

# North St Paul Area Hockey

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North St. Paul Area Hockey Association

July 2006



**BRET HEDICAN**  
Carolina Hurricanes

**Position:** Defenseman  
**Shoots:** Left  
**Height:** 6' 2" **Weight:** 210  
**Born:** Aug 10, 1970

**Kristi Yamaguchi**

**Origin:**  
North St. Paul, MN, USA

**Please come and see Bret and the STANLEY CUP in North St Paul Saturday August 12.**

**Time and location to be determined.**

**Hockey Registration Dates are as follows:**

**Wednesday August 30: 5:45 to 7:45 pm at the North St. Paul Community Center**

**Wednesday Sept 6: 5:45 to 7:45 pm at the North St. Paul Community Center**

**Saturday Sept 9: 9:00 to 11:45 AM at the North St. Paul Community Center**

**Bring a friend, and introduce them to the fun, exciting game of hockey.**

**USA Hockey Mandates Helmets for Coaches**

The Board of USA Hockey has followed the lead of Minnesota Hockey and has voted to require all ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey youth/high school, disabled, girls'/women's 19 & under and below programs to properly wear an ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and coach and referee clinics (seminars).

The vote by USA Hockey effectively moots the efforts by Minnesota coaches to rescind the helmet rule adopted earlier this year by Minnesota Hockey.

Special offer in CCM 452 Hockey Helmet for Coaches!

**Please stop in at Strauss for a fitting.**

**The Helmets are only \$25.00**

**Please order today. / Steve Czech**

**Fall Clinic will start the September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Clinic will be approximately 9 hours of ice-time**



**North St. Paul Area Hockey Association**  
**June 13, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 8:46 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2006 @ the North St. Paul American Legion

Roll Call: Absent: Frank Helseth, Tim Cole, Dennis Greeley, Tom Kline, Dewey Berglund

**Officers' Reports:**

Secretary (Tony Giunta)

- A motion was made/seconded (Jim Krings/Denay DeMars) to approve the May meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- The Rules Committee will have to approve the rules at a to be determined meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/D2 Representative

- Peter Koller gave a District 2 report for Tim Cole. All on ice coaches will be required to wear helmets this upcoming season. D2 does not know how this will be enforced yet, but they will determine something soon.

Treasurer (Gary Stadler)

- A motion was made/seconded (Rich Hellquist/Steve Czech) to approve the May treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Membership Forum:**

- **No non-board members present.**

**Directors' reports:**

Ice Scheduler (Leisa Jefferson)

- No report

Registration (Kelly Starr)

- Projected registration dates will be Thursday August 31, Wednesday September 6, and Saturday September 9. Location for registration is yet to be determined. David Epland will look into possibly getting the cafeteria at North High (as an alternative to the Community Center). Kelly would like to have the fees set at the July meeting so as to get the registration forms printed. She will work with Gary Stadler to come up with recommended amounts.

Initiation/Boys Coordinator (Pete Donovan)

- No report

Equipment (Steve Koliass)

- We need to discuss what jerseys to purchase at the July board meeting.

Pee Wee/12U (Dewey Berglund)

- Absent, no report.

Player/Coach Development (Steve Czech)

- There will be a player development meeting next week.
- Steve attended a VFW meeting, and there will be a Bantam VFW league this fall. The North Saint Paul VFW will sponsor the NSPAHA Bantam A team.

### Tournaments (Chris Tretsven)

- Teams have begun committing to the C tournament as well as the Squirt A tournament.
- Tournament dates are December 29, 30, and 31 for Squirt A. January 17 thru 21 for the C tournament.
- A meeting of the manager's manual committee was held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Many of the manager's duties were discussed.
- A motion was made/seconded (Chris Tretsven/David Epland) to purchase zipper binders for managers of all teams, with the total expenditure not to exceed \$300. Motion passed unanimously.

### Publicity/Spring League (Tom Kline)

- Absent, no report.

### Squirt/10U/Jr. Gold (Josh Mortenson)

- Josh reported that he is looking at the numbers for Squirt and 10U girls. Nothing to report for junior gold.

### Volunteer (Denay DeMars)

- Denay expressed a concern that if NSPAHA hosted an end of year District 2 tournament, that there would not be enough volunteer hours given the number of families. It was determined that we would address this concern if in fact NSPAHA were to host the weekend tournament.

### Ways & Means (Pete Orme)

- Pete is filtering through all the information he has been given for Ways and Means. Pete also reported that Ben Nemo would like to continue his work with NSPAHA with providing fund raising products.

### Bantam/14U/Girls Coordinator (Jim Krings)

- No report

### Advanced Mites/HEP (Dennis Greeley)

- Absent, no report.

### Old Business

- North Saint Paul Area Hockey Association along with Tartan Area Youth Hockey Association have each formed a girl's co-op task force. Both associations have trouble meeting the needs of all of the girls in their respective associations. The feeling is that, by combining all girls from both associations at the 10U, 12U and 14U levels, at least two teams (typically one A team and one B team) could be formed at each level. The task forces will present their findings to their respective boards in July. If each board approves the recommendations to consolidate the girls programs, then a presentation will be made to the District 2 board for its approval.

### New Business

- No new business.

July's Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m., at the NSP American Legion.

A motion was made/seconded (Pete Donovan/Chris Tretsven) to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tony Giunta  
Secretary, NSPAHA

## **NSPAHA BOARD EXPLORES GIRLS CO-OP PROGRAM WITH TARTAN**

To address various shared concerns and enhance the experience offered to girl players, the NSPAHA board has been exploring the pros and cons of entering into a co-op relationship with Tartan at the 10U, 12U and 14U girls levels for the coming season and beyond.

Currently, the driving force is a common interest between the two associations to address the problem of disparate ability levels within age groups (such that in a given year a number of "A"-caliber skaters are forced to play on a "B" team or vice versa). A related issue is the problem of having more than the desirable number of skaters to field a single team, but not enough skaters to field two teams. By "combining forces," the two associations would have no trouble jointly fielding an "A" team and at least one "B" team every year at the 10U and 12U levels (together with one or more 14U teams).

While the immediate issues driving the co-op discussion are those mentioned above, a more troubling issue is also on the horizon. Looking at the declining number of Mite-aged girls skating in our association, our association may be needing to go to a co-op model in order to even field a 10U team in a couple of years. Meanwhile, Tartan's numbers at the younger ages are quite strong and will hopefully allow for two co-op teams at each age level for a number of years to come.

Although there is enthusiastic support in both associations for adopting a co-op program, no decisions have been made. At present, task forces in each association are meeting to try to anticipate all of the changes that will have to be made to accommodate a co-op arrangement. Tim Cole is the chairperson of the NSPAHA task force. Other NSPAHA board members on the task force are Peter Koller, Jim Krings and Dennis Greeley.

The NSPAHA task force will be presenting the issue to the NSPAHA board at the July Board Meeting -- at 8:30 p.m. on July 11, 2006 at the North Saint Paul American Legion Club. Interested NSPAHA members are welcome to attend and are particularly encouraged to contact task force members in advance of that meeting with any questions or concerns that they may have.

Perhaps the NSPAHA board will ultimately conclude that a co-op program is not feasible or is not in the best interest of NSPAHA skaters. Perhaps the Tartan board will reverse course and conclude that it is no longer interested in a co-op program. Perhaps District 2 (which has the final say in whether to permit a co-op) will not authorize a co-op program. Nevertheless, in the interest of providing as many girls as possible with the opportunity to skate at a level where they can contribute and develop, it is the consensus of the boards of both associations that the co-op concept is one that should at least be seriously explored.



## NSPAHA Board Assignments 2006-2007

President	Peter Koller
First Vice Pres.	David Epland
Second Vice Pres.	Tim Cole
Treasurer	Frank Helseth
Secretary	Tony Giunta
Registration	Kelly Starr
Ice Director	Leisa Jefferson
Equipment	Steve Kalias
Ways & Means	Pete Orme
Volunteers	Denay DeMars
Publicity/Spring League	Tom Kline
Tournaments	Chris Tretsven
Player/Coach Dev./ACE	Steve Czech
Bantam/14U/Girl's Coordinator	Jim Krings
Pewee/12U*	Dewey Berglund
Squirt/10U/Jr. Gold	Josh Mortenson
Adv. Mite/HEP	Dennis Greeley
Initiation/Boy's Coordinator	Pete Donovan
Senior Advisor	Rich Hellquist

\* Dewey Berglund will also serve as the D2 Peewee Coordinator.

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