

# North St Paul Area Hockey

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North St. Paul Area Hockey Association

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Letter from the Minnesota Wild:

Dear North Saint Paul Hockey Association,

American Family Insurance and the Minnesota Wild are Proud to announce that you have been selected as a recipient of the American Family Insurance Protect the Net for Youth Hockey program. For each save made by a Wild goaltender the **January 18, 2006** game against **Toronto**, American Family Insurance will donate \$10 to your youth hockey association.



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In the 2003-2004 seasons, American Family Insurance donated over \$10,000 to the local youth hockey associations in the Twin Cities metro area through Protect the Net for Youth Hockey. American Family Insurance and the Minnesota Wild are proud to continue their support of youth hockey throughout the state of Minnesota.

Sincerely

Michelle Radzik

Minnesota Wild

## **Tournament Volunteer Sign-up**

Concession and various other volunteer sign-up sheets have been posted at Polar Arena for the Holiday Tournament. Stop in and sign up for your tournament hours.

## **Board Meeting**

just a quick reminder that our next board meeting is Wednesday, January 11th, 8:00 pm at the NSP American Legion.

**Managers** please note the [www.nsphockey.org](http://www.nsphockey.org) web-site will now hold photos up to 95K.

## Tournament Updates:

### C Bantams take 1st place in back to back tournaments!

The Polar C Bantams are off to a fantastic start taking first place in the both the Eagan Thanksgiving tournament and the Buffalo tournament.



TEAMWORK, by all is what drove the A Squirts to a second place finish in their very first tournament of the year. We started out the tournament with Dodge County and an 11-0 shutout for Mario Bollmann and the team. Moving on to the semi-final game with Richfield, we were again victorious with a 5-0 shutout for Brian Levorson and the team. Aggressive back checking, crisp passes, hard shots, phenomenal defense and superb goaltending drove the boys to the Championship game versus Red Wing. We knew it was going to be a tough one as Red Wing had beat up their first two opponents badly. The first two periods of the Championship game were scoreless, as the boys fought hard and strong. The forwards charged down the ice, passing to one another time and time again, but Red Wing's goalie stopped our shots. Strong back checking by the forwards and a determined defense kept many of the Red Wing's shots from reaching Mario, and when they did, they were DENIED! The third period was very tense. The clock was ticking away; down to less than 4 minutes in the game. There was a shot on our goal; the puck was moving all over in front of the net. The boys were trying desperately to clear the puck out, the fans were yelling "No!", but we just couldn't clear it away. A Red Wing player flipped the puck into the upper corner of the net and took a 1-0 lead. Well, that's not the end of the story; no, no. NSP was not going to give up. They played the final few minutes of the game with the same intensity as the beginning of the game. Determination and pure desire lead us to several scoring opportunities, but we just couldn't put the puck past Red Wing's goaltender. Final score; 1-0 and a proud second place finish for North St. Paul. What a game! WHAT A TOURNAMENT! Congratulations to GOAL TENDERS: Mario Bollamnn, and Brian Levorson. DEFENSEMEN: Jake Kurschner, Derek VanWagner, Peter O'Brien, Darian Sindt, Kyle Blom and Joe Kranz. FORWARDS: Danny Otis, Tyler and Justin Oliver, Ryan Donovan, Nick Greer, Jake Dick, Joe Mercer, Jake Dahlberg, and Mark Meister, COACHES: Pete Donovan, Chris Greer and Todd Bollmann and a big THANK YOU for the support of the PARENTS, family and friends.

## B Bantams #1 in Johnson's Governors Tourney

The B Bantam team played five tough games over three days to take 1st place in the Johnson's Governors Tournament.



The first game played was not the best for the team. They ended up losing to Madison, WI 0-3. With that game behind them, they came back the next day to win the last two games in their round-robin bracket.

The first game that they played was against Anoka. The game was scoreless when the first period ended. Three minutes into the second period NSP scored the first goal of the game. Anoka came back and tied it up 55 seconds later. NSP came back and scored three additional goals to end the game 4-1.

The final game of that day was against Woodbury. NSP came out ready to play. NSP scored their first goal five minutes into the period. They continued to score four more goals before the game was done ending the game with a 5-0 win. Taylor Rees was in the net with the shutout. This put them into a bracket to go back and try for first place.

The next day, NSP knew that they had a chance of bringing home some "hardware". They came out ready to play. In order to do so, they needed to stay out of the penalty box and continue to play strong. The first game of the day was against Andover who had won the top spot in the other round-robin group. When the first period ended, the game was scoreless. Just shy of two minutes into the second period NSP scored the first goal of the game. Andover returned the favor less than one minute later. The period ended with a 1-1 tie. The game remained this way until there was less than 2 ½ minutes left on the clock. NSP scored a goal and ended up winning the game and a chance to play for 1st place. Teddy Joyce was in the net and made 24 saves for the team.

The final game had NSP going up against Forest Lake. Forest Lake came out and scored the first goal of the game 3:46 minutes into the first period. NSP did not give up. They scored their first goal on a power play off of the face off in Forest Lake's zone. They scored again a couple of minutes later, giving them a 2-1 lead at the end of the second period. Forest Lake came back and tied the game about 4 ½ minutes into the third period on a power play when NSP had two players in the penalty box. The goal was scored just as the first penalty expired. NSP was back at full strength. With 4:01 left in the game, Forest Lake received a bench penalty for too many players on the ice. Unfortunately, NSP could not score during that time. With 40 seconds left in the game, Forest Lake received another penalty. NSP was able to keep the puck in Forest Lake's zone. They stayed in front of the net with a loose puck. With 10 seconds left in the game NSP scored the winning goal! The final score of the game was 2-1.

The N. St. Paul B Bantams traveled to **Albert Lea** to play three exciting games in the First Annual Marilyn Hillman Memorial Tournament.

The first was played against Winona. The first period started out with N. St. Paul scoring a couple of minutes into the first period. Followed by Winona tying the score towards the end of the period. The score remained tied at one each until the beginning of the third period when N. St. Paul scored again and Winona tying it up again shortly afterwards. Both teams scored again and the score was now 3-3. The game remained close. With less than one minute of the game N. St. Paul scored two more goals to win the game 5-3.



The second game was against the home team of Albert Lea. The first period was scoreless. After a short break between periods, N. St. Paul came out scoring and continued to do so for the rest of the game, winning the game 8-1.

The final game against Edina was hard fought by the boys of N. St. Paul. Edina scored shortly into the first period. They followed up scoring two additional goals in the first period. N. St. Paul was on the board with one goal. Both teams played well against each other during the second period with each team scoring one goal. As the teams went into the third period, the score was 4-2. N. St. Paul scored two times in the third period, while Edina scored three. The final score was 4-7 with N. St. Paul bringing home the trophy for second place.

The N. St. Paul team members are: Kevin Brown, Nick Brozak, Matt Epland, Karsten Jader, Teddy Joyce, Reece Maranda, Mike McGowan, Mike Merritt, Calvin Morey, Tad Nielsen, Michael Perzichilli, Ben Peterson, Taylor Rees, Brian Richert, Mike Ugro, Kyle Vanwagner, and Nate Warner. The team is coached by Keith Turso, John Janaszak and Bud Hanson.

## **North St. Paul Area Hockey Association November 16, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 8:10 p.m., Wednesday November 16, 2005 @ the North St. Paul American Legion  
Roll Call: Absent: Denay DeMars, Deb Helseth, Tony Giunta, Gary Glaus, and Rich Hellquist

### **Officers' Reports:**

#### Secretary (Jeff Dick)

- A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Pete Donovan) to approve the October meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

#### President (Peter Koller)

- Peter announced that Chad Tylka submitted his resignation due to his relocation to Hudson. Chad's position on the Board will not be filled. His primary remaining responsibility was the Chair of the Spring League Committee. The remaining committee members will take over the Spring League duties.
- Peter spoke with Jerry Diebel, head coach of the North High boys hockey team, and discussed a "Skate with the Polars" event.
- The North St. Paul Fire Department donated items to stock First Aid kits for all teams. Peter thanked Pete Donovan, Tim Cole, and Steve Kalias for their roles in making this happen.
- Peter announced that he signed only a small number of waivers this year.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Chad Tylka)

- Spring League info:
  - Chad talked to Jamie Johnson about the Spring League. Chad recommends that we keep the Spring League to ourselves as opposed to entering into a partnership with Showcase Hockey.
  - Chad thinks we should have a target of about 30-35 teams.
  - Chad recommends continuing the low profile on North St. Paul when marketing the league and keeping team colors in line with the teams' respective association.
  - Scheduling games is the biggest task.
  - D2 imposes restrictions regarding the earliest date teams can be roistered, so we need to find out what that date will be in 2006.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/D2 Representative (Tim Cole)

- No NSPAHA report
- D2 updates:
  - Dates for coaching certification clinics for level 2 and level 3 are posted on the D2 website. Date(s) for level 1 are unknown at this time.
  - It is o.k. to take level 2 or level 3 before level 1, but level 1 must be completed by 12/31/2005.
  - NSPAHA board members should plan to keep the end of February through the middle of March open to work D2 tournaments on the weekends.

#### Treasurer (Gary Stadler/Frank Helseth)

- Gary:
  - Gary presented the financial statements.
  - A Motion was made/seconded (Steve Czech/David Epland) to approve the October treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Gary is still trying to figure out how to handle team fees.

- Frank:
  - Frank is ready for Jr. Gold registration.

## **Membership Forum**

- None

## **Directors' reports:**

### Ice Scheduler (Tony Giunta)

- Absent

### Registration (Deb Helseth)

- Absent

### Initiation - Mite 1-2 (Rick Kranz)

- The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Mites Jamboree will be held in December.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Mites are going to skate with the Polar high school team on December 16<sup>th</sup>. A party will follow the skating event.

### Equipment (Steve Koliass)

- Due to the new Squirt jerseys being too large, the Squirt jerseys will be moved to the PeeWees and the PeeWee jerseys will become next year's Bantam jerseys.
- Replacement jerseys have been ordered for the Squirts and should arrive in December.

### PeeWee/12U (Gary Glaus)

- Absent

### Player/Coach Development (Steve Czech)

- Steve wants the team managers to set up their times with Acceleration Minnesota.
- Steve gave everyone a heads-up that teams need a D2 voucher in order to play in tournaments in Wisconsin.

### Tournaments (Pete Donovan)

- We are short one 'C' PeeWee team for the tournament.
- Pete is looking for sponsors for the tournament programs.

### Publicity/ACE/HEP/SKATE (David Epland)

- David has looked into purchasing 50 Wild tickets for two different dates.

### Volunteer (Denay DeMars)

- Absent

### Ways & Means (Kristine Slagle)

- Kristine anticipated attendance of about 200-300 for the taco feed but the actual attendance was 493.
- The taco feed profit was approximately \$1900.
- The poinsettia sale that was being planned has been cancelled.

### Bantam/14U (Jerry Cassidy)

- The girls 14U tournament that NSPAHA was going to host has been cancelled due to lack of commitment. Only 1 team committed.

Squirt/10U (Jim Krings)

- The girls teams are doing well. The 10U 'B' team won their 1<sup>st</sup> game.
- The HEP Skills Challenge went well and the kids loved it. Jim suggests that NSPAHA embrace and promote the HEP Skills Challenge.
- Jim has stopwatches, manuals, and clipboards that can be used for future Skills Challenges.

Advanced Mites/Jr. Gold (Dennis Greeley)

Advanced Mites:

- Dennis is working on dates for a “Skate with the Polars” event.

Jr. Gold:

- Registration and tryouts are coming up soon.
- Dennis lost a coach but he's not sure if there will be enough players for two teams.

December's Board meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the NSP American Legion.

A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Pete Donovan) to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeff Dick  
Secretary, NSPAHA

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