



General Membership Meeting Minutes
7:00PM, Wednesday, September 17, 2008
Duncanville DPSC

Board Members in attendance: Kevin Carver, President
Tim McCloskey, Vice President
Pam Rodrigues, Secretary

**Membership sign-in sheet indicating attendance is attached.

Welcome given by Kevin Carver, President, Mansfield Hockey Association.

Kevin reminded everyone that our Puck Drop Party which was rescheduled due to Hurricane Ike is this Saturday at 3PM at Rose Park in Mansfield. A show of hands was asked for to gauge approximately how many families would be in attendance.

Kevin emphasized that this is a fully volunteer organization. A lot has been accomplished by the board members since taking office in May. It is now time for us to turn the running of the organization over to the membership if we are to be successful in accomplishing our goals and having the best organization in the Metroplex.

Coach Michael Dorwart and Coach Jim Case introduced themselves to the membership. They are the head coach and assistant coach, respectively, of the JV team. They are looking forward to another successful season with the JV team and spoke about the JV team goals.

Kevin emphasized the importance of the players maintaining good grades, thereby allowing them to play and compete in every game. Our goal this season will be for none of our players to miss games due to poor grades on their report card. Kevin reviewed the eligibility requirements of our hockey leagues. All players must be UIL eligible in order to play in the AT&T High School Hockey League and the MHA will follow the No Pass No Play criteria established by the AT&T in determining a players eligibility, with one important exception. All players must maintain a grade of 70 or above in all classes. However, where AP and Pre-AP classes are exempt in the MISD with regard to UIL eligibility, MHA will not allow this exemption. A minimum of 60 must be received in any AP or Pre-AP class in order for a player to remain on the roster and avoid suspension. Kevin re-emphasized our team priorities: Family, School, Hockey.

Committee volunteers are needed. We have many spots still open.

- Tutoring. **Janna Allen** and **Patty Skupien** have already volunteered and are listed on the website. **Coach Mike Dorwart** has also offered his assistance, especially in the areas of Math and Science. **Sondra Peart** volunteered to serve on the committee as well as be the Chairperson.
- Team Video – Two (2) video cameras have been purchased for use during the season. We need two volunteers to take responsibility for the cameras and arrange to have a parent film each game, transfer the film to two DVD's – one DVD for the coaches to use for film review without sound and any fights edited; second to turn into the board to use for referee review and historical reference for year-end video, unedited and with sound. **Mike Nuss** volunteered on behalf of Varsity, and **Ed Pressley** will organize the Travel Team and JV film coverage.
- Team Reps: Pam Rodrigues spoke about the need for Team Reps for each of our three teams. The general responsibilities were outlined. Pam will also serve as the Team Rep liaison to assist the Team Reps in understanding and fulfilling their responsibilities. **JV Team Rep – Elizabeth Schweik. Varsity Team Rep – Carol Scheer. Travel Team Rep – Demetre Koutros.** Pam will hold a meeting with the new Team Reps on Monday during practice to answer any questions and get them started.
- Fundraising – Tim McCloskey discussed areas of need with regard to fundraising. We will need three chairpersons to be responsible for three separate areas of fundraising: General Fundraising, Corporate Fundraising and Minnesota Trip Fundraising. Kevin informed the membership that this area is critical as we will have a shortfall of money at year-end if we don't accomplish our goals. We have a minimum goal of \$36,000 (that's \$1,000/player) which needs to be raised. This number does not include the amount needed for the Minnesota Trip. The fundraising committees will need to schedule fundraisers and recruit assistance for the various fundraising events to be held during the course of the season. **Glenda Weitzel** volunteered to head up the Corporate Fundraising. **Kim Wallace and Leslie Anthony** will Co-Chair the Minnesota Fundraising. **Roberta and Richard Walker** will Co-Chair the General Fundraising efforts.
- **Carol Scheer** discussed the Cookie Sales, which were finally approved, for this year only, at Mansfield High School. We need volunteers to help bake, sell, and collect money at the Cookie Sales every Tuesday through the school year from 7:45AM-1PM. The Cookie Sales last year generated \$7900, which helped pay for our end of year Banquet. **Randy Sluder** and **Elizabeth Schweik** volunteered to help for our next cookie sale next Tuesday. Please contact Carol Scheer if you are interested in volunteering in an upcoming Cookie Sale. Also volunteering to serve on the Cookie Sales committee to assist Carol are: **Rhonda Ericksen, Cherie Brown, Glenda Weitzel** and **Leslie Anthony**.

- Advertising – we have need of an individual to Chair the Advertising Committee, which will take care of the banners, publications, and literature with regard to promoting our hockey organization. **Diana Green** volunteered to fill this need.
- Spirit Wear – **Lisa Mannion**, Chairperson, **Lynne Sluder** and **Misty Meyer** will be handling the ordering and organization of our spirit wear items. The order form for Yard Signs, Helmet Stickers and Car Window Stickers should be available shortly and will be sent out to the membership via e-mail.
- Player Apparel – **Troy and Karla Woody** have handled all player apparel needs. Contact them for any additional needs with regard to required attire. Jerseys should be arriving shortly.
- Tournaments – Glenda Weitzel and Kim Wallace had previously volunteered to research tournaments for the hockey teams, however, as they have volunteered to fill other needs, we are need of another parent to step forward handle researching available tournaments for the teams. **Ed Mills** volunteered to fill this need and will chair the Tournaments Committee.
- Banquet – the Board has decided that it will be a requirement for one parent from each Senior player to serve on the committee. Also, we are in need of someone to chair this committee. The date for the banquet has already been set and the room reserved for Friday, May 1, 2009 at the Walnut Creek Country Club. Kevin stated that holding the banquet on a Friday night instead of Saturday will save us \$1500. Those already volunteering to serve on the Committee are: **Lisa Mannion, Glenda Weitzel, Michelle Nuss, Cherie Brown, Patty Skupien and Leslie Anthony.**
- Chad Daniel's Scholarship – **Jodi Spurrell** has volunteered to chair this committee. **Lisa Mannion** and **Patty Skupien** have volunteered to serve on the committee. The DPSC is really interested in helping make this event a bigger success this season. All proceeds are divided between our organization and Martin's Hockey program. With the proceeds, scholarships are awarded to eligible seniors.
- Community Service – **Misty Meyer** is the chair of this committee. She has already prepared a presentation for the board indicating this committee's goals for this season, and Kevin promised we, the Board, would review this as one of our first actions following this meeting.
- Pam Rodrigues spoke with regard to the Off Campus PE program. Our season effectively ends in February. The boys participating in and receiving school credit for Off Campus PE will be required to participate in an off-ice conditioning program if the coaches are going to be asked to sign a form indicating such conditioning has taken place. Pam stated that Nick Pallett, a former MHA player, would be willing to create a conditioning program specifically designed for

hockey players. We need a parent to monitor this program and ensure that the boys fulfill their required hours, and then submit the forms at the designated school grading periods. Kevin Carver said he would fill this need if no one else steps forward to do so.

Kevin, once again, emphasized the importance of everyone's participation in meeting our fundraising goals, and the need of the membership to volunteer and assist when asked by your Team Rep or Committee members. Each MHA family member will be responsible for raising \$1000. There are a lot of good ideas already in the works, now we just need to step up as an organization and work together to make them successful.

By-Laws – Kevin spoke about the need to update our organization's By-Laws. The most recent revised copy we have is 2005-06. As such Kevin requested the Membership approval to make the following changes and made the following motions:

- To break out all documents into individual documents: By-Laws, Membership Handbook, Player Handbook, General Information. Moved: Diana Green, 2nd: Sondra Peart, passed by General Membership.
- Repaginate and index each document. Moved: Leslie Anthony, 2nd: Sondra Peart, passed by General Membership.
- Change all SBC references to AT&T and add NTXHL where necessary. Moved: Leslie Anthony, 2nd: Sondra Peart, passed by General Membership.
- Change all references to individual high schools to All Mansfield High Schools. Moved: Tom Scheer, 2nd: Leslie Anthony, passed by General Membership.
- Change Section 3.6: Grades – a player must be UIL eligible and must meet the no pass no play criteria of the Mansfield ISD and the AT&T Metroplex hockey league.
 1. We will use only an authorized note from a school official stating your eligibility. Any on lie access to grade will only be used for monitoring. Although the MISD allows the exception of AP classes, MHA will require players to maintain at least a 60 in any AP and Pre-AP classes. Moved: Diana Green, 2nd: Sondra Peart, passed by General Membership.
- Section 4.3 The Board of Directors may make amendments to the By-Laws by unanimous vote of the primary Board of Directors. These amendments will become legally binding per the By-Laws until the next membership meeting when the membership will have the opportunity to vote on the amendments to make them permanent, modified or deleted. Moved: Kim Wallace, 2nd: Leslie Anthony, passed by General Membership.
- Section 6.5 – remove the need for two signatures on checks over \$250. Moved: Elizabeth Schweik, 2nd: Richard Walker, passed by General Membership.
- Section 7.25 relating to grievances: The specific procedures and processes for violations are detailed in the Membership Handbook and will be used as an adjunct to these By-Laws. Moved: Nancy Pressley, 2nd: Richard Walker, passed by General Membership.
- Section 7.6 (f) The board will appoint a discipline committee. The committee will consist of a member from each team and will be appointed by the Primary

- Board of Directors. Moved: Ed Pressley, 2nd: Tom Scheer, passed by General Membership.
- Section 7.6 (f) change all references to Investigator to Committee. Moved: Ed Pressley, 2nd: Tom Scheer, passed by General Membership.

Kevin asked if all members had received a copy of the Member Handbook which was distributed via e-mail this week. The last page of the Handbook needs to be signed by players and parents and turned in. Players will not be allowed to participate in games until this signed agreement is received.

Kevin has information regarding the use of Pro Wash, which will clean and sanitize hockey equipment and asked if we, as an organization, were interested in arranging for this service. They will come to the Duncanville DPSC and give us a price break if we have 10+ players receiving the service. We will research the cost and interest and make arrangements if warranted. This service will help minimize the risk of staph infections to our players.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Rodrigues
Secretary – MHA