

LC Hockey Booster Club
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2013

PRESENT: Frank Bartolomeo, President
Larry Lechkun, Vice President
Deanna Luciw, Varsity Treasurer
Susann Morfino, JV Treasurer
Maria Behnke, Secretary
Jason Kowalski, Head Coach
Jim Cowan, Hockey AD

ALSO PRESENT: Jason Schmolitz
Elise Johnson
Craig Johnson
Dan Hallums
Cathy Lozon
Mike Omilian
Mike Ferrand
John Watt
Kathy Carollo
Russell Hilton

Meeting called to order by President Frank Bartolomeo at 7:14 p.m.

ELECTION NOMINATIONS

At the October 8, 2013 meeting, these individuals were nominated for the following positions:

President: Frank Bartolomeo
Vice President: Larry Leckun
Secretary: Maria Behnke (formerly Sims)
Varsity Treasurer: Deanna Luciw
JV Treasurer: Susann Morfino

Motion by Russell Hilton and second by Craig Johnson to elect nominated individuals to their respective positions. MOTION CARRIED.

COACH(ES) REPORT

Jason Kowalski indicated there was not much to report. The reason Wednesday, December 11, 2013's game against Troy Athens had to be rescheduled was due to excessive scheduling of games by the opposing team. They scheduled four (4) games in one week which is not allowed. The coaches are looking to reschedule the game for Thursday, January 9, 2014. Because it will be an earlier game (4:15 p.m. @ Fraser), Coach Jason is waiting for confirmation from the other coach as to whether he will be able to make it to the rink in time.

With regard to the ongoing issues with the rink's P.A. system and lack of the American Flag, Coach Jason has expressed his concerns/frustrations to Fraser Hockeyland. As of Monday, December 9, 2013, a flag was put up, and a gentleman was to have been at the rink Monday night/Tuesday morning to troubleshoot the P.A. system.

As a result of the inconvenience of an inadequate P.A. system and lack of an American flag, Fraser Hockeyland has accepted concessions to not bill the LC Varsity Hockey Team for ice it does not use.

Coach Jason has asked the booster club for approval of the following items for off-ice conditioning:

QTY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
6	9" Jump Ropes (\$3.25 each)	\$ 19.50
1	Economy Wobble Board	34.99
1	9 lb. Jelly Ball Medicine Ball	40.95
1	Quickfoot Ladder	69.95
1	24" Plyo Jump Box	124.95
TOTAL	—————>	\$ 290.34

Russell Hilton questioned whether equipment was budgeted for the year. Included in the budget is \$1,000 for miscellaneous program expenses for items such as those listed above.

Motion by Russell Hilton and second by Jason Schmolitz to approve the purchase of team equipment totaling \$290.34 under budgeted Program Expenses – Miscellaneous. MOTION CARRIED.

HELMETS & GLOVES. Helmets and gloves will be distributed to those who purchased them at practice on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. Helmet stickers for all players will also be distributed and were paid for by B&R Sports.

JACKETS. Coach Jason anticipates having an update on jackets by Friday, December 13, 2013. The booster club has/will pay for the team jackets, but the parents will need to reimburse the booster club for their son's/daughter's jacket.

HOCKEY BAGS. Moving forward, royal blue will no longer be a stock, but a custom, color. Although it will still be available, the cost and time to purchase royal blue items will increase (approximately 6-8 week turnaround time). With that said, hockey bags can either be purchased in Toronto blue or black without any significant increase(s) in cost or time. If black bags are ordered, team could have blue and white screen printing on the bag without any problems. Booster club will cover the cost of hockey bags without any reimbursement from parents.

Motion by Russell Hilton and second by John Watt to order black hockey bags in lieu of royal blue.
MOTION CARRIED.

TEAM APPAREL. Kathy Carollo is working with Coach Jason on an apparel order. If you are interested in purchasing team apparel, please see Kathy Carollo, and she will submit your order to Coach Jason.

NAME PLATES. Locker room name plates are currently being worked on.

CHRISTMAS BREAK. No practices or games have been scheduled during Christmas break. From December 19, 2013 through January 3, 2014, you are free to enjoy the holidays with your family and friends!

TOURNAMENT(S). Coach Jason is looking to possibly schedule a tournament around Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. He has a couple of phone calls in as to availability in the Metro Detroit area.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2013

Motion by Deanna Luciw and second by Mike Ferrand to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 8, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

VARSIITY TREASURER REPORT

OCTOBER 2013. The Varsity Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Income and Expenses prepared by Deanna Luciw for October 2013 are attached.

Beginning bank balance as of October 1, 2013 was \$9,956.29.

Total income of \$10,701.46 was comprised of various revenue from the golf outing (\$10,060.00) and sale of ice (\$3,341.46). Expenses totaled \$7,738.00 – the bulk of which was for the ice contract of \$2,900.00 and golf outing course fee of \$3,550; additional expenses are outlined therein. These items resulted in net income of \$2,963.46 for October 2013.

Ending balance as of October 31, 2013 was \$12,919.75.

NOVEMBER 2013. The Varsity Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Income and Expenses prepared by Deanna Luciw for November 2013 are attached.

Beginning bank balance as of November 1, 2013 was \$12,919.75.

Total income of \$5,473.00 was comprised mainly due to revenue from player fees; Equipment sales-helmets revenue was a check received from the Vore family that was paid to the hockey team when it should not have been; additional revenue is outlined therein. Expenses totaled \$7,422.00 and were comprised, in large part, to the ice contract; additional expenses are outlined therein. These items resulted in a net loss of \$1,949.00 for November 2013.

Ending bank balance as of November 30, 2013 was \$10,970.75.

Motion by Elise Johnson and second by Russell Hilton to approve varsity treasurer's reports for October 2013 and November 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

JV TREASURER REPORT

NOVEMBER 2013. The JV financial summary prepared by Susann Morfino for November 2013 is attached.

Beginning bank balance as of November 1, 2013 was \$5,606.15.

There was no income deposited into the JV account in November 2013. The only expense in November 2013 was a payment of \$125 for the JV Hockey Booster Club's annual income tax return.

Ending balance as of November 31, 2013 was \$5,481.15.

The school is now requiring a minimum balance of \$5,000.00 in the JV account for insurance purposes. In lieu of keeping a separate savings account, a minimum of \$5,000.00 will remain in the checking account (in addition to \$400.00 for payment of poker license(s) and tax return preparation fee as noted in the October 8, 2013 meeting minutes) through the end of the season – at which point, it will be transferred to the varsity account to pay bills.

Motion by Russell Hilton and second by Dan Hallums to approve JV treasurer's report for November 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

SCHOOL HOCKEY AD REPORT

Nothing new to really report from James Cowan. Overall, he feels it has been a great season thus far – the boys have been keeping up with their grades, and James has been having fun watching them play.

Emma Webb is a student who overcame a brain tumor and inquired with the school about sponsoring a hat fundraiser with proceeds to be donated to Brain Tumor Research at Children's Hospital – the hospital that ultimately saved her. The hat fundraiser will be held on Friday, December 13, 2013, and in order to wear a hat, students must purchase a wristband for \$1.00; the last day to purchase a wristband is Thursday, December 12, 2013. James reminded the players and has asked that you please help support this cause by also reminding your student to purchase a wristband.

FUNDRAISER REPORT

Poker

Frank Bartolomeo has reached out to Big Beaver Tavern regarding scheduling upcoming poker dates, and he has been told that don't have any availability due, in part, to an investigation with the State of Michigan that the JV hockey team is currently undergoing. A complaint was made as to why the JV

hockey was issued poker licenses when no JV team exists; although this is not prohibited and the booster club has not done anything wrong, Frank Bartolomeo is being asked to provide copies of documents from the 2010-2011 hockey season. As a result, the four (4) JV poker licenses are currently in limbo and cannot be used at this time until a determination is made by the State of Michigan.

The four (4) Varsity licenses, however, are still available and will be used to generate revenue for the 2013-2014 hockey season – between January 2014 – May 2014. Frank Bartolomeo is looking into other establishments for availability, and if any parents would like to assist, it would be very much appreciated. He thought one license was lost this year, but due to Frank Bartolomeo's persistent follow up, it has been restored.

Mike Omilian asked what one would need to relay to a fundraising establishment. Simply let the establishment know that you are with the LC Varsity Hockey Team and that it has four (4) licenses available that it would like to use by May 1, 2014. Because it takes about six (6) weeks for license approval, fundraisers would not start until probably February 2014.

COMMENT(S)

Kathy Carollo inquired as to whether the same situation regarding the JV license would arise if the establishment looked into it, and Frank Bartolomeo indicated that there is no issue with the Varsity license so "no."

Bowling

Over the last few years, there has not been a bowling fundraiser as it was not necessary due to revenue stream from poker fundraisers. When a bowling fundraiser did occur, Frank Bartolomeo indicated it was a great event which averaged between \$2,000 - \$3,000 in profits. It is not necessary that this year's team host a bowling fundraiser, but if it wanted to, Frank Bartolomeo would need a volunteer to organize and manage it. It would not have to be held on a Friday or Saturday night; it could take place during the day on Sunday.

A quick vote was taken to see the number of parents who would be interested in holding a bowling fundraiser; it was split down the middle. Frank Bartolomeo commented that unless it was a majority, he, personally, does not see the need to move forward with it.

Bowling fundraiser has been tabled until the booster club has a better idea of the team's income and expenses.

COMMENTS

John Watts mentioned JD Key Club's piano bar fundraising idea.

If any parent has any additional ideas regarding fundraising opportunities, please email Larry Lechkun.

BY-LAWS

At the August 2013 Craig Johnson, Michael Ferrand and Susann Morfino volunteered to review the 2009 by-laws that were last-approved by-laws of the booster club. They also reviewed the 2010 by-laws that

were prepared, but never approved, by the board members of the booster club at that time. These by-laws were reviewed by all three individuals and any issues and/or concerns were voiced to Frank Bartolomeo. Portions of the by-laws were re-written and then posted for 30 days.

Motion by Kathy Carollo and second by Cathy Lozon to approve revised by-laws. MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Susann Morfino inquired about a team Christmas party. Kathy Carollo mentioned that in years' past, the team held a pizza party at the rink at the game closest to Christmas. Frank Bartolomeo stated that a parent from the prior year's team might have access to the Mariner's Boat Club; he said that he would look into to. He also asked for someone to organize the Christmas party should it be decided that we have one. Other suggestions were to have a potluck or just order pizza.

James Cowan commented that the players have expressed interest in having team dinners this year.

One of the paid golf outing sponsors was not included on the team banner, and another sponsor was included on the team banner, but did not make payment. The printer is working on getting a patch to cover the unpaid sponsor so the paid sponsor can be recognized on the sponsorship banner.

Frank Bartolomeo wanted to express his appreciation for everyone who has signed up to work the home games (i.e. security; gate; 50/50 raffle; time clock, etc.). Although the first home game was a little overwhelming, everyone pulled through. If you have not yet signed up, please do so.

Clarification was needed regarding gate fees. If an individual has a student ID with athletic pass insignia, they do not have to pay. Children 10 & under are free. Students from other schools are \$3. Parents of players are free; family passes will be distributed (4 per family) which will allow free admission to extended family/friends. This will help to alleviate uncertainty at the gate. Frank Bartolomeo communicated that the idea behind the gate fee is not to make money off the booster club, but from the opposing team's friends, family and students. James Cowan mentioned he could verify whether a student goes to LCHS if you need him to.

Mike Omilian inquired as to whether someone from security detail can stand by the ramp of what was formerly known as Erie rink to prevent an excessive amount of students from blocking the path and hindering views of the game. Frank Bartolomeo didn't think it would be an issue as that is not our normal sheet of ice, but because our game was not played during our regular ice time, we had to use that rink.

Frank Bartolomeo provided a copy of the Ice Agreement between Fraser Hockeyland and L'Anse Creuse High School and is attached.

A breakdown of costs for coaching staff and hockey AD is also attached.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Russell Hilton and second by Craig Johnson to adjourn meeting of December 10, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Prepared by

Maria Behnke, Secretary
LC Hockey Booster Club