



Booster Club Meeting Notes

April 22, 2007

Present: Tom Rodefeld Girls High School Hockey Coach
Booster Club: Julie Brown-Bungert, Kim Geissert, Colleen Law, Sue Barnier
Parents: Dale Aukee, Linda DeKanick, Barb Dusold, Niki Gjere, Liz Reif, Chris Tahti, Brian Vickery

Thank you for coming to our first Sunday night meeting for the 2007-2008 Girls Hockey Season. It seems a little early to be thinking about hockey but we have a lot of opportunities and plans to make. One of the first things we discussed was our involvement with the Irondale Youth Associations. Some of the parents would like to see some of our High School coaches and players at some of the games or practices of the older girls. We did discuss ways to get both programs working together to increase involvement and build a stronger relationship between both programs. We all think it's a good idea.

We also discussed the 14U Girls Moving up to the High school Team!

Some of the advantages mentioned were:

1. MORE ice time, five days a week after school.
2. More coaches per team including women coaches for locker room monitoring and great role models
3. Better Competition at the High School level
4. Mentoring/ development opportunities
5. Car pooling for practices
6. Buses for away games
7. Little sister program
8. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

We also discussed Summer Programs available. We are somewhat limited by our low number of players. Right now the High School is offering 4 days a week of 1 hour lifting and plyometrics. This year the girls will have their own room for this. We are trying to get ice time for the fifth day but our financial situation limits our ice time. This program costs \$100.00 per girl for 6 weeks. The girls get a shirt and shorts and it takes 20 girls to break even. Tom will send out another flyer and include the Middle school age girls from the youth program to see if we can increase our numbers.

The McDonald's also have a summer program skating Sunday nights

We have a great opportunity to get locker rooms at the Super Rink for both the boys and girls high school hockey teams, We see this as a great benefit, a place to call home and to store those big stinky bags. We think they will cost about \$35,000.00 each. The finances are still being figured out but we are very hopeful. So we are going forward with more fund raising events in hopes to raise money.

A new opportunity for fundraising is a Golf Tournament (scheduled for Monday, August 6th) on the Super Rink course Victory Links. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate this event with the boys, golfers to play (of course), donations for a silent auction/raffle, sponsorship of signs at the holes.

Normally we try to raise \$5,000 to \$6,000 per year and with that money we:

- Buy apparel for the girls approx \$100.00 each
- 1 out of town tournament (this year it will be at Duluth the weekend of 11/2 & 11/3 which will include hotel rooms for the players & coaches, bus, one meal, tournament fees
- Teacher night
- Youth night
- Senior Night
- Parent Night
- Equipment this year new Home Jerseys (supplementing what is not covered by the school)
- Inner City Skating event
- Sponsoring our (now) Annual Knights Cup Thanksgiving Tournament

We discussed our need to continue with our existing fundraising events and look at additional fundraising and community events since Lake Region pull-tab receipts have been down and we have additional funding needs with the proposed locker room initiative.

Upcoming Fund Raising opportunities

- Program book-Ad sales
- Pancake Breakfast Sept. 8th at Moe's
- Stockyard Days (car parking and selling raffle tickets our own booth)
- Bagging at Cub (looking at scheduling to coincide with our Duluth Tourney)

We hope to have the transition of the treasurer duties completed and an update available for the next meeting.

Coach Rodefild is working on updating the website to add a calendar to reflect all the upcoming events. Thanks for coming to this meeting and hope to see you at the next meeting scheduled for May 20, 2007 @ 7:00pm at Moe's.