

FOND DU LAC BLUE LINE CLUB
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 14, 2008
MINUTES

President Mark Grebe called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: 13 directors were present: Steve Little, Todd Steffes, Dave Whealon, and Kevin Ristau were absent; Lori Dewitz and Carven Blanck were excused.

Minutes: Motion by Kyle Stanchfield to accept the Minutes as written, seconded by Wayne Wilson. Carried.

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

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee –
 - Scrip – Preside Mark Grebe gave the Finance Report. He reported that the Committee recommended that Blue Line move forward with the Scrip program and that the membership would get back a full 100% to be used only toward their registration the following year. Any money that would be extra in the registration fee would go back to the club at a date to be determined. Emmett further committed that maybe next year the Finance Committee can re-evaluate and open it up to other categories if they find that it does not jeopardize their tax status.
 - Brewer Concession – August 26th is the training date to learn how to work the concessions. The committee is recommending that the money earned will be put toward their child's registration fees up to \$500 per skater the following year. There will be six different dates that people can work to earn money. The committee would like to see families who have skaters in the program not members who do not have skaters. Wayne Wilson made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Finance Committee to work the Brewer Concession and the monies earned will be divided between the families who worked. This money will be allowed to be put toward the registration fees per skater up to \$500 for next year, seconded by Donna Kohnke. Carried.
 - Insurance – The annual insurance will be expiring at the end of August. Four different vendors are making proposals to present to the Finance Committee. Mark is requesting the board approval to allow the Finance Committee to decide on the insurance carrier after the proposals have all been submitted. Gary Lakin made a motion to allow the Finance Committee decides on the carrier without having to call a Special meeting, seconded by Dave Mulder. Carried.
 - Intro to Learn to Skate Program – The Finance Committee is recommending that the registration be waived to first time skaters who would be skating the Intro to Hockey skaters in order to promote the club. They were wondering if the figure skaters would be willing to do the same. Donna did not want figure skaters to participate as she said it would be too confusing. Don Mulder made a motion to waive the fees of first year skaters in entry level such as Intro to Hockey (skaters from ages 3-8), seconded by Vicki Diaz. Carried. The families would still have to sell the raffle tickets and pizza coupons.
- Hockey Committee –
 - Dave Mulder presented a handout of their July meeting. Copy for the records.
 - Registration will be posted in the Action Advertiser.
 - Ryan Sarazin will be setting up an open house to tour the new locker rooms scheduled for October 2nd.
 - Kurt Koenigs will be printing up samples of what is being proposed for the "Youth Jersey". He will have this available at registration along with a commit box.
 - Jason Wise will be the ACE Coordinator. Fond du Lac will be hosting an ACE Coordinator Clinic which is scheduled for August 17th and open to anyone.

- The Hockey Committee has pre-scheduled all of the away tournaments for Mites through Bantams.
- Bill Holzbach will be attending the Region 3 scheduling meeting which is scheduled for August 16th.
- Hockey try-out schedule has been completed. The try-outs will start Monday, September 29th and end Wednesday, October 22nd. There will be handouts printed up for the new members as to what the try-out process is all about. This is also available in the Hockey Handbook.
- Blue Line put a bid in for Badger State Games this year which would be held February 6-8, 2009.
- Figure Skating Committee –
 - Intermediate Synchronized team is made up of skaters from Milwaukee to Green Bay. They have been practicing one day per week in Fond du Lac and Oshkosh to accommodate travel.
 - Foot of the Lake – Registration packets have been emailed out to the Midwest section teams that registered last year and any new ones that were located. The packets were also sent to qualifying teams, those eligible for Nationals, from the Eastern and Pacific sections. The junior teams will also receive additional registration packets from USFS. USFS demanded that the junior teams pay a flat rate of \$975 entry fee which includes the short program, free skate and the official practice sessions for those programs. They will purchase unofficial practice ice from Blue Line separately. The website is up and running www.fotl2009.com. The Figure Skating committee is requesting that the sound system be repaired. They will also need a good core of Zamboni drivers and volunteers to help with this competition. Blue Line needs to make a good impression if they ever want a competition like this again in Fond du Lac.
- Concession Committee –
 - John will be preparing the upcoming concession stand schedule for the upcoming year. He would like to know in advance as to all the tournaments and events that will be taken place this year outside of the normal skating schedule.
 - Concession stand needs to have a thorough cleaning and John would like to hire someone for this purpose before the season starts.
- Maintenance Committee -
 - The committee has compiled a list of repairs that need to be done and indicated that they do need a lot of help. They will be putting out a sign-up sheet during registration.
 - 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.
- Rink Manager – The application has been posted on Blue Line's website and sent out in the STAR magazine for their monthly and weekly notice as well as on the website of WIAMA.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Committee Chairs – Mark Grebe reported off his choice of chairpersons for the upcoming season, report on file. A motion was made by Donna Kohn to accept the report of Committee Chairs as presented by Mark Grebe, seconded by Vicki Diaz. Carried.
- Scrip – John Birschbach informed the board that the Finance Committee recommended that 100% be paid back to the membership for them to use toward their registration fees next year. Question was raised that there is a Scrip fee cost so it would mean that Blue Line would be paying for that cost. Discussion took place as to why the money could not be used at the discretion of the family. John Welsch said this needs to go back to the Finance Committee to get the full set of rules such as who is handling it, what it is going to be used for outside of tuition/registration such as the proshop, bus trips, etc can jeopardize our non-profit status. John further said that Blue Line needs to know who is responsible for money that might or could be lost. Mark made a recommendation that the Finance Committee has to meet anyway to go over the insurance so at the same time they could meet about the Scrip. John Birschbach made a motion to allow the Finance Committee make the final decision on the Scrip guidelines to avoid having to call a Special Board meeting, seconded by Dave Mulder. Carried.

New Business:

- Marian College Golf Outing – Dave Mulder presented to the board on behalf of Jason Wise for Blue Line to sponsor a golf hole at their Hockey Alumni Golf Outing 2008 for \$250. The Board voted not to sponsor a hole for \$250 because money still owed by Marian.
- Foam Rink Dividers – Wayne Wilson is requesting the Board to allow him to purchase foam padded dividers to be used for the Fall and Spring 3-on-3 league including the tournament that is held at the end of the hockey season. He further suggested that the money that was raised at the 2nd Annual Golf outing be used for this purchase. Presently they are using 2 x 6 boards that are falling apart and becoming unsafe. Wayne did go out and get price estimates from two different vendors and is looking for the Board approval to go ahead and purchase the dividers from the cheaper vendor at a cost of \$2,500. Wayne Wilson made a motion to allow him to purchase the foam padded dividers for \$2,500 plus shipping, seconded by Kyle. Mark said that the dividers would come in handy for the Learn to Skate program and when the younger skaters are out on the ice practicing. Some board members asked questions as to where they plan on storing the dividers when not in use. Kyle expressed to the board that the money that was raised at the golf outing all went into the general fund and it was not agreed that money should be used toward a particular item. He feels it should go back to the Finance Committee to see where Blue Line is sitting financially. Kyle feels that we should wait until after registration. Motion defeated. John Birschbach made a motion to table purchasing the foam dividers until October so the Finance Committee can see where we stand after registration, seconded by Gary Lakin. Carried.
- Hole-In-One – Mary Ann Dilling of Fond du Lac Festivals praised the chairpersons for their outstanding commitment. Their networking with the three golf courses has created a positive for Fond du Lac Festivals and Blue Line. She further indicated that FDL Festivals are proud to be affiliated with Blue Line. This year Walleye Weekend was very challenging as Mother Nature was not on their side. Mary Ann Dilling presented Blue Line with a check which was \$500 more than what we received last year.
- Raffle Tickets – Vicki Diaz has asked the question if she could insert some raffle tickets along with the Adult Membership that will be made out. It was advised not to include the tickets because the people could walk into the rink and insert the tickets in a container where the rest of the tickets are kept with nobody excepting the money. Blue Line would then be out those funds. Emmett was wondering if there are other fundraisers that could be look into for the future.

Motion to adjourn by Vicki Diaz, seconded by Dave Mulder. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Diaz, Secretary