

**FOND DU LAC BLUE LINE CLUB**  
**MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**July 10, 2008**  
**MINUTES**

President Mark Grebe called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: 16 directors were present: Donna Kohnke and Chris Sabel were absent; Steve Little and Wayne Wilson were excused.

Minutes: Motion by Don Mulder to accept the Minutes as written, seconded by Emmett. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Emmett to adopt the report as printed, seconded by John Birschbach. Carried.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee –
  - Emmett reported that the finances of the club are in good shape.
  - Pizza Coupons – The finance committee is recommending to the board that Blue Line stay with Eaton's and Ma & Pa's based on the hours and convenience of the various locations. They are also recommending that Blue Line also stay with Tucker's for the soup coupons. The Ma & Pa's coupon can be used for either pizza or chicken and the committee will ask Eaton's if they would allow Blue Line to include either sub sandwiches or pizza. Emmett reported that he found out that Eaton's allows other groups a choice so they will ask if Blue Line will get the same deal. A motion was made by John Welsch to accept the recommendations made by the Finance Committee, seconded by Rob Paar. Carried.
  - Heaters – The Finance Committee recommended that Blue Line postpone replacing the heaters for another year, if we can. Carven Blanck did concur with their recommendations. The committee is unsure as to what the expenses will be for the upcoming year. Emmett did talk to Dave Krug regarding the natural gas and he indicated that they were told that the prices between now and the end of the year will be 40% higher and said that Blue Line should budget for 10% increase on electrical. According to last year's Alliant bills Blue Line is looking at an increase of \$50,000 based on the bad weather we had last year.
  - Youth Jersey's – Mark Grebe did talk to Jim Voight of Hometown Bank a couple of weeks ago and they would like a proposal of what Blue Line would want from his bank.
- Hockey Committee – No meeting as they are scheduled for the second Monday of the month.
- Figure Skating Committee – Donna forwarded her notes to Secretary Vicki Diaz to read.
  - Basic Skills has around 20 members skating during the summer, test session went well in June, Spring and summer ice is good.
  - Synchronized Skating - This year the team probably will not have enough skaters to field a team. They have been discussing with the Appleton club who may also have skaters interested to combine with Blue Line and form a team.
  - Foot of the Lake / World Junior Team Selection Competition –
    - Flyers promoting the event went distributed to coaches, team leaders and parents at the USFS Synchro Training Festival.
    - Jim Achtenberg and Suzanne Schlecht are working to get Ledin Video to provide video replay and provide DVD sales to teams. Ledin is also willing to transport the mini-system which will save on shipping in exchange for waiving the vender fee.
    - Amanda Margelofsky will be the assistant chair for the event. She is exploring options to try to entice Collegiate Teams to attend the competition.
    - The sanction has been received and the dates of the competition are posted on the USFS website. The announcement and registration forms will be forthcoming.
    - Many of the teams are already booking hotels in Fond du Lac and have expanded to include Lomira, Oshkosh as well as Green Bay. The Ramada is the official host

- hotel. The Ramada and Holiday Inn are already sold out. Several other hotels are just about filled.
  - An application was made for the "Ready, Set, Go Grant" offered by the WI Department of Tourism in the amount of \$2,960. The deadline was July 1, 2008.
  - The Convention & Visitors Bureau is negotiating with the County to secure space at the Fairgrounds for off-ice, team meeting, etc. This should help with the crowd control at FIC. Johnson Bus will provide a continuous shuttle between the two sites.
  - A new judges' stand will need to be built to comply with the new rules requiring it to be closer to ice level and to accommodate the larger panel needed by the IJS. Per the committee's referee, it might be ok to leave the judges' stand at the current level and build a separate stand for the Technical Panel. Whatever is built, it will be disassembled and stored for future competition. The glass in front of the judges will need to be removed per the Referee's request.
- Concession Committee – New prices went into effect.
- Maintenance Committee -
  - Rink Tech will be working on compressor #4 during the week of the fair.
  - The committee is working on a date and time as to when they will finish hanging the net in Rink A as the other end needs to be hung.
  - Camera will be hung in Rink B along with pulling fiber optic wire for internet wireless connection.
  - Dave Mulder was approached by Jason from Marian his desire to mount some cameras on the wall of Rink A so they can video tape their games. Dave did mention there is no more camera space available on the system. Dave did donate another DVR for this purpose.
  - Storage underneath the bleachers on the backside for the two high schools and college will be divided. They will be required to clean their section from the bleachers in to the boards. John Birschbach made a motion that it should be written in the contract the schools responsibility to clean their section underneath the bleachers along with providing the slants for the fencing which will be stipulated to them by Blue Line, seconded by Don Mulder. Carried.
- Rink Manager – No report.

#### Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Committee Chairs – Mark Grebe would like to postpone the committee chairs until next month.
- Scrip – Lori Spletter and Laural Wilson distributed handouts on how scrip can benefit the parents and Blue Line. Lori reported that she will manage the figure skating fund and Laural will manage the hockey fund. Questions were raised as what percentage would go to the club, what would go to the families, where and what the families can spend their earned money toward, gift money away to other families, when would the family receive their requested money, checks and balances such as providing the secretary with a copy of the balance sheet each month. Gary Lakin made a motion that Blue Line approves Scrip for a one year trial and appoints a committee to decide the places and the type of expenses, seconded by John Birschbach. Different board members argued as to what to set the percentages. Carven felt that as a club we would need to take a look at how the disbursements would be distributed. He suggested that it should be kept simple and only have it go toward registration. Don Mulder indicated that since Blue Line is heading in the direction of Scrip he would like to make a Motion to Table for one month and have the Finance Committee look over the handouts and bring back the percentage and recommendations, seconded by Kyle. Laural did express her concern that she would have liked to have this in place prior to registration. Mark told her that the club can start Scrip at anytime. He also told her that as a board we will be doing Scrip but that the perimeters need to be in place and written out. Vote was taken and the Motion to Table was carried by 9 to 4. As a board group there was a lot of mixed feelings as to what exactly the perimeters should be and there wasn't enough common ground to proceed until the Finance Committee takes a look at everything.

New Business:

- Vicki Diaz read a letter that was sent to her from Ty Stuckmann of the Lakeside Evening Kiwanis of Fond du Lac. They were wondering if Blue Line would be interested in a "joint venture" to raise money. They would like to do something to help offset their revenues from the rain that hit Fond du Lac earlier this summer. The board indicated that there is not anything in near future that a joint venture would be warranted. Vicki indicated that she would inform Ty.
- Don Mulder informed the Board that Blue Line was awarded the Adult US and Elite Full Check April 2-5, 2009, which will be held the first weekend in April.

President Mark Grebe asked that the Board go into "Closed Session" to discuss personnel issues.

Motion to adjourn by Rob Paar, seconded by Kyle Stanchfield. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicki Diaz, Secretary