



**North St. Paul Area Hockey Association
October 12, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 8:03 p.m., Wednesday October 12, 2005 @ the North St. Paul American Legion

Roll Call: Absent: Chad Tylka, Tony Giunta, Gary Glaus

Officers' Reports:

Secretary (Jeff Dick)

- A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Rick Kranz) to approve the September meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jeff provided a summary of the special Board meeting that was held on October 9th. The following topics were addressed:
 - Mike Anderson, the girl's 12UA head coach, asked for the Board's permission to carry 13 skaters on the team as opposed to the 15 that are required per the NSPAHA Bylaws. Since 17 skaters tried out for the team, the result of Mr. Anderson's request would be that 4 girls would need to look for a place to play at another association instead of 2. A motion was made to approve Mr. Anderson's request. The motion did not carry, thus, Mr. Anderson's request was denied.
 - A motion was made to carry less than 15 skaters on the girl's 10UA team to allow for enough skaters on the 10U B team. The motion carried.
 - A motion was made to allow the option to carry less than 15 skaters at the Squirt level. The motion carried.
 - A motion was made to permit carrying more than 15 skaters on the Bantam B & C teams. The motion carried.
 - A motion was made to permit carrying more than 15 skaters on C Peewees as needed. The motion carried.

President (Peter Koller)

- Peter asked the Spring League Committee to meet and report back to the Board in November.
- Peter asked the Tryout Committee to re-convene for the purpose of reviewing the changes they made this year for a future report.
- Peter mentioned that the Rules Committee will re-convene to come up with a proposal for possible changes to the Bylaws/Constitution that would go to a member vote.

1st Vice President (Chad Tylka)

- Absent

2nd Vice President/D2 Representative (Tim Cole)

- No NSPAHA report
- D2 updates:

- There will be some D2 coach's clinics at White Bear for levels 1 through 3. Potential dates are 11/19, 11/20, 12/3, and 12/4. The "drop dead" date for coaches to be certified is 12/31/2005.
- D2 is requiring a letter from Peter Koller (President) to explain why more than 1/3 of the players on the 10U B team are less than age appropriate. Ages 9 & 10 are considered to be age appropriate. The letter must be approved and returned to Deb Helseth (Registration Director) before the team can be registered.
- D2 has tabled the redistricting discussions until next year.
- D2 is looking into having pre and post season Select teams.
- D2 will not register teams from any association whose fines are not paid. NSPAHA does not have any outstanding fines.

Treasurer (Gary Stadler)

- Gary presented the financial statements.
- A Motion was made/seconded (Tim Cole/Steve Czech) to approve the September treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Gary is trying to figure out how to handle team fees in an equitable fashion this year. The plan is to issue a credit of about \$40 per skater. Gary will generate a draft of fees/costs and run it by Peter Koller.

Membership Forum

- Jim Engen, former NSPAHA President, attended the meeting as a representative of the North High Girls Hockey Polar Club. Jim thanked the Board for their support and cooperation with the high school team. Jim handed out flyers for a Minnesota Vikings football party that the Club is hosting on Sunday, November 13th at the NSP American Legion. Jim asked for a \$100 donation from NSPAHA. A motion was made/seconded (Rich Hellquist/Denay DeMars) to donate \$200 to the North High Girls Hockey Polar Club fundraiser. The motion passed unanimously.

Directors' reports:

Ice Scheduler (Tony Giunta)

- Absent

Registration (Deb Helseth)

- 1 new 10U age girl and 4 new mites have called about registering.

Initiation - Mite 1-2 (Rick Kranz)

- Numbers for 1st year mites are in the low 40's.
- Numbers for 2nd year mites are around 15.
- A motion was made/seconded (Rick Kranz/Steve Czech) to approve Rick Murnane as head coach of 1st year mites. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made/seconded (Rick Kranz/Dennis Greeley) to approve John Vondrachek as head coach of the 2nd year mites. The motion passed unanimously.

Equipment (Steve Kolias)

- New jerseys will be ready the week of 10/17.
- Steve is looking into coaches bags instead of jackets.

Pewee/12U (Gary Glaus)

- Absent

Player/Coach Development (Steve Czech)

- Overall, our kids are looking good and have improved since last year.

Tournaments (Pete Donovan)

- All tournaments were full, but 1 'C' Bantam team dropped out so there is 1 opening. There isn't a backup team so David Epland will post something on the website.
- Pete will meet with Dave Blesener to start bracketing soon.

Publicity/ACE/HEP/SKATE (David Epland)

- Attended the HEP training meeting for the association Oct 5 @ Croation Hall in South St Paul.
- Ordered the HEP materials for the 2005-2006 season. Note some rule changes this year for Fair Play Points.
- Website: Proactively contacting team coaches and managers to instruct them how to use the individual team portion of the nsphockey.org website.

Volunteer (Denay DeMars)

- Denay is prepared for the manager's meeting on October 13th.
- Volunteer stuff is going well.

Ways & Means (Kristine Slagle)

- Planning a poinsettia fundraiser with Hafner's green house. The cost of the poinsettias will range from approximately \$9.95 to \$25.
- The taco feed is coming together. Kristine would like every Board member that is in town to volunteer to help with the event.

Bantam/14U (Jerry Cassidy)

- Paul Larson will be the C Bantam coach.
- Teams are needed for the 14U tournament.

Squirt/10U (Jim Krings)

- Coaches for the girls teams are falling in place.
- C Squirt coaches haven't been determined but there is a list of candidates.
- Contacted Tartan about a possible girls co-op in an effort to resolve issues we're having with partial teams due to low numbers.
- A motion was made/seconded (Jim Krings/David Epland) to refund the \$125 tryout fees to 3 12U girls that tried out for 14U team. The motion did not carry.

Advanced Mites/Jr. Gold (Dennis Greeley)

Advanced Mites:

- Dennis has a list of possible coaches. The coaches will be determined based on how the teams are split.

Jr. Gold:

- Mahtomedi confirmed that they will have their kids registered before they come to play on the NSPAHA sponsored team.

November's Board meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 16th at the NSP American Legion.

A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Dennis Greeley) to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Secretary, NSPAHA

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