

## GREELY HOCKEY BOOSTER MEETING - 12/13/06

Present: John Moody, Joel Harris, Don Hawkins, Ruth Stevenson, Dan Perry, Damian Bolduc, Becky Allyn, Maria Bowden, Terry Beckmann, Amy Scannel, Barbara Lewis, Liz Otley, Jackie Bates, Sue Blais, Tracey Dahlgren, Pete Blais.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beckmann reported: the Icebreaker craft fair made \$793; the Icebreaker finished on budget; the alumni fund has raised more than \$1,000; the ad book will finish about \$700 over budget or better once all the ads and opt-out fees are collected; Bowden will collect any late ad money or opt-pout fees from boys skaters and Scannel will do so for the girls skaters. It was proposed to split the craft fair revenues 60 percent for the boys and 40 percent for the girls. Bolduc moved, Moody seconded, motion passed.

### NOVEMBER SECRETARY'S REPORT

Harris asked that the November minutes be clarified to reflect that the girls program's ultimate goal at the moment is 65 hours of ice time per season, as opposed to the 54 mentioned in the November minutes, based on feedback from most of the girl skaters that they would prefer NOT to skate five days per week. Stevenson motioned, Sue Blais seconded, motion passed. Minutes accepted.

Bowden also reported: the Drowne Road rink proposal is in a holding pattern; the town expects to survey town residents about the rink as part of its town center comprehensive plan; even if the town center project is rejected by town residents, a rink could still be built at the location; architect Steve Blatt has indicated he is willing to prepare conceptual drawings for the town center project; donations will likely be solicited if a rink project gets off the ground.

### COMMITTEES

Adbook/Yearbook - Bowden reported: ad sales have gone very well; the yearbook should be available sometime in December; statistics for the girls' team have been difficult to obtain.

Caribbean Raffle - Ferguson reported: sales are going well; the deadline to turn in ticket sales proceeds was Dec. 15; selling extra raffle tickets does not count toward the opt-out fee for another fundraiser.

Girls sanctioning - Harris presented a paper report on the girls sanctioning efforts and verbally reported: the sanctioning committee plans to go before the school board Jan. 8 to discuss its efforts to date and encourage the school board to send a letter to the Maine Principals Association (MPA) noting that Greely will field a varsity team as soon as the MPA sanctions girls hockey as a varsity sport; 10 schools must send such letters before the MPA will sanction girls hockey as a varsity sport; the school board's major concerns involve funding for the girls' program and Title IX implications; the committee has proposed a 50/50 split of school funding for the girls and boys programs phased in over a three-year period once the girls team receives varsity sanctioning; the consequences of increasing girls' ice time and splitting school financial contributions between the two programs will likely require the boys' program to raise more money through registration fees and/or fundraising activities in order to retain the quality of the current boys program; the girls team is having a successful season in the current Tier I club league with a 4-1 record at the time of the meeting. A motion to forward the sanctioning report that incorporates the concerns of both girls and boys parents was made by Otley, seconded by Allyn and approved.

## PROGRAMS

Girls - Hawkins reported: the team is off to a good start at 4-1; 37 girls are skating in the program; the captains are Chloe Shields and Phoebe Harris; the only setback was one-goal loss to North Yarmouth Academy; the junior varsity girls team has played three games and has 14 scheduled overall; both girls teams will participate in the Dudley Cup.

Boys varsity - Bowden reported: the team opened the season with an 11-0 victory over Hampden Academy; the early season included the annual trip to Sherbrooke, two more regular-season games, an alumni game and three Maine Invitational Tournament contests leading up to the Jan. 1 Dudley Cup; Greely will host the Dudley Cup this year meaning we will have staff the ticket tables and timekeeping/scorekeeping positions.

Junior varsity - Bolduc reported the team had played five games as of the meeting.

Middle school - Stevenson reported: one of the team's major early season victories came against Portland.

## KEY DATES

Next Booster Meeting - Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the high school.