

Greely Hockey Boosters Meeting
February 12, 2008

In attendance: Robyn Barnes, Janice Selig, Mark Geoffry, Coach Mothes, Phyllis Cyr, Carl Hoffman, Heather Geoghan, Coach Kim, Damian Bolduc, Ruth Stevenson, Dan Perry, Barry Kurland, Diane Gray, Karen Finnegan, Janet Ferguson, John Stevenson, Becky Allyn.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Beckman unable to attend tonight. No Treasurer's report was given.

Secretary's Report: as e-mailed approved by Diane Gray, seconded by Damian Bolduc.

Boy's Varsity: Barry Mothes reported 3 games left. Team has had good and not so good games. Yarmouth game scheduled for tomorrow, both coaches want game to be played in spite of the weather. Watch e-mails for details. Over all good close hockey and we are in second place. Going to try to do a couple of team outings during the break. Maybe bowling, a Bowdoin game and/or a team dinner.

Boy's JV: about 4 games left depending on how they play could be more. Game against Scarborough weather permitting. The Fryeburg Tourney may or may not happen as they may not have a JV team. To be determined. Going to try to schedule a Leavitt make up game even if it is after Feb. break.

Middle School: Diane reviewed the season for both the A&B teams. The middle school dances raised over \$1200 which was better than the projected \$1000. Diane brought up the possibility of a middle school girls team and she is going to pursue this. It should not impact the Greely Ice as NYA has ice times for games, season would be games only and limited to 6-10. It is possible that the Middle school may have to drop down a division. It looks like the Middle school Teams will have secured enough Ice to eliminate the need to make any refunds. The fee schedule may need to change for next year based on the ice time available for practices. All Middle school games are scheduled through the Maine Middle School program and do not impact Greely Ice available.

Girls Varsity: 3-13 with 3 games left. Team has really come together, we have improved and everyone is having a good time. Currently ranked 8th. Everybody has worked very hard and many of the losses have been very close games.

Rink proposal: We need land. The town council has offered a possible lease on some land. Planning committee for the entire Town project is not on track for April. The rink committee is trying to get an accelerated commitment and a parcel of land from the town to move forward. Barry Kurland will speak with Kevin at Family Ice to discuss the future considerations for Ice in the area. Meeting is March 18 to move forward on the rink project.

Ice Time – Kevin from FIC met with Janice Selig and Mike Griffin this week. There are no additional ice times available, Greely is allotted the same amount of ice every year and it is up to the Athletic director and the coaches to determine how that ice is allocated. The Booster President will stay informed and involved in the Ice distribution process. Kevin is aware that Greely is always looking to secure additional ice times, should any open up, we are on the list to be notified. This will become a State wide problem with the Sanctioning of Girls Ice Hockey. There is no ice available ANYWHERE, at a time that is acceptable to High School programs. Janice spoke to Kevin and to the coaches about the possibility of using an occasional Weds. 1:50 p.m. ice slot.

Yearbook: is done – Yearbooks will be distributed at the games on 2/18, against Falmouth. Patrice Walsh will be taking this Yearbook project over next year. We still need someone TO STEP UP AND TAKE OVER THE GAME DAY PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR.....HELLO ALL!!!!!! Janice Selig will be a senior parent and will NOT be doing those programs. Allen & Selig Realty may be willing to continue to print those programs for their cost, a savings of at least 70% from other print houses.

Fundraising committee: Dave Labbe, Becky Allyn, Kathy Tuller, Bonny Stanhope and Kathy Hoffman have volunteered to be on this committee, they are planning to meet before our next booster meetings. This committee will need to have a chair person to report to the boosters. The purpose of this committee is to look at the current fundraising efforts as well as to discuss additional fund raising that will be needed as the program changes.

Transition committee: Ruth Stevenson, Diane Gray, Dan Perry, Karen Finnegan, Karyn Kurland and Janice Selig are going to meet with Mike Griffin next week, date and time to be announced. This committee is being formed to keep the Booster organization informed of the progress and changes that will be occurring over the next one, two and three years as outlined in the Sanctioning document that was accepted by the School Board. They will be involved in the implementation and financing challenges that lie ahead, they will not be making any changes or alterations to the document that was tirelessly drafted and presented by the Sanctioning committee over the past two years. The expectation is that this committee will address the next stage of girls sanctioning as approved by the Greely Hockey Boosters and the MSAD 51 school board. The AD, the coaches and the MPA will be determining specific crucial transitional issues such as ice time and game requirements. Our committee will inform the boosters of the progress and changes that will be occurring over the next few years and also will address the logistical and financial challenges that lie ahead. At the AD's request, this committee will help the AD understand the preferences of the players at the local level so that he can take this information to the MPA. Equity is the goal, while preserving the quality and financial integrity of our existing programs. Two surveys will be circulated to all girl players from grade 5 to 12 and one to parents of those players. The information will be tabulated and used to help the AD, Mike Griffin in his meetings with the Maine Principals Association, as they better define the Varsity Girls programs for the future. Mike Griffin has a very important meeting on March 14 with the MPA and he wants to have the data to share at the meeting.

(Barry Kurland wants it noted that he does not volunteer his wife's services in her absence. It was in fact Diane Gray that volunteered her.)

Scholarship committee needs to make a plan to meet and move forward. Not an emergency but should try to get a meeting.

Carl Hoffman reports that the people in Presque Isle had nothing but wonderful things to say about our players and Janice reported that it was a great time. Barry Kurland brought up the topic of host families for next year since they are coming here. This will be looked at it would be great for both players and families.

Chuck a puck: approx. \$250 now it could be up to \$300. We agree to give it away at the Senior night game against Leavitt. We will save whatever is left after the Falmouth game for next year.

Fundraising: Brian Gilbert has set up a web site to sell merchandise for Greely Hockey, with a % of the proceeds going to our organization. We should promote this at the games as well as sending a notice to the group. Mark will put a link to it on our web site. All proceeds go to both Boys & Girls programs to be split 50/50.

Bottle & cans: Barry Kurland reported that a company called Clink will be collecting bottles at the Hannaford locations in West Falmouth and Yarmouth. Greely hockey could get bags (\$2 per roll), the bottles get placed in the bags, dropped off at Hannaford and the credit goes to Greely hockey – they do all the work and can be done all year. An account should be set up for each the Girls and the Boys programs. The monies can be collected by a representative directly at Hannaford.

We need to have a scholarship committee for the senior scholarships for this season. It should also be determined who the check should be made out to. Phyllis Cyr and Jordy Allyn have volunteered to join the Varsity coaches and two other teachers to review the applications.

We also need to start thinking about a night for the banquets. Dates to be announced
Next meeting is March 11th.