

OCTOBER 28, 2006 GREELY HOCKEY BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Barbara Lewis, Patty Parker, Janice Selig, Carl Hoffman, Becky Allen, Liz Otley, Brian Saucier, Carol Saucier, Sue Blais, Nancy Bolduc, Terry Beckmann, Damian Bolduc, Barry Mothes, Don Hawkins, Janet Ferguson, John Stevenson, Ruth Stevenson, Peter Blais.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Beckmann reported: most budgetary shortfalls involve the boys varsity program because of lower-than-projected fund-raising revenues and fewer than the 35 boys estimated are likely to register; hopefully those shortfalls will be covered by the increases in required Turks and Caicos raffle-ticket sales, an increase in the player cost to \$75 for the Quebec trip and an increase in varsity registration cost to \$350/player; the Booster surplus could be used to cover any additional shortages; the 20-ticket required Turks and Caicos raffle-ticket sale minimum also applies to girls program skaters; the girls registration fee will remain at \$325 as long as the \$1,000 Cumberland County Sheriff's Department donation is continued. Damian Bolduc moved, John Stevenson seconded. Report approved.

II. SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER REPORT

Ruth Stevenson moved, Selig seconded. Report approved.

III. COMMITTEES

Rink Proposal - Bowden reported: the Boosters will have input into a community-wide survey that will be sent out in January and summarized as part of the comprehensive plan being submitted to the planning board on the Drowne Road project next spring; capital cost estimates are being developed; several contractors have offered to help with budget estimates; organizers plan to seek non-profit status for the projects; Family Ice Center documentation could provide the framework for the proposal; a number of people have stepped up to provide support for the project; if town officials and residents are supportive plans are to move forward with the project.

Opt-out - Ruth Stevenson reported: the goal of the opt-out proposal is to encourage skater and parental participation in Booster fundraisers or provide an option for people to make a financial contribution to the boosters in place of active participation; the final opt-out fees proposal was \$90 for the ad book/yearbook, \$200 for the Turks and Caicos raffle and \$160 for the golf tournament. Selig moved, Brian Saucier seconded. Motion passed.

Girls sanctioning - Bowden and Hawkins reported: the committee provided a progress report to committee chairperson Polly Frawley and Athletic Director Mike Griffin; six or seven schools have submitted required documentation for varsity sanctioning to the

Maine Principals Association; no action is likely to occur prior to this fall's hockey season; Griffin is supportive of girls sanctioning and will take on scheduling duties this fall; Frawley hopes to eventually see the girls program receive varsity sanctioning but the Sports Done Right and TABOR initiatives could slow the process; the sanctioning committee will likely meet with the school committee in January; it would be helpful if the parents of some younger skaters became involved in the sanctioning process.

Ad book/Yearbook - Selig reported: she and Pam Harwood will put together the ad book/yearbook this year; they will be seeking a printer; Selig will use some of her own equipment to print game-day programs; Harwood has suggested raising ad prices; the requirement that skaters sell \$90 in ads will remain the same.

Turks and Caicos Raffle - Ferguson reported: tickets have been printed; they will be distributed to skaters during registration; money from ticket sales should be turned in around Dec. 15.

IV. PROGRAMS

Girls - Hawkins reported: this year's practice and game schedules are pretty well set; registration is scheduled for Oct. 25 at the high school library; the team will play in Tier I, which totals nine teams; Tier II games are also scheduled against traditional rivals Falmouth and Yarmouth; the first practice is scheduled for Nov. 3 and the first game (vs. Brunswick) at home on Nov. 18; the team should number 30-plus girls, which means sufficient skaters for a full-fledged JV squad; FIC has been very helpful securing ice; three all-Greely evenings are scheduled at FIC this season and several back-to-back girls and boys games.

Boys Varsity - Mothes reported: games are being scheduled; the first practice will be Nov. 20; all players will skate the first two to three weeks of practice; the Greely Icebreaker Tournament is scheduled the weekend of Nov. 24-25 and will include teams from Greely, Biddeford, Gorham and Deering; a JV-only game is also scheduled that weekend; varsity games will be scheduled this season against Class A Scarborough, Falmouth, Thornton and Biddeford, the rest of Class B West and some Class B East teams; the varsity will play roughly 30 games this season and the junior varsity 21; the Canada trip is scheduled the weekend of Dec. 15-17.

Middle School - Ruth Stevenson reported many schools have two or three teams and that the league is growing.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Scholarship Donation - Bowden reported Ralph Nelson has donated a Casco Bay Hockey Association registration that can be used by one or more Greely skaters. Anyone interested should contact Nelson.

Andrews Hockey Camp Donation - A Prince Edward Island hockey school has donated a one-week registration that the Booster Club can use at its discretion.

Ventilation proposal - Bowden reported: for safety reasons, the Boosters should fund a ventilation system to remove particulate from the locker-room skate sharpener; plans are to check into the most efficient means to remove the particulate; those in attendance voted Bowden the authority to spend up to \$3,000 on the ventilation system and have it installed prior to the first practice.

Cookbooks - Otley recommended the Boosters seek places to sell the remaining Greely Ranger cookbooks during the upcoming holiday-shopping season.

VI. KEY DATES

- * Girls registration - Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Greely High School library.
- * Middle School Dance - Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at Wescustogo Hall.
- * Boys varsity registration - Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Greely High School library.
- * Next Booster Meeting - Nov. 15 at 7 p.m at Greely High School.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED