

North St Paul Area Hockey
Since 1967 ... dedicated to promote youth hockey!



December 2007

**North St. Paul Area Hockey Association
December 2006 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 8:07 PM, Wednesday, December 13, 2006 @ the North St. Paul American Legion
Roll Call: Absent: Tim Cole, Steve Czech, Pete Donovan, Jim Krings

Officers Reports:

Secretary(Tony Giunta)

A Motion was made/seconded (Jim Krings/ Dennis Greeley) to approve the November 8, 2006 meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

President (Peter Koller)

- NSPAHA was selected by American Family Insurance to receive \$10 for every save the Wild made at the December 5th game against Chicago. NSPAHA will receive a check for \$270.
- Qwest will donate \$500 to NSPAHA because of the volunteer time David Epland gives to NSPAHA.
- Peter expressed a concern about the declining membership within our association. He would like the membership committee to survey enrollment figures at ISD 622 schools and participation numbers in other area associations. (e.g. OAA and NSPAA)
- Peter reported that Tom Kline has resigned from the board. Peter thanked Tom for serving on the board.
- Peter wanted everyone to think of nominations for new board members.

1st Vice President (David Epland)

- David would like to readdress the rules with the committee prior to the end of the 2006-2007 board term.
- There was discussion on traveling fees for the girls. The 10UB & 12UB players will be treated like Squirt C and Peewee C players. The additional 14UA fees costs are \$223 pre skater, but discussion was to set the fee lower.
- A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Chris Tretsven) to set the NSPAHA girls traveling fees for the current season as follows:
 - Girls 10UB & 12UB \$0
 - Girls 10UA & 12UA \$120.00
 - 14UA \$200.00

The motion passed unanimously.

- These fees only cover specific costs to the Association for the A and B teams (i.e., additional ice costs,

additional team registration fees, and additional referee expenses). Each team will have additional fees depending on tournaments and any other additional events the teams decide to do.

Treasurer (Gary Stadler)

- A Motion was made/seconded (Dennis Greeley/Chris Tretsven) to approve the December treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Gary reported that Brad Martinson at Polar would like to remodel the entry way at Polar and is looking for volunteer help or money from NSPAHA.

Members' Forum

There were members present and they asked questions on a few different topics.

- A member wanted some clarification on the \$300 team miscellaneous fee, and A & B team fees in general. There was a lengthy discussion about all the costs associated with the fees. It was determined that some teams were probably under charged last year, and that this year's traveling fees more accurately captured the costs associated with all A & B teams.
- A question was raised on why there are not first aid kits for all the teams. Steve Kolas stated that we had more first aid kits available, and he could get them distributed to all the teams that want them.
- A member addressed a concern about the fee associated with a child leaving the association after the season has started to play high school. There was agreement that the player should pay for the costs associated with the time spent skating with the association, but the member requested a detailed accounting for the associated cost.
- A member expressed a concern about how the raters were selected for ratings this past year. There were a few issues that will be addressed before next year's tryouts.
- A member expressed a concern over the evaluations of coaches from last year. They felt that the evaluations were not reviewed and addressed. There was a discussion that the evaluations were reviewed and addressed. The evaluations were reviewed by the coaches' selection committee.

Director's Reports:

Publicity/Spring League

- A motion was made/seconded (Rich Hellquist/Dennis Greeley) for the Spring League Committee to increase the costs to cover the increased cost of ice rental, and referee fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Peewee/12U (Dewey Berglund)

- Dewey stressed that all teams should send in their scores to their level directors at D2 the day after a game. The home teams are responsible for sending in the form, and all forms have not been showing up in a timely manor.

Squirt/10U/Jr Gold (Josh Mortenson)

- No report.

Equipment (Steve Kolas)

- No report.

Ice Scheduler (Tony Giunta)

- Tony reported that we may need to purchase ice to make up for the lost ice during the D2 tournament at Polar February 17th and 18th.

Advanced Mites/HEP (Dennis Greeley)

- Dennis reported that mites are going good, and the cross ice drills are working well. Parents are happy with this type of ice use.
- Polar Pals is going very well. There will be a “Skate with the Polars” this coming Tuesday.

Volunteer (Denay DeMars)

- Denay questioned if NSPAHA will have to staff the D2 tournament at Polar on February 17th and 18th. Tim Cole will have to get that answer for us.

Registration (Kelly Starr)

- Kelly reported that the last day to make roster changes will be 12/28 because the D2 registrar is going on vacation.
- Nineteen kids have registered for junior gold. There are 18 skaters and 1 goalie. The coach has stated that he would welcome one more goalie.

Ways & Means (Pete Orme)

- They are working on team sponsorships.
- Pete stated that no team fund-raising will be allowed at any of our tournaments.

Tournaments (Chris Tretsven)

- A photographer was hired to work the tournament. NSPAHA will get 10% of all sales.
- There are still two C Bantam openings for the C tournament. All other levels are full.
- We will have a hot dog eating contest for all teams participating.

New Business

- Rich Hellquist discussed getting many smaller prizes for the Spaghetti Dinner raffle, and charging \$5 per ticket instead of \$10.
- We are still looking for people to bring in silent auction items.

January's Board meeting will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2007 @ 8:00PM at the North St. Paul American Legion.

Motion was made/seconded (Kelly Starr/ Dennis Greeley) to adjourn the meeting at 10:49PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tony Giunta
NSPAHA Secretary

WHY AREN'T YOU VOLUNTEERING?

by Deb Hellquist

Hockey is a great way to get involved in your community, make new friends and help kids and adults alike participate in healthy, social, outdoors activity. Hockey clubs, and the sport of hockey as a whole, are wholly reliant on hardworking volunteers who are committed to making the sport a success for their community, its citizens and their children. There no better way to have fun, help others and enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle than through hockey. So how can you get involved?

What Can I Volunteer For?

Volunteers are always needed across a wide range of disciplines and roles, including:

- Coaching
- Membership development
- Fundraising
- Concession Stand
- Registration
- Ice Scheduling
- Equipment
- Tournaments
- Newsletters - Communications
- Administration (NSPAHA Board)

What does it mean to be a volunteer?

Being a volunteer just means that you want to help work on a project or a task without being paid for it. Volunteering is based on the ideal of service -- helping people in your community build a better future, which in the long run will help us all.

There are plenty of ways that people in our city volunteer their time, and many of you may be volunteers already. Volunteers in your community may help build houses, serve food in a soup kitchen, work at a local library, in your child's classroom, in religious organizations or coach, referee, or supervise sports teams.

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. No special qualifications are needed. Even if you can only spare a small amount of your time, your club will be delighted to hear from you.

When you volunteer, you give part of yourself—your time, energy, skills and feelings. You give to your family and friends, to your neighbors, to your community. Sometimes, you are giving to people and children you don't know, but become a viable influence and teacher to them. Volunteering is also a way of saying thank you. It's a way of recognizing the countless others who, in big ways and small, have made life richer and better through donations of time and effort. But there is more to volunteering than giving. As a volunteer, you also reap personal benefits and enhance your personal growth. Volunteering also includes "self-help." So if you are active in your neighborhood crime watch, your home is protected while you protect your neighbors' homes, too. Adding your effort to the work of others makes everyone's lives better. So now that you are feeling really good about yourself and the time you give volunteering for your schools, community and sports teams, NSPAHA only operates efficiently because of the time that parents like you give to the association and your children. The North St. Paul Area Hockey Association, together with any other non-profit association, club, or organization, is only strong because of the people behind the scenes, who manage them. If we would have to hire people to manage all the jobs that keep this association going, our costs for our kids playing hockey would be prohibited.

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. Our election process is open to all members.



S.K.A.T.E. is an academic achievement program, which stands for "Skaters Keep Achieving Through Education". It is designed to encourage student athletes to maintain good grades while participating in youth hockey and to reward their performance.

If your child has a 3.0 or higher, and would like to participate in this program, please bring their report cards to a practice or game and your manager can just briefly look at the report card, and check off the kids who received a 3.0 GPA or higher. The report cards will technically never leave the hands of the athletes or parents. Some of the kids are on a "quarter" schedule, others on "trimester" schedule, so whichever report card you have by the February 13th cutoff will work.

The 3.0 players will be listed in the March Newsletter.

NSPAHA
PO BOX 9004
NO ST PAUL, MN 55109

To the family of -

www.nsp hockey.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 submit an article, team summary, player profiles and any other misc. info contact your team manager and have it posted to the website.