

**MINUTES FOR THE HUSKIES HOCKEY CLUB REGULAR MEETING OF
February 9, 2005**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Pedota, Linda Wilke, Laura Johnson, Marc Shipbaugh, Jim Nolan, Don Lapato, Wayne Partacz, Mark Stevens, Ken Kestas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Juckins

Joe Pedota, Treasurer, called the regular meeting of February 9, 2005 of the Huskies Hockey Club as scheduled to order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting place was at the Darien Sportsplex in Darien, Illinois. Notice of the meeting was duly served upon the association representatives by e-mail.

TEAM REPORTS: Representatives in attendance were requested to sign in. All in attendance introduced themselves and gave team reports as follows:

MITE:

- Mite 1 - 36-7-2 over all. 11-4-1 for NIHL - Beat the Blues Elite 3-2 for NIHL Championship. Placed 2nd at Silver Stick Finals.
- Mite 2 - 3-10-3 for season, playing State elimination game 2/13 against the Vikings.
- Mite 3 - Made final 8 in NIHL and doing well
- Mite 4 - 10-3-3 - Lost OT in NIHL
- Mite Red - 5-3
- Mite White - 4-2-3

SQUIRT:

- Squirt 1 - 3-16-5 for season. State elimination game Sunday.
- Squirt 2 - 0-13-3 for season. Did tournament in Detroit and played well. Went to Univ. of Michigan game and had a great time. Lost State elimination game.
- Squirt 3 - 3-9-4 for season. First elimination game won 8-0 and moving on to round 2.
- Squirt 4 - 2nd overall in NIHL, won first 2 elimination games, lost 3rd and playing in consolation game Sunday.
- Squirt White - 0-7-3 - kids doing well, close games each time and playing top tier.
- Squirt Red - 1-8-1 - kids getting better, doing a tournament in Kalamazoo, MI

PEEWEE :

- Pee Wee 1 - 2nd in CSDHL playoffs.
- Pee Wee 2 - Playing State elimination game Thursday and everyone happy.
- Pee Wee 3 - Lost second elimination game 3-0 and out shot opponent 25-8
- Pee Wee 4 - Lost NIHL elimination game in South Bend. Mentioned that South Bend was very accommodating. First State elimination game this Saturday and doing President's Day tournament.
- PeeWee 5 - 3-13 for season. State elimination this Friday.
- PeeWee 6 - 10-4-2 for season. Lost first NIHL elimination game and won 1st State elimination game.
- PeeWee White -2-5-1, post Dells tournament 1-2 very close games.
- PeeWee Black -5-0-3 - 10-12-8 overall. Going to Holland, MI Feb. 25.
- PeeWee Red - Great Season

BANTAM:

- Bantam 1 - Made final 8 for CSDHL playoffs and went 2-1-0, playing State elimination game on 2/18 against the Hawks.

- Bantam 2 - Made final 8 for NIHL - first State elimination game Friday.
 Bantam 3 - 1-14-1 - State elimination game coming up.
 Bantam 4 - 31-10-5 overall. 3rd in NIHL and lost 1st play down game. Playing first BHC elimination game this weekend against the Falcons.
 Bantam 5 - Ranked 12th for State. First State elimination game Sunday.
 Bantam 6 - 1-14-1 for season. Not doing State. Looking for another tournament.
- MIDGET:**
- Midget 1 - Finished final 8 in CSDHL - State elimination game this Saturday against Decatur and going to Colorado Springs to play AAA Midget tournament.
 Midget 2 - Placed 2nd in CSDHL with a 25-1 record and overall 46-5-2. Going to Colorado Springs next week.
 Midget 3 - 6th place for season. Had to play majors with 6 major players and 13 minors. Going to Decatur to play some practice game and going to Littleton, CO for tournament.

NIHL REPORT Jim Nolan, NIHL Rep, mentioned NIHL tournament is complete for Elite and Gold levels with consolation games for Silver and Bronze playing this weekend 2/12/13/14. - Note to Bantam 4 that NIHL suspension has been removed for next season.

TOURNAMENT REPORT Ken Kestas, Tournament Director, mentioned that the Huskies are hosting the Pee Wee level for the State Round Robin. All pee wee teams need to contact Ken and to give him a list of 2 volunteers + the manager name for the tournament.

AHIA REPORT Joe Pedota, AHAI Rep, mentioned that the next AHAI meeting is February 21st. Reminder to all CSDHL and NIHL teams that all play down games must be played by February 18th.

- Sheila Wentland asked if the teams will be reimbursed the \$125 for the original entry fee to State? Joe Pedota responded that the \$125 is paid for out of the team fund. The only money reimbursed to the teams is the ice cost for the away teams and the one referee cost paid for by the team. Remember to put the check in his mail box with a note stating the team and date of the playoff game or if you are the away team, get a copy of the check and put it in Joe's mailbox with the date and team name noted.
- When paying ½ ice costs at other rinks be careful if the cost is too large. If you have any questions, contact Joe.
- If you make the Final 8 for State, you pay that tournament fee on line as you did when you originally registered your team. Also mark any suspensions on your score sheet for State games. If a player plays that has a suspension and gets caught (which they will) the team will forfeit all remaining games.

FINANCE REPORT Joe Pedota, Treasurer, reported the Silver Stick finances: Gate receipts and Basket revenue - \$6,470 Team fees - \$27,400 Expenses - \$18,900 (AHAI permit, refs, trophies, programs, etc.) Event Profit - \$14,970 Huskies Ice Costs (\$16,650) Net Loss of - (\$1,680) Joe stressed that this tournament is considered a success. To cover 99% of the ice costs over a week where the holiday comes into play and most teams are out of town, the ice would sit if we didn't host this tournament.

Spring costs will be coming out by the end of the month. Rebate checks will be distributed by team with a report going to the manager on who gets rebates. Party fund money will also be written by the end of February.

NWHL REPORT Marc Shipbaugh, NWHL rep, reported that he has a meeting on the

23rd of February to go over the end of year tournament. He will be getting information to the NWHL managers after that meeting. The NWHL tournament dates are February 28th through March 13th.

MANAGER LIASON REPORT Laura Johnson, Manager Liaison, reported that she still has HHC directories if anyone still needed them. The participation trophies will be delivered next Monday and she will email the managers once they are here.

The 5 and 10 year awards will be presented by Rocky at the March meeting. If there are any other skaters that haven't turned in their form need to do so by Saturday, February 12th.

NIHL making the grade is in and confirmed by NIHL that is has been received. You can also turn in your score sheets for playmaker, hat trick and zero club up until your last fall season game is played.

CSDHL REPORT Linda Wilkie, CSDHL rep, reported that the CSDHL playoff weekend is complete and happy to report no zero tolerance issues and everything went smooth. Thank you to those CSDHL players turning report cards for the Academic Awards.

HOCKEY DIRECTOR REPORT Rocky Saganiuk handed out player evaluation forms to managers to give to their coaches. Each coach needs to fill this out for their players. This form is used in tryouts for coaches to look at and used as a reference when picking skaters. Please have your coach turn them into Rocky's mailbox in a sealed envelope.

Don Lapato reported that 72% of the coaches evaluations were turned in. Rocky will be sitting with the coaches to go over their strengths and weaknesses to further build their coaching skills.

Rocky also reported that the Checking Clinic will be offered again this year. Remember, all squirts moving up to the pee wee level must do an accredited checking clinic which the Huskies do put on. Dates to be coming out very soon.

The coaching committee is working on Spring coaches. Hopefully next week we will be able to announce the line up. We would like to let all coaches finish off their season before making announcements.

Spring Season fees for the league will be finalized Thursday evening in the SWSL meeting. Jim Nolan mentioned that league fees were raised \$45/player.

Also mentioned is that we are in process of negotiating ice for next season. Don Lapato asked the question to the managers of "Would you like to get your practice schedule from September 15 through January 1st next season?" Meaning you will have all your slots for scheduling as well and that if you schedule on a week day practice slot for a game that you could not come back and say I had to use a practice slot for a game and didn't get my allotted practices for the week. All managers said they would love if they would get their ice for the first part of the season.

Question raised if we are looking at less teams for next year? Joe Pedota responded that we would not like to cut any one and we will be looking into this after we see how much ice we negotiate in our contracts.

Jim Nolan mentioned that when we negotiate and finish contracts regarding ice an

announcement will be made. Spring games will be played here at Darien with practices at Downers.

Mark Stevens motioned to adjourn the meeting and Pam Nugent seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for March 16th @ 7:00 p.m. (Time and date subject to change). This will be the last meeting for the Fall Managers.

Good luck to all CSDHL and NIHL teams in their quest for a State title and to the NWHL teams in their end of year tournament.

Respectfully submitted;
Linda Wilkie
HHC Secretary