

GREELY HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB

June 21, 2005 GREELY HOCKEY BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Don Hawkins, Brian Saucier, Sue Blais, Ralph Nelson, Tom Allen, Terry Beckman, Ruth Stevenson, Maria Bowden, Pete Blais, Damian Bolduc, Gary King

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Beckman and Bowden reported: the boys' program made a few minor changes to its budget including raising the amount budgeted for a goalie coach from \$300 up to \$1,000; proceeds from future middle school dances will be split equally between the boys' and girls' programs; the girls' budget will remove money for a video, increase league fees by \$100 and add a holiday-tournament fee of \$400; estimated budget figures for the boys' and girls' programs are conservative; and some cookbook and golf-tournament revenues have been received. Hawkins mentioned he may request an estimated \$500 for an assistant-coach position within the next year. Bolduc motioned, Sue Blais seconded. Report accepted.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT/MAY MEETING MINUTES

Stevenson motioned, Allen seconded. Report accepted.

III. COMMITTEES

- Middle School Dances - Stevenson reported one or two volunteers are needed to run the three to four middle school dances for the upcoming year. Anyone interested should contact Stevenson at 829-3749.
- Scholarship Committee - Sue Blais reported that seniors Colin Filliter and Molly Hamel were chosen as recipients of this year's \$500 hockey scholarships.
- Golf Committee - Allen reported: 35 teams have signed up to play in the June 27 tourney; John Moody had secured numerous rounds of golf at area courses as prizes; more donations were needed for various golf-contest and raffle items.
- Girls Sanctioning Committee - Bowden and Hawkins reported: Jack Hardy wants to meet with the sanctioning committee one more time to discuss how the school district might handle Title IX implications resulting from a girls' varsity program; the committee would like the opportunity to review a preamble Hardy plans to attach to the sanctioning committee report to be submitted to the school committee; the sanctioning proposal is scheduled for presentation at the first of two meetings the school committee plans for September; the committee hopes to have Hardy and high school principal Chris Mosca submit a letter to the Maine Principals Association (MPA) noting that Greely will field a girls' varsity team once the MPA approves girls hockey as a varsity sport; and the MPA could discuss the topic when it meets in October and April.

IV. PROGRAMS

- Girls - Hawkins reported: the spring league has ended and fall-league plans have begun; Greely and Scarborough will combine players on the fall-league team; and three spots remain unfilled for the combined team.

- Boys' Varsity - Bowden reported: the first fitness check-in was held in mid-June; and Greely will field two teams in the NYA summer league that starts play July 5.
- Spring Boys' Hockey - King and Saucier reported: the team finished with roughly a .500 mark; a dehumidifier would help minimize mildew problems in the boys' locker room; King will check into dehumidifier prices; and a locker-room clean-up is planned for late June.
- Middle School - Stevenson reported approximately 30 players are expected to sign up for this year's program and that coaches are needed. Anyone interested in coaching should contact Stevenson at 829-3749.
- Alumni Program - Bowden reported: Sue Bisbing and Paul Godin will decide how to allocate the \$200 Pete Maher donated in memory of former Greely player Jonathan Derrah; and Bisbing is looking for a boys' parent to assist her with the alumni program. Anyone interested in working with Bisbing should contact Bowden at mbowden@maine.rr.com.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Sports Done Right - Bowden reported that a forum was held in Cumberland in late spring on the University of Maine document discussing ways to improve high school sports programs for students. Bowden, Mothes, Godin and Stevenson participated in the forum. SAD 51 is part of a pilot project seeking to implement some of the recommendations and will receive some federal funding to help with the program. Forum participants agreed that SAD 51 was generally doing a good job providing opportunities on the high school level, but will have to come up with ways to accommodate the needs of students at the middle-school level, where the number of students has grown significantly and the prospect of cutting players, due to a lack of facilities and funding, is a possibility. Bowden noted that the hockey program may likely implement some of the program recommendations and encouraged parents to become familiar with the Sports Done Right initiatives.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Fundraising - Bowden reported: with program costs growing, more fund-raising ideas are needed to keep participation fees at a reasonable level; and anyone interested in overseeing a booth at the Sept. 10 North Yarmouth Family Fun Day, where cookbooks and other items could be sold, should contact her at 829-5582.
- Bylaw Change - Bowden reported the boosters need to consider a bylaw change that would align the date booster membership fees are due with the fiscal year to alleviate confusion over who is and is not eligible to vote on booster matters.

VII. KEY DATES

- Next Booster Meeting - August 9 at 6 p.m. at Swan family camp on Forest Lake .
- Middle School Dance - Sometime in September.