

Port Huron Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 2005

President Erik Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Erik Parker, Jim McPhee, Margo Meyer, Kim Papineau, Dennis Sox, Michelle VanBuskirk, Bill Warren, Marty Haddad, Randy Fernandez, Randy Hinkley, Dan Robbins, Jamie Conlin, Gary Sadowy, Steve Emery, Herb Hammond.

Board Members Absent: Mike Beebe, George Moss, Ron Churchill Sr.

Guests: Linda Taylor, Amy Haeck-Longo, Todd Taylor, Ron Churchill Jr., Rich Papineau, John Borowski, Pat Napolitan, Kelly Shaw, Ian Shaw.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Dennis Sox to accept the February 2005 report, second, Kim Papineau, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Dennis Sox to accept the treasurer's report, second Gary Sadowy, motion passed.

Travel Convenor Report: A request was made to allow Taylor Motte to try out for the Pee Wee A team. He has been playing with the same group for two years. All coaches involved approve of the request. The process needs to be followed. Dennis Sox made a motion to allow Herb Hammond to make a recommendation with the assistance of the coaches committee, second, Bill Warren, motion passed. Dennis Sox is on record of abstaining from the vote.

House Convenor Report: Gary reported that the house league held their play offs. Randy Hinkley reported that spring league starts April 4th and games will be scheduled with other associations. At this point there are 3 mite, 2.5 squirt, 1 pee wee, 3 bantam and 2 midget/high school teams. All games will be played in the McMorrin Main. A motion was made by Gary to allow the Midget JV team to play in the Puck of the Irish tournament in Bay City, 3-18-05 through 3-20-05, second, Dennis Sox. They would play in the BB division. Herb brought up his concerns about the lack of discipline on the team and would speak to the coach. Motion passed. A letter was received from a Blue Water Hockey Association coach thanking PHHA for hosting the play off game.

A.C.E.: Congratulations to the Bantam A team on becoming state champions! Congratulations to Bill Warren, Marty Haddad, players and staff for their success! Bill and Marty thanked everyone for their help in running a great tournament. The Midget A team is playing in their state championship tournament. Herb also reported on the success of the Bobby McKillop clinic with 50 players and 20 coaches attending. Upcoming clinics include off ice training with the Pearson's, cross-ice and cycling with Bill Warren and defense/individual skills with Marty Haddad. The meeting with the house league teams was helpful with ice time being one of the biggest concerns. Cindy and Genevieve are not returning as Learn to Skate instructors due to their other commitments. Ron Churchill Jr. spoke and stated he cannot head the program either but wanted to stay involved on some level. He made many constructive suggestions such as helpers both on and off ice, establishing goals of the mini and mighty mite program, skating tools for beginning skaters rather than chairs, offering a few free sessions for those in doubt, scheduling mornings rather than mid-day or afternoons. Randy Hinkley suggested Justin Williams as a possible candidate for the program.

Committee Reports:

P.R.: Randy Fernandez reported that flyers have gone out and need to go out again in the fall. An ad needs to be put out now for the fall season. When flyers are taken to the schools, Kim wants them only to go to the elementary schools.

Fundraising: Jim McPhee made a motion to approve a request by the Squirt A team to have a Red Wing Alumni game ticket raffle, second, Bill, motion passed.

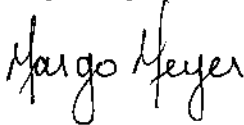
Old Business: Randy Hinkley reported that the Bantam AE coach has questions about where and what

division they are to compete in and whether or not they should compete in Little Caesar's league. Randy said the parents do not want to play in Little Caesar's, Erik agreed. Erik said the coach could attend the OMHA scheduling meeting and meet with coaches afterward to schedule games. Marty Haddad asked about the meeting minutes being posted on the Association website. He also asked about arrangements with Sarnia arenas for ice for travel teams. Ron Churchill will report on this.

New Business: Erik reported that he will be resigning after the annual meeting and stated the Board needs to put some thought into future leadership of the Association. He would like to see PHHA and Blue Water Hockey Association combine efforts and would help facilitate that if it is the wishes of the Board.

Round Table: Amy Haeck-Longo spoke about some of her concerns and suggestions. She is concerned about the disparity among sponsors in the house league. Some sponsors only pay their sponsor fee while others pay for extras during the year, such as socks, extra ice, etc. She feels that since the house league is playing in Little Caesar's league now, the cost is higher for the players and the sponsors should be more generous. She also felt the decision on which Squirt team was chosen to play in districts was not handled very well. Amy liked the recognition Randy Hinkley gave coaches at the play off final, but wished it had been done in all divisions.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margo Meyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Margo Meyer
Secretary, PHHA