

**Elections for Board of Directors; will be held**  
**at the North St. Paul American Legion on**  
**Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**



**NSPAHA NEEDS YOU**

Our association depends on the volunteer leadership of numerous members. We have been fortunate to have capable individuals step forward each year to do their part to help promote and facilitate youth hockey in the greater North Saint Paul area by serving on the NSPAHA Board. These individuals come from a wide variety of backgrounds and bring diverse talents and viewpoints to our Board, but they share a common love for hockey and a common goal of serving the youth in our area.

This coming year (like most years), we will need to replace several Board members who will be stepping down. Our elections will be held in April. Current Board members will be soliciting potential replacements. Regardless of whether you are directly solicited, please consider running for the Board. If you are unable to serve, think about encouraging someone you know to run for the Board. No special qualifications are needed. Our election process is open to all members.

Do you have ideas on how to improve and strengthen our Association? Would you like to become more involved in the decisions that affect our Association? If so, we are now taking nominations/self-nominations from parents within the NSPAHA to fill several board positions for next year. Please contact Vice President David Epland at (651) 773-9350 [David.Epland@Qwest.com](mailto:David.Epland@Qwest.com) with your nominations or Tim Cole at 773-1393 [tim.cole@multicorp.net](mailto:tim.cole@multicorp.net) or Denay DeMars [dgdnyd@aol.com](mailto:dgdnyd@aol.com) .

## CONGRATULATIONS 2006 S.K.A.T.E. QUALIFERS!

### PURPOSE

Skaters Keep Achieving through Education (S.K.A.T.E.) was established to encourage, support and reward youth hockey players who commit themselves to their schoolwork while enjoying the sport of hockey.



### GOALS

It is the goal of the Skaters Keep Achieving Through Education (S.K.A.T.E.) program to significantly increase awareness among youth hockey players that performance in the classroom is more important in life than performance on the ice. It is also a stated goal of S.K.A.T.E. to generate a lasting, measurable impact on higher achievement in the classroom.

ANDERSON, DANIELLE  
ANDERSON,  
STEPHANIE  
BERGLUND, SPENCER  
BERTELSEN, BEAU  
BETZ, TIMOTHY  
BLANEY, PETER  
BLESENER,  
ALEXANDER  
BLOM, HAYLEY  
BLOM, KYLE  
BOTHWELL, ALYSSA  
BROZAK, NICHOLAS  
BRUSKI, ROBERT  
CAPEDER, MICHAEL  
CARLE, JULIA  
CASALE, MICHAEL  
CASSIDY, NATHAN  
COLEMAN, PATRICK  
COMMERS, CODY  
CZECH, MICHELLE  
DICK, JAKE  
DIEDRICH, MICHAEL

DRAKE, VICTORIA  
EDMUNDS, MEGAN  
ENGEN, KATELYN  
EPLAND, MATTHEW  
EPLAND, PETER  
FLAHERTY, FRANK  
FOLKERTS, ANTHONY  
FOLKERTS, JESSICA  
FURLONG, EMILY  
FURLONG, JOHN  
FURLONG, JOSEPH  
GEISSER, KAELAN  
GIUNTA, MARCO  
GLAUS, ABBY  
GOETZKE, ROBERT  
HATHAWAY, ERIN  
HEI, SAMUEL  
HELLQUIST, BENJAMIN  
HELLQUIST, BLAKE  
HELSETH, JOSEPH  
HENDERSON, BRENT  
HINZ, JOSHUA  
HINZ, NICHOLAS

HORAN, DANIEL  
HURT, GINA  
HUSOM, JACOB  
JIRELE, MATHEW  
JUAIRE, KAITLYN  
JUAIRE, NICHOLAS  
JUNGMANN, ERIN  
JUNGMANN, KYLE  
KANE, AMANDA  
KELLEY, SHAUN  
KERAN, KATIE  
KNUTSON, SAMANTHA  
KOLLER, HENRY  
KORICH, ADRIANNA  
KRANZ, JAMES  
KRINGS, JENA  
KRINGS, NICOLE  
KRINGS, TYLER  
KROSKA, ALEX  
KUSTERMAN, KEVIN  
LANGEVIN, CARLI  
LARSON, ERIC  
LARSON, JACOB

LASCHINGER, LEE  
LEINGANG, NICOLE  
LEINGANG, SAMANTHA  
LIPPS, JAMES  
LOFFELMACHER,  
DEVIN  
LOVDOKKEN, HUNTER  
MALMGREN, ROSS  
MANTEUFFEL, ERIC  
MARANDA, REECE  
MCCARVER, ZACHARY  
MCNEELY, PATRICK  
MEISTER, MADELINE  
MERCER, JOSEPH  
MERRITT, JACOB  
MERRITT, MICHAEL  
MURNANE, JACK  
NIELSEN, TAD  
O'BRIEN, PATRICIA  
O'BRIEN, PETER  
OLIVER, JUSTIN  
OLIVER, TYLER

ONEIL COMO, JACK  
O'NEIL, NICOLE  
ORME, TRAVIS  
OTIS, ANDREW  
OTIS, DANIEL  
PICKAR, JUSTIN  
PIECHOWSKI, ABIGAIL  
RICCI, ALEXANDER  
RICHERT, BRIAN  
RUBBELKE, JOSEPH  
RYDEL, JON  
SBRAGIA, DANIELLE  
SCHALLER, TYLER  
SCHANKS, HALEY  
SERGOT, ELIZABETH  
SIEVERS, MARK  
SINDT, DARIEN  
STEBBINS, SEAN  
STEPANIAK, KATELYN  
STICKLER, EMYLIA  
STORM, ZACHARY

STRANDBERG, KARI  
STROM, BAILEY  
STROM, MADISON  
TAHEDL, SAMANTHA  
TOY, PETER  
TRETSVEN, NATHAN  
UNGER, JOSEPH  
VAN PATTEN, KEVIN  
VANWAGNER, DEREK  
VANWAGNER, KYLE  
VILKS, LACIE  
VOGEL, AMANDA  
VRUNO, NEIL  
WALTERS, NICHOLAS  
WARNER, LINDSAY  
WARNER, NATHAN  
WARNER, SARAH  
WELCH, EDWARD  
WELCH, ERIN  
WOLTER, TRENTON  
WOOD, MICHELLE  
ZAPPA, TRAVIS



**The 2006 Spaghetti Dinner raffle winners are:**

TV - Mike Carver  
TV - Glenn English  
\$200 - Matt Ubel  
Savage 110.270 with scope - Glenn Peterson  
Benelli nova 12 gauge shotgun - Big Al  
Remington 870 Express - Harry Leko  
Ruger 1022 - Jon Thomas

**North St. Paul Area Hockey Association**

**February 8, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 8:08 p.m., Wednesday February 8, 2006 @ the North St. Paul American Legion  
Roll Call: Absent: Jerry Cassidy, Kristine Slagle, Pete Donovan

**Officers' Reports:**

Secretary (Jeff Dick)

- A motion was made/seconded (Tony Giunta/Rick Kranz) to approve the January meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

President (Peter Koller)

- No report.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (David Epland)

- See David's report in the Directors' reports.

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

- Tim informed us that all Minnesota youth hockey coaches will be required to wear helmets for all on-ice activities in '06-'07.

Treasurer (Gary Stadler/Frank Helseth)

- Gary:
  - Gary presented the financial statements.
  - A Motion was made/seconded (Tony Giunta/Rick Kranz) to approve the January treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Frank:
  - Concession products are winding down and orders are getting smaller. Frank mentioned that the popcorn and hot dog machines are getting old and we should consider replacing them. He guessed that it would cost between \$800 - \$1100 per machine.

## Membership Forum:

- Jim Engen attended the meeting to discuss the annual spaghetti dinner. He informed us that there will be a manager's meeting on 2/11 to distribute raffle tickets, dinner tickets, and literature for the spaghetti dinner.

## Directors' reports:

### Ice Scheduler (Tony Giunta)

- A motion was made/seconded (Tony Giunta/Rick Kranz) to approve the purchase of 7-14 hours of ice in March for teams that are still playing. The motion passed unanimously.
- Tony informed us that he will train whoever is interested in taking over the ice scheduler duties next year.
- Tony stated that we should consider having level directors choose all (or most) tournaments at all levels for next year, to facilitate scheduling.

### Registration (Deb Helseth)

- Registration tasks are done except for a few little things.
- Deb handed out a report that shows the number of players NSPAHA has at each age level.

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

- All Mites will have their end of season jamboree on 2/25 & 2/26.
- Mite 1 and Mite 2 will do their HEP Skills Challenge and their end of season ratings this weekend.
- Rick informed us of the new "Polar Pals" program started by H.S. head coach Jerry Diebel. The program allows 5 kids to attend each Polar home game and skate warm-ups with the players, get dressed in their locker room, get their names announced along with the players, and be on the ice during the National Anthem. Kids that have had the opportunity to do it really liked it.

### Equipment (Steve Koliass)

- Steve wants to set up a date in March to turn in equipment and gray books.

### Pee Wee/12U (Gary Glaus)

- Gary provided an update on the Pee Wee and 12U teams.
- Gary stated that Acceleration Minnesota attendance for the Pee Wee and 12U teams is good, with a few exceptions.

### Player/Coach Development (Steve Czech)

- Steve stated that it's time to start talking about coaches for next year.
- Steve reported that the goalie sessions at Acceleration Minnesota are going well. Not all eligible goalies have attended, but those who have attended have liked it.

### Tournaments (Pete Donovan)

- Absent

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

- David mailed the newsletter announcing the special membership meeting being held 2/21/06. The newsletter was mailed 30 days in advance of the meeting to 289 NSPAHA families.
- The newsletter was also posted on the bulletin board at Polar Arena.
- David noted that a DVD about checking is available. It was handed out at the beginning of the season and would be a good learning tool for new Pee Wees.

### Squirt/10U (Jim Krings)

- Jim stated that the 10UA team should get the same number of ice hours as Squirt A. in 2006-2007.
- Jim thinks we should consider moving the 14U tryouts to after the high school tryouts next year. There are a number of concerns that this would raise, but Jim thinks we should look into it further. Jim stated that some associations already do this.
- Jim addressed the projected numbers at the 10U and 12U levels for next year. It appears that we may be left with an awkward number at the 10U level. It was pointed out that moving up a bunch of advanced mites to create a second 10U team could create a player shortage at the advanced mite level that would negatively impact our advanced mite program. The player development committee will look into the issue. At the 12U level, Jim projected that there will be one team next year.
- Jim reported that Acceleration Minnesota attendance has been good and there has been a lot of positive feedback.

### Volunteer (Denay DeMars)

- Denay routed a list of volunteers so we could check it for accuracy.

### Ways & Means (Kristine Slagle)

- Absent

### Bantam/14U (Jerry Cassidy)

- Absent

### Advanced Mites/Jr. Gold (Dennis Greeley)

- Advanced Mites:
  - About 35 out of a possible of 46 kids attended the recent HEP Skills Challenge. Dennis will provide the times to the coaches and David Epland.
  - Trophies have been ordered for the jamboree.
- Jr. Gold:
  - Playoffs are starting soon.

### Old Business

- 2/21/06 vote on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws.
  - People can show up any time between 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM.
  - People do not need to stay the whole time. They can simply vote and leave.
- Spring League:
  - Jeff provided a status report on Spring League:
    - Have received commitments from about 15 teams so far, as well as some individual registrations.
    - Jeff stated that he's getting about 10 emails per day to [springhockey@nspockey.org](mailto:springhockey@nspockey.org).
- Volunteers for D2 Tournaments.
  - Tim had a sign-up sheet available so Board members could sign up to volunteer for the D2 Tournaments.
- Spaghetti Dinner Update:
  - Rich Hellquist has the raffle tickets for the spaghetti dinner. They are \$10 tickets and each player in the association is expected to sell 1 ticket. There are a total of 500 tickets.

- NSPAHA is soliciting donations for silent auction and raffle items. Tim Cole is looking for volunteers to help call people that have donated items for the Gold Plate Dinner in the past.

### New Business

- Board Elections – Nominating Committee:
  - A motion was made/seconded (Dennis Greeley/Steve Kolas) to approve Tim Cole, Denay DeMars, and David Epland (chair) as the nominating committee. The motion passed unanimously.
- Coach Selection for 2006-07 A Level Teams:
  - The player development committee will meet next week to begin discussions.
- Coaches' Appreciation Dinner:
  - The dinner will be held on Saturday, 3/18 at Indian Hills Golf Club. Jeff Dick is working on the invitations and guest list.

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

A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Rick Kranz) to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeff Dick  
Secretary, NSPAHA

### Notes:

- The Summer Ice Program will be from July 11<sup>th</sup> to Aug 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Spring League will have 35 teams this year!
- NSPAHA schedule over 1,400 hours of ice this year. Great Job Tony!
- Equipment turn in will be this Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at Polar Arena.

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To the family of -

[www.nsphockey.org](http://www.nsphockey.org) NSPAHA North St. Paul Hockey Polar Pride is a monthly news publication serving the needs of North St. Paul and the surrounding communities.

**TO: All NSPAHA Members**

**FROM: NSPAHA Board of Directors**

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**Advanced Mites & Polar Boys Hockey 2006**