



February 2007

North St. Paul Area Hockey Association January Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 8:07 PM, Wednesday January 10, 2007 @ the North St. Paul American Legion
Roll Call: Absent: Rich Hellquist, Pete Donovan
Late: Dennis Greeley, Denay DeMars, Tim Cole

Officers Reports:

Secretary

A Motion was made/seconded (Steve Czech, Josh Mortenson) to approve December 13, 2006 meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously. (Qwest was misspelled)

President (Peter Koller)

- Peter thanked Chris Tretsvan and all the volunteers for doing a great job putting on the Holiday Squirt A Tournament.

1st Vice President (David Epland)

- David reported that the spring league form is now on the web site. Jeff Dick helped build the form. David also stated that the fees for spring league were going to remain the same as last year. \$100 for mites, and \$120 for everyone else.

2nd Vice President (Tim Cole)

- Tim reported that D2 wants North Saint Paul, Tartan, and Mahtomedi to form a combined junior gold program next year so as to have a 16U, A and B team.
- D2 plans that NSPAHA will host a girls' U19 team for the 2008 – 09 season.
- D2 is requiring NSPAHA to fill 43 volunteer slots (2 games each) for the end of year D2 tournaments. This is the second year in a row that D2 has given NSPAHA excessive slots and also slots during the day.

Treasurer

- A Motion was made/seconded (Jim Krings/Steve Czech) to approve the January treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Gary reported that about \$14,000 was still due from NSP teams.

Members' Forum

- Jim Engen brought up the topic of creating an annual Polar Scholarship of \$1,000 for a boy and \$1,000 for a girl each year. Those eligible would have to have played in the NSPAHA for at least three years. Everyone thought this was a good suggestion, but more research needed to be done before it could be voted on by the board. Peter asked that Jim work with a committee of board members and come back to the board with a recommendation at the next meeting.

Director's Reports:

Publicity/Spring League

- No Publicity Report.
- Spring league report is in the 1st Vice President's report.

Peewee/12U (Dewey Berglund)

- No report.

Squirt/10U/Jr Gold (Josh Mortenson)

- Josh reported that Junior Gold would like more practice ice. Tony is looking to purchase a few hours to accommodate this request.

Equipment (Steve Kalias)

- No report.

Ice Scheduler (Tony Giunta)

- Tony reported that we are giving up 20 hours of ice during the D2 tournament at Polar on February 17th and 18th. He has purchased some hours to make up for the lost time.

Advanced Mites/HEP (Dennis Greeley)

- No report.

Player/Coach Development (Steve Czech)

- The player development committee discussed bleacher removal for dry land training at the east end of Polar, but further discussions have been put on hold due to building permit issues that would be likely to arise.
- Steve requested ice time in early March to have a checking clinic for incoming first year peewees prior to spring league.
- John Anderson, an assistant high school coach may coach the fall clinic at Polar next season.
- There was discussion around the summer ice program. Steve may have former division 1 hockey players and NHL minor league players as instructors. A long conversation was had around player development money to subsidize this program just like last year. There was no motion made because there is uncertainty around what was going to happen for girl's player development because of the girl's co-op with Tartan. This discussion was tabled until next month when more facts will be known.

Volunteer (Denay DeMars)

- No report.

Registration (Kelly Starr)

- No report.

Tournaments (Chris Tretsven)

- Chris reported that the A tournament went well, and the C tournament is full.

Bantam/14U/Girls Coordinator (Jim Krings)

- Jim reported that things are going well with the girl's co-op.
- We have been having Goalie Clinics each month since the season began.

New Business

- The spaghetti dinner is going to be March 4th. There is a \$750 fee to use the American Legion. Jim Engen needs a roster of all teams. The ticket price remains the same as last year at \$7 per ticket.

Old Business

- The membership study is being worked on.
- Denay DeMars volunteered to head up a SKATE program internal to NSPAHA. David Epland offered to help with creating web-based documentation and a certificate.
- Board elections are in April and there will be several open board positions. Per NSPAHA rules, a nominating committee will solicit possible candidates prior to elections. The nominating committee will be made up of Tim Cole, Dennis Greeley, Kelly Starr, and David Epland.

February's Board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 7, @ 8:00PM at Polar Arena in the loft.

Motion was made/seconded (Dewey Berglund/Steve Kolas) to adjourn the meeting at 10:53PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

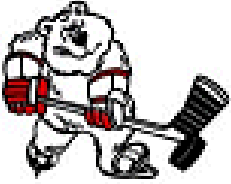
Tony Giunta
NSPAHA

Please fill out and return to your manager a [Coach Evaluation 2006-2007](#)



Spaghetti Dinner Sunday March 4th.

The Original Spring League '07



For those not familiar with the "Original Spring League", it is a fun league for Mites, Squirts, Pee Wees, 10U, and 12U. The season begins with 1 practice followed by 11 games.

The League starts approximately March 17th and will end approximately May 10th. Dates will vary by team.

Does your child have any friends or relatives that play at the same level in a different association? If so, this is a great opportunity for them to play on the same team. This league is **NOT** limited to NSPAHA players.

Additional details about the league can be found on the [registration/information form](#). Questions regarding the league can be sent to springhockey@nsp hockey.org.

Space is limited so register early! Registration will be on a "First come, first play" basis. If you intend to bring in an entire team, please send an email to springhockey@nsp hockey.org so we can plan accordingly.

[Click here](#) to print the registration/information form.

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.

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To the family of -

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



We need your help!

NSPAHA Annual Silent Auction is in need of donations

Why donate??

Donations are the meat and potatoes of a Silent Auction. Without your generous donations, we would be unable to put on this event. Also, donating is a great way to promote your business. Donations are prominently displayed at the auction, with an informational art board containing the details about the donor, the item(s) donated and your business.

Our patrons are very supportive of businesses that participate in this charitable endeavor.

What are the benefits? ?

Besides the great feeling you get when you help others, your donation can help you during tax time! NSPAHA is a non-profit organization so donations are 100% tax deductible. Additionally, we make every effort to promote your business or you to our community.

How do you donate? ?

Call Deb Hellquist at 612-414-4604 or email dhellquist@nbjlaw. With your donations!

All proceeds earned from the Auction go back to hockey kids!

Thank you for considering a donation to the
NSPAHA Annual Silent Auction