

GREELY HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB

JANUARY 20 2005 GREELY HOCKEY BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Barry Mothes, Gary King, Ken Filliter, Sarah Filliter, Colin Filliter, Greg Leighton, Jennifer Daigle, Sue Blais, Liz Otley, Cheryl Hurley, Tina Fogg, Nancy Bolduc, Damian Bolduc, Terry Beckman, Joel Harris, Don Hawkins, John MacDonald, Dave Swan, Leif Nielsen, Carol Saucier, Brian Saucier, John Stevenson, Peter Blais.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Leighton reported the highlights of the boys budget included: the Caribbean raffle raised \$3,523.13, which is \$42.87 below budget; major expenses such as ice time and the Canadian trip have been paid; registration raised \$825 over budget; the first two middle school dances showed a \$1,583 profit; the Icebreaker tournament came in \$285 under budget; the Canada trip cost \$646.50 over budget; the golf tournament raised \$925.90 below budget; unbudgeted items amounted to \$2,668.57; the alumni fund has raised \$1,865.

The highlights of the girls budget included: registration raised \$67 more than budgeted; the receipt of a \$1,000 donation; the Caribbean raffle raised 2,593.91, which is \$331.09 below budget. Overall, Leighton said, the budget is in good shape. Damian Bolduc motioned, Harris seconded. Report accepted.

II. DECEMBER SECRETARY'S REPORT

Leighton motioned, Sue Blais seconded. Report accepted.

III. COMMITTEES

- Caribbean raffle - Godin reported: the event raised less than a year ago; one of the \$500 second-place prizes was donated back to the girls' program; the fundraiser should be continued next year; one possible way to assure all 250 tickets are sold next year is to require that every skater sell or purchase at least three tickets, which is one of many ideas that will be explored to increase ticket sales; those who claim they did not know about the raffle need to read the Booster meeting minutes.
- Ad/Yearbook - Bowden reported: she needs to know who did not sell their required \$90 in ads among the boys varsity players so she can ask them for payment; and a facilitator is needed for the girls' program to determine who has and has not sold their ads.
- Alumni Fundraising - Godin reported this will be an ongoing effort.
- Cookbook - Hurley reported: she has 250 recipes but needs another 50 to complete the book; all recipes should be received by Jan. 27; the cookbook will hopefully be ready for sale by the boys varsity banquet on March 24; and every Greely sport is featured on the cover.
- Middle School Dance - Stevenson reported: the Jan. 21 middle school dance was fully staffed; the dances so far are raising more than budgeted; and additional dances are planned for April and June.
- Scholarship Committee - Godin reported: anyone interested in serving on this year's committee to select

the recipients for the two \$500 scholarships should contact him; and the deadline for applications may be earlier this year.

IV. PROGRAMS

- Girls - Hawkins reported: the girls team is doing very well with an overall record of 4-1-2 and is probably one of the top teams in the league along with St. Dominic and North Yarmouth Academy (NYA); the season is halfway done; the two ties came against Biddeford and St. Dominic; the buses to take the team to games has been great for team spirit and morale; everyone is encouraged to attend the games; and the schedule is on the website.
- Boys Varsity - Mothes reported: he is optimistic about the team's performance in the second half of the season; some challenging issues have affected the team on and off the ice; the team is currently in 6th place with a 3-4 record in Western Class B; two of those losses have come against the top two teams in Western Class B with a third setback to a Class A team; the Feb. 3 game against Lisbon, which dropped its program for lack of skaters, has been changed to a scrimmage against Win-Dale; and the team is hopeful about reaching and performing well in the post-season, where six Western B teams are expected to compete for the regional title and an opportunity to advance to the state championship game.
- Junior Varsity - Damian Bolduc reported: the season has gone well, although the team hasn't won many games; most of the losses have been by a single goal; many skaters, who might otherwise not get to play, are receiving a ton of ice time; and the team is about to embark on a busy stretch of games.
- Middle School - Bowden noted the impressive showing by both the 'A' and 'B' teams, which both won their games on Dudley Cup day. MacDonald reported: the B team has won all its games except one; the 'A' team is 5-7 with four games remaining to play; 'A' head coach John Hart has encouraged a more competitive-oriented and less development-oriented squad with clear expectations regarding performance and playing time; the teams are playing in the most-competitive division this season with many Class A schools; a couple of the 'A' team players could have a big impact on the boys varsity next season; and a couple of 8th-grade Pownal players skating with the 'A' team this season will be skating outside SAD #51 next year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Booster Member Dues - Must be paid 30 days prior to receiving voting rights at a Booster meeting.
- Boys Season Tickets - Are available from Phyllis Cyr for \$25 for the entire 10-game home schedule.
- Video Equipment/Boys Varsity - Godin sought permission to spend up to \$1,000 to purchase a digital video camera to tape games. The proposal was unanimously approved. Hawkins asked if the girls team could pay some type of rental fee that would allow the team to use the camera when it was available and Godin agreed to discuss it further.
- Skate Sharpener - Godin reported a metal table (cost \$259.52) has been purchased to mount the sharpener in the locker room. Since the purchase exceeded the president's \$250 spending authority by roughly \$10, he asked the booster members if they would approve the purchase. Bowden motioned, Peter Blais seconded. Approved unanimously. Godin also reported: Matt Spaulding offered to donate the services of his development company's electrician to install an outlet for the sharpener; outlet and venting issues have delayed use of the sharpener; and someone, other than the coaches, may be trained to sharpen skates.

- Boys Canada Trip - Bowden reported that, in accordance with an earlier proposal, participants will cover any overage from the Canada trip. The additional \$646.50 will be assessed evenly among the skaters who went to Canada at a cost of \$21.55 per skater. Bowden will be sending email notices regarding the required payment to those players in the near future.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Hockey East Tournament - Bowden reported that Mothes is planning to take the boys team on its traditional excursion to the two Hockey East semi-final tournament games in Boston on Friday, March 18. The Boosters have historically covered the entire cost of the bus. Stevenson said a donation through his employer, Verizon, will cover \$500 of the cost, leaving the Boosters responsible for the remaining \$40. The 29-person bus will leave at a yet-to-be-determined time and arrive in time for the first game, scheduled for 5 p.m. Varsity and junior varsity players can purchase game tickets for \$23.

- Nominating Committee - Elections for board positions will be held in May. Anyone interested in serving on the nominating committee, which will put together a slate of nominees, should contact Godin as soon as possible.

- Open Discussion - Susan Blais reported that six sophomore boys players had volunteered to help an immigrant Sudanese family move their belongings out of storage and into their new Portland apartment. The family had been living in a family shelter for the past three months. Blais and others noted that the Boosters have discussed the adoption of some sort of community service goals for the organization and that this type of activity should be encouraged.

- Casco Bay Hockey Association (CBHA) Fundraiser - Hawkins and Mothes agreed to research whether players would be available to operate the clocks during the CBHA Squirt Invitational scheduled for March 11-13 at area rinks. CBHA hosts roughly 40 games and would pay the Boosters \$10 per game to operate the clocks.

VII. KEY DATES

- Middle School Dance - Jan. 21 at Wescustogo Hall
- Next Booster Meeting - Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the high school.
- Hockey East Varsity Trip - March 18
- Boys Varsity Banquet - March 24.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Bolduc motioned, Ken Filliter seconded. Meeting adjourned.