled; the regular-season opener is scheduled for Dec. 11 at Win-Dale; the junior varsity has nine games currently scheduled, another four to five games planned and will participate in tournaments during Christmas and February vacations; two games and a scrimmage are scheduled for the Dec. 17-19 Sherbrooke trip; mandatory fitness check-in is scheduled after school on Oct. 28; a parental informational meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. in the high school library with \$275 registration fees due at that time and parental volunteer-list sign-ups available; skaters will leave for Sherbrooke at the end of the school day on Dec. 17.
- Middle School: Bowden reported: Bob Stuart has volunteered to coach the "B" team; the first practice was held Oct. 18.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Portable Skate Sharpener: Jeff Daigle displayed the new varsity portable skate sharpener. He reported: several adults will soon be trained to operate the machine; the Maineiacs trainer may assist in the training; the needed vacuum unit will likely be donated.
- Alumni Fundraiser: Bisbing and Jeff Daigle reported: several alumni skaters and parents have expressed interest in starting the fund; funds would help finance the scholarship and "Coach's Wish List" programs; cards will be mailed and phone calls made informing alumni and parents about the program; the goal is to raise \$2,000 annually; Daigle and Bisbing will run the program this year and recruit parents to take over next season.
- Clothing: Spaulding reported: Greely clothing may eventually be posted on the team's web site; order forms will be available at the games and eventually on the web site; Brian Gilbert will make up some T-shirts that will be available at any time; clothing-order payments will be made directly to Gilbert.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Web master: Nelson reported: rosters, schedules, clothing and pictures will be posted on the web site; another domain with more memory may be needed to host the site if the boosters decide to archive information; Matt Spaulding will take photos of the boys varsity for the yearbook and web site.
- Greely Hockey Decals: Bowden reported Greely Hockey decals that affix to the outside of cars will be sold at games for \$2 apiece.
- Tax Cap Ramifications: Godin distributed information provided by the MSAD 51 Board of Directors detailing a worst-case scenario if the tax-cap referendum passed and the board decided

to eliminate athletic funds. The middle school and girls programs are self-funded and would not be affected. The high school boys program faces a potential loss of \$20,000 in district funding. Jeff Daigle noted the tax cap would mean some challenges, but that no one knows what the exact impact would be. Bowden noted the school board has assured the various athletic programs that any cuts would be made equitably across the various programs.

VII. Adjournment

VIII. KEY DATES

- Pre-season team meeting - Oct. 28, 2:30 p.m. in Coach Mothes' classroom, players only.
- High school parents open house/player registration - Nov. 3, 7 p.m. in high school library.
- November Booster Meeting - Nov. 16, 7 p.m., high school.
- Next middle school dance - Jan. 21, 2005 at Wescustogo Hall.