

FOND DU LAC BLUE LINE CLUB
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 14, 2006
MINUTES

President Mark Grebe called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: 16 directors were present: Scott Klewicki, Dave Whealon, and Carven Blanck were absent and Todd Steffes was excused.

Minutes: Motion by John Birschbach to accept the Minutes as written, seconded by Kyle Stanchfield. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Gary Lakin to adopt the report as printed, seconded by Don Mulder. Carried.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee - Last years efforts of setting the rates, the reconstruction of the Bears program, concession sales, and fundraising the club is in a better financial state than we were a year ago. The cash balances that are on hand should be enough to get us through the summer.
 - Bears Advertising – The Finance committee gave permission for the Bears to seek sponsors for their program booklet. The money that they raise will cover the cost of the booklet for their entire season.
 - On-line Registration – This will be offered to those families who elect to pay over a number of months. There will be a slight fee for this service.
 - Girls Hockey – Girls that are coming into our program from a registered program to help our girls' team will be charged \$100 per girl to skate in our program. Girls that are in FDL and participating with both girls and boys team will be charged for both programs. This is based on the recommendation that came out of WAHA in the spring of the year. Steve Little made a motion that if the girls are coming in from an outside program that are playing in their own program plus ours they should be charged \$100, as well as our U12 and U14 within our club pay an addition \$100. In addition, if a girl in our club is playing on both a girl's team and a boy's team they should pay the skating fees for both programs, seconded by Don Mulder. Carried.
 - Payroll – The 1099 tax form were distributed to the cleaning people and they are now receiving checks.
 - Fees Waived – Grandfathered going back many years the President, Treasurer, Scheduler and Concession for doing their job pay zero program fee but they still have to pay the \$25 membership fees, pizza coupons and raffle tickets. Dave Mulder said that according to the By-Laws no member is to be compensated. Emmett said that according to the interpretation of the attorney a number of years ago the members were not exchanging or receiving any money. Steve Little said that he would call our attorney for further clarification.
 - Spring & Summer Ice – The fees set for the Figure Skaters are only for the Fall and does not include spring or summer ice.
- Hockey Committee
 - Registration – The hockey committee recommended Tuesday, August 21, and Thursday, September 6, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for potential registration dates. Chairperson Kyle Stanchfield said that he would check his calendar and make his recommendation to the Hockey Committee.
 - Skills and Evaluation – October 1 is the starting date and it will end on October 25.

- Games and Practices – The committee set game limits for each level, which does include tournaments but does not include play downs or state tournament. The committee is recommending the following:

- Mites 25 games
- Squirts and Girls U12 30 games
- Pee wee and Girls U14 35 games
- Bantam and Midget/High School "C" 40 games

The whole structure of setting the games limits is to give the skaters more practice time. Every team will have eight practices before they play their first game. Steve Little made a motion to approve the recommendation presented to the board from the hockey committee, seconded by Don Mulder. Discussion - It was stressed that this is a board decision based on the recommendation and suggestion of USA Hockey to promote more practice to the skaters. Each team will be given the same amount of ice slots as last year but how they use it will be up to the team/coaches. Before the team skates more than their limit, they need to go before the Board for approval. Next month the hockey committee and the Board will discuss how we will handle the situation if the rules are broken. Mark asked for the vote on the motion, motion was carried.

- Figure Skating Committee
 - Basic Skills Competition took place on June 2 and the Test Session on June 3.
 - Governing Council – Two representatives went to Reno and they were very impressed with how Fond du Lac does the Basic Skills sessions. The council feels that we should try to get scouts in to see the rink as they have badges they can work toward. Another suggestion was a fitness session for adults.
 - Synchronized Skating – Possibly two teams, intermediate and juvenile.
- Concession Committee – John asked if the Maintenance committee could relamp the bulbs as it has not been done in years. He also asked if the cleaning people could wash the walls in the concession area. Between Emmett and Rob will see that this is done.
- Maintenance Committee
 - Maintenance committee is in the process of the cleaning the boards, working on the players benches and they did replace the flag lights outside.
 - Road sign – Flyway Signs installed the road sign. WAAS will bore the electrical on June 23. Emmett asked the Board to float Hockey Unlimited a loan of \$9,000 until October so he can pay Flyway for the sign. After this years' Hockey Unlimited, the loan will be paid back to Blue Line. Steve Little made a motion for Blue Line to loan Hockey Unlimited \$9,000 until October, seconded by Don Mulder. Carried.
- Rink Manager
 - Golf Outing – Between 19 and 21 teams have entered in the First Annual Fond du Lac Blue Line Golf Classic. The outing should generate a significant profit as 12 to 13 golf holes have been sponsored along with raffles, 50/50, and silent auctions.
 - Summer Ice – Roughly 30 skaters are participating in the summer ice program. Contact Days are in process right now for both Fond du Lac High School along with St. Mary's Springs. Other revenues for the summer are a Power Skating group, Mike Cowan's camp and the Waupun Synchro team all will be renting ice.
 - Blue Line Sign – The sign is finally up and Rob will be educating himself on the software for the sign. Rob will be responsible for placing the messages and information on the sign.
 - Advertising – A few businesses might be interested in advertising on the ice but have not responded back to Rob. As soon as he gets the answers, they will start putting the ice in Rink A. Rob was informed that the agreement we have with the County is that Rink B ice must be out by July 1.

- Glass for Rink "C" – The area was measured and it was agreed that we would need between 50-52 sheets of tempered glass. We can purchase 4' tempered glass from Seven Bridges in Chicago at a very reasonable price. The hardware and poles will be purchased from Becker.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Wall of Fame – Work in progress.

New Business:

- Fund Raising – President Mark Grebe stated fundraisers should go into the general Blue Line fund. We all as club members volunteer our time for fundraisers to reduce fees for the entire club so everyone benefits from them. To have small groups go out and raise money for their needs is wrong. A very lengthy decision took place and board members felt that all fund raising done within Blue Line should go to Blue Line. It was felt that the synchronized group who do go out and raise money need to talk to the Board so we as board members have an understanding as to why they do what they do. Bill Holzbach made a motion that a Special Meeting take place and invite the synchronized group attend to answer questions as to the fund raising methods they are practicing, seconded by Don Wilson. Carried. The informative meeting will take place on Thursday, June 28 at 7:30 pm.
- Committee Chairs – Mark Grebe presented to the Board his selection for this year's committee chairs. Hardcopy submitted. Vicki made a motion to accept the committee chairs as presented to the board by President Mark Grebe, seconded by Bill Holzbach. Carried.
- Defibrillator – Steve Little will add Blue Line to a list to receive a new defibrillator as the one that we have is outdated.
- Website - Kyle Stanchfield noticed that on Blue Line's website under Board there is a spot for Minutes and he was asking if we should have the Minutes posted. Donna Kohnke made a motion that after the Minutes have been approved they should be posted on the website, seconded by John Birschbach. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by John Birschbach, seconded by Donna Kohnker. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Diaz, Secretary