

Greely Hockey Boosters Meeting - 3/3/04

Present: Paul Godin, Maria Bowden, Sue Bisbing, Pete Blais, Sue Blais, Carol Saucier, Brian Saucier, Liz King, Nick Knight, Matt Spaulding, Rose Spaulding, Bruce McKay, Ken Filliter, John Stevenson, Ralph Nelson, Barry Mothes

I. Treasurer's Report

McKay reported the checking account contains roughly \$ 5,000 (should be \$12,000 will correct at the next meeting) with a few thousand left in unpaid bills. Overall, the budget is in good shape.

II. February Secretary's Report

King motioned to accept. Carol Saucier seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

III. Ad Book Report

McKay reported that Steve Hull had offered to follow-up with overdue ad accounts for the hockey yearbook from the girls program.

IV. Scholarship Report

Bisbing reported that scholarship applications should be submitted to the girls and boys coaches by March 15. Peter Bates is chairman of the three-member scholarship selection committee. Assistant Principal Wade Fordham will present the scholarships in June.

V. Middle School Dances Report

Bowden reported the next MS dance will be held March 26. The last one held on a snowy Feb. 6 netted \$376.

VI. Golf Tournament Report

Godin reported the date of the tournament has been changed to June 28. The golf committee is expected to hold its first meeting sometime in March.

VII. Girls Varsity Report

Knight reported the girls team had a very good year. AD Jack Hardy made a bus available to the team for a recent game in Winslow. The team was seeded 7th heading into the season-ending playoffs and defeated No. 2 St. Dom's in its opening postseason game. The team has an hour of ice the week of March 8 at NYA. The team has also arranged for an hour of ice at NYA every week beginning next season.

Knight added that the girls varsity sanctioning committee has met and invited boys parents to join in the committee's discussions. The Maine Principals Association has sanctioned eight school sanctioned teams of the state's 17 girls programs (needs clarification: Are these eight teams sanctioned by their schools or the MPA will correct at the next meeting). Cape Elizabeth may be sanctioned this month. Knight assured the group that the girls program's efforts to become sanctioned were not intended to hurt any other program and that the girls committee would prefer to work with the boys program.

Godin said he plans to add a report from the girls committee to the monthly Boosters Club agenda.

VIII. Boys Varsity Report

Mothes reported the boys team had a very exciting year, capped by the appearance in the Western Maine Class B final. He thanked the fans for their support and said this was the best team in his 10 years of coaching at Greely.

Godin read an email sent by Yarmouth parent Matt Delaney following Greely's quarterfinal win over Yarmouth congratulating the Rangers on the victory, praising the team for its sportsmanship and wishing it well in the playoffs.

IX. Junior Varsity Report

Mothes reported the JV season ended with a three-game tournament in Winslow over February vacation. The team played approximately 15 games and he hopes to schedule roughly 20 next season. All the JV players skated during practices with the varsity and Mothes said he saw a lot of improvement in their abilities as the season progressed.

X. Middle School Report

Bowden reported the A team finished the regular season third in its division, meaning it will remain in the middle division next season. The team's opening playoff game was scheduled for that evening. FIC has scheduled the team for an hour of ice per week through March, although that ice time is expected to be returned to FIC. The girls team, Knight said, may request an hour of that time for an alumni game. Between six and eight MS players should be making the jump to the high school program next season.

XI. Old Business

Mothes reported the scheduled locker-room projects are complete. Greg Soper installed a large storage cabinet during February vacation. A curtain rod to hang jerseys was installed. Exercise bikes have been purchased. A hockey mosaic piece of artwork created by former players Eliot Bates and Mike Maher has been hung on the wall.

XII. Booster Member Dues

Godin noted that any member wishing to vote in the May Board of Director elections must have paid the \$3/person (should be \$2.50 will correct at the next meeting) dues by the April Booster meeting. Knight requested that all girls parent members receive the monthly meeting minutes and other Booster notices.

XIII. Spring Midgets Report

Godin noted that Filliter and Jeff Daigle have volunteered to coach Greely's entry in the Family Ice Center Spring Midget League. Twenty-two skaters are eligible for the program. Eighth graders and graduating seniors are not eligible.

XIV. Nominating Committee

Godin named Rose Spaulding and Sue Bisbing to the Board of Directors nominating committee. Two additional nominating committee members are needed. Anyone interested should contact Godin.

XV. Team Playoff Dinners

Godin reported that the boys varsity held several team dinners during the playoffs. The president can approve spending up to \$250 without a board vote and gave his approval to one pizza dinner at the FIC Pond House valued at \$101. Bowden motioned and Filliter seconded a proposal for the Boosters to pay for a \$352 movie and dinner outing held during the playoffs. The motion passed unanimously. Stevenson motioned and Bowden seconded a proposal for the Boosters to pay for a \$289 team dinner at The Village Cafe during the playoffs. That motion also passed unanimously.

XVI. Hockey East Bus Expense

Bisbing motioned and Stevenson seconded a proposal for the Boosters to pick up the \$498 cost of the bus transporting the varsity to the Hockey East Semifinal on March 19 in Boston. The motion passed unanimously. Sixteen players and five adults are expected to make the bus trip. Godin suggested that next year the Boosters advertise beforehand that the club will pay for the bus since some players might have chosen not to go to the game because of the anticipated additional bus cost.

XVII. Boys Varsity Banquet

King reported the banquet is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 at Val Halla. Forecaster sportswriter Michael Hoffer is the featured speaker. Food assignments have been distributed via email.

XVIII. Girls Varsity Banquet

Carol Saucier reported the girls banquet is scheduled for March 18 at Val Halla. The time was unavailable.

XIX. New Business

McKay noted that the Board of Directors need to present a proposed budget for next season at the April meeting so it can be voted on in May.

Bisbing reported tryouts for a fall Midgets league at Kennebec Ice Arena will be held in late March.

XX. Next Meeting

Godin scheduled the next two meetings for April 14 and May 19, both at 7 p.m.

XXI. Adjournment

Carol Saucier motioned and Filliter seconded the meeting be adjourned. Unanimously approved.