## Greely Hockey Boosters Minutes February 10, 2009

**Present:** Janice Selig, Barry Mothes, Karl Hoffman, Robyn Barnes, Barb Lewis, Greg Copenhagen, Dan Perry, Ted Rasch, Nancy Bolduc, Damian Bolduc, Bob Bower, Phil Hodgkins, Polly Finlay, Karen Finnegan, Joyce Megathlin, Kathy Taylor, Christine Hodgkins, James Tuller, Becky Allyn, Kathy Tuller, Ruth Stevenson, Patrice Walsh, Don Robinson

**Executive Administrative Assistant to the President's Report:** Motion to approve them as written by Damian Bolduc, seconded by Kathy Taylor.

**Treasurer's Report:** There are OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS for the Adbook and the yearbook. Team TAs will collect these funds. Final MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE netted \$430 which will be split between girls and boys programs. For the entire season, the dances have net just under \$2000. Amy Saffian reported that the Boosters need to plan for people to take the dances over next year. We need volunteers for this. Let Amy or Janice know if you are interested. BUDGET PLANNING for 2009/2010 to be initiated by both varsity coaches and treasurer, and the board. TERRI BECKMANN will continue to do taxes next year, then the Boosters will need someone else.

# **Summary of Volunteer Opportunities:**

- 1. Golf Committee Chairs and volunteers for all aspects of the tournament.
- 2. Hockey Booster Board President
- 3. Scholarship Committee
- 4. Middle School dance organizer
- 5. Ice coordinator/Liason with Family Ice and AD.

### **Programs:**

**Boys Varsity Program:** Barry reported that the Varsity team has 2 more regular season games to be played and the team is in first place in heal points. Playoffs are 2 weeks from Saturday.

**Boys JV Program:** Damian reported they have played 19 games with a record of 7-10-2, still a few more to go. JV Tournament will be during February school vacation week.

Boys Playoff Games begin Feb 28.

**Girls Varsity Program:** CONGRATS TO GIRLS PROGRAM! They made it to the Eastern Maine Finals! What a great season and huge turnaround from last year!

**Girls JV Program:** Dan reports it was a good year and they are building a good foundation for years to come. The JV girls are all participating and enthusiastic!

Dan Perry suggested a more formal organization of the girls program now that it is sanctioned. He will scan bylaws for rules and procedures regarding this. He suggested a committee be established for program needs during the month in between booster meetings and also suggested that financial proposals be on the booster meeting agenda a month in advance of the vote so those interested could attend and vote.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Rink Committee:** Barry Kurland gave Janice his report, he indicated thanks to Matt Gilbert and the Town of Falmouth for working with an architect and designing a floor plan for a second rink at Falmouth. This would be an enclosed rink with locker rooms suitable for games as well as practices. They found two citizens to lead the initiative to turn the current outdoor rink to another indoor facility. There is a Falmouth Town council meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> with suggested attendance for hockey parents. Potential for 2010 construction completion! **We should all attend this meeting to show support for this initiative!** 

**Game Day Program/Yearbook:** Some Ad and Yearbook money is outstanding as well as opt outs for this fundraiser. The committee has provided info to the team TA's to get that money collected. Thanks to Joyce Megathlin, Kim Storey, and Jill Storey for all their hard work. **Please check if you sold an ad and don't see it in the adbook. Let Janice or Kim know immediately.** 

**Transition Advisory:** Janice reviewed a brief history of the transition process. The Committee is now working to make the transition smooth and acceptable. Karen Finnegan and Dan Perry are advocating and studying details.

Karen Finnegan reported read a brief letter that acknowledges hard work on the transition by John Moody and Joel Harris. She states a need for a transparent mechanism to implement the transition proposal, and that the committee is still waiting for a blueprint for implementation of this plan. She states it is the Administration's role to implement that plan and there is a need to establish improved lines of communication. She further reported that there has been misinformation about the desire for the girls to use the boys locker room and misinformation about law suits. The committee is **not pursuing** any of these. She has concern for these issues "spilling into the hallways of Greely High School" and Greely "should move toward a healthy, positive, and a hopefully championship experience" for the entire hockey organization. She encourages Greely to "make the boat bigger for all students" who want enjoyable "student athlete experience from middle school to senior night for both boys and girls".

Janice reports that she and AD, Mike Griffin, met to discuss transportation or more specifically the idea for High School skaters to drive themselves to PIA and CCCC for practices. The AD went to the school board however they have concerns about the children's safety. Janice also reminded us that the Administration is directing this transition process, not the Boosters.

Janice reports the AD is pursuing more ice.

**TA for boys**: Becky Allyn thanked the Howlands for hosting boys at another team party. Everyone that ordered jackets has paid for them. There are still 2 large jackets available at Brian Gilberts'. The new hockey bags are in, will be picked up Saturday. Two girls bags are in this order. Karl Hoffman offered to pick up the bags so the girls could have them for the playoff game.

The boys team is going to watch the Semi Finals for Hockey East on March 20<sup>th</sup> as they have for several years. Boys who attend will pay for their own tickets. If there is anyone that can't go due to finances, approach Barry. The bus is not covered by the donation from Verizon this year (thanks for the past donations by Stevensons

and Verizon!!!) so the boys membership voted to withdrawn up to \$1000 for the bus from the reserve fund.

Boys Hockey Banquet is being planned by the Junior Parents this year and will be either the week of March 16<sup>th</sup> or March 23<sup>rd</sup>. More to come.

**Skate machine:** The new skate machine, is hooked up and the boys team is starting to use it and waiting for feedback from the skaters. This one has a self contained exhaust system which takes in the metal shavings. The old one was traded in and is going back to company. The company will train the coaches and take the old one. This machine came in under budget \$3750 (budgeted for \$5000 from the boys fund.)

**Golf Committee:** Kathy Tuller reports Mary MacDonald and Alice Ames will not be working on the Golf Committee next year. Need volunteers for this fundraiser!!! It is held on the last Monday in June which means basic arrangements need to be booked soon. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the tournament. Mary and Alice as well as previous committee members are still in the community to provide information as needed.

**Nominating Committee:** Volunteers for the nominating committee for next year's Hockey Booster Board are: Kathy Taylor , Karen Finnegan, Ruth Stevenson and Robyn Barnes. Please contact one of these members or Janice if you are interested. This committee will present nominations at the April Booster meeting for vote in May.

**Scholarship Committee**: The Boosters need volunteers for the scholarship committee to work with Barry, Heather, and other faculty to choose one senior girl and one senior boy scholarship recipient. Contact Janice if interested.

#### **New Business:**

Dan Perry suggested creating a booster position to procure ice time for Greely. This person would not assign ice time. Becky reported Kevin at Family Ice would like one contact person from Greely as its too confusing as it stands with many people involved. This person needs to responsive and communicative! He is scheduling ice now.

Janice requests information on who manages the reader board outside the high school. How is it managed and do we have contacts so hockey information is disseminated?

**Key Dates** (Janice reminded us that ALL BOOSTER MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. Mark your calendars!):

March 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday April 14, Tuesday May 12, Tuesday

Motion to adjourn made by Damian Bolduc, seconded by Karl Hoffman. All approved.

THANKS TO Ruth Stevenson for taking minutes this month!!!