

**North St. Paul Area Hockey Association
February 2008 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Time: 8:07 p.m., February 13, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion
Roll Call: Absent: Pat Manteuffel, Dennis Greeley, Pete Orme, Rick Kranz

Officers Reports:

Secretary (Chris Tretsven)

- A Motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Peter Koller) to approve January 2008 meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
Amendment: Strike entire Manager's Committee Report.

President (Rich Hellquist)

- Still looking for Silent Auction Items for the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

1st Vice President (David Epland)

- Spring League – Ice and Jerseys have been bought. League to start approximately March 16th and run through May 10th.
- Election Committee – see Committee Report.

2nd Vice President (Steve Kolias)

- Still looking for volunteers for the U14 and Jr. Gold Tournaments.
- Steve was wondering if the concession stand would be open for the U14 tournament. Joan said that it would be.
- D2 is looking for a Secretary and Girl's Coordinator for the coming year.

Treasurer (Mike Fox)

- Concession stand sales continue to go well. We will be winding down at the end of the month with the girl's tournament.
- Mike made a donation request through the Dick's Sporting Goods website for the Silent Auction for the Spaghetti Dinner. Have not heard anything yet.
- I sent in the form for the MN Wild/Xcel starter hockey equipment grant program requesting 30 sets, we'll see where that goes. We may not find out if we get anything until August.

- In the interest of our Best Practices idea, I want to throw out the idea of having those people holding positions this year write up a sheet with helpful hints about their position for the next person that may have the position in the future, if one already didn't exist from past Directors.
- The Friday Night Car Show in NSP has asked if we would like to continue as a vendor, at no cost, for this upcoming season. Due to the fact that we should be out of bottled water by the end of the season, I have respectfully declined the invite.

Gary Reported

- February Ice still needs to be paid.
- Need to cut expenses, for example, for the tournaments – try to keep around \$10,000.00.
- A Motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Mike Fox) to approve February 2008 Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Members' Forum

- A member was present to ask about her team fees. Wanted to understand what she was being charged for. Gary told her he didn't have it with him but would contact her with a breakdown. She felt that she didn't get her money's worth. Rich stated that the girl's program has work to be done and that we will be sitting down with Tartan this summer.

Director's Reports:

Peewee/D2 PeeWee Coordinator (Dewey Berglund)

- No Report

Bantam/Jr. Gold (Pat Manteuffel)

Jr. Gold:

- No Report.

Bantams:

- No Report

Squirt/Advance Mite (Josh Mortenson)

- We have 2 Advance Mite teams participating in the Little Chippers program. They will be

skating at the High School Tournaments this year.

- Jamboree is set for the Advanced Mites. Looking for a source for trophies. Rich said to use Ed's Trophies. NSPAHA has been using them for years. They do a nice job.

Equipment (Denay DeMars)

- Working on setting up date for equipment return

Player/Coach Development/ACE (Denay DeMars on behalf of Dennis Greeley)

- Jeff Palmer Clinic: Positive reviews from the Squirt and Peewee levels. Probably won't do for the Bantams next time.
- Looking at doing something along the lines of a Shooting Challenge this summer. Shoot a certain amount of pucks and receive a tee shirt.
- Fall Clinic: Looking at different sources

Volunteer (Joan Merritt)

- Rich thanked Joan for all her hard work this year with the volunteers
- C Tournament volunteer hours are about 97% filled.
- Still have some D2 tournament spots open
- Joan made a suggestion on how to fill concession stand hours that remain unassigned. Her suggestion was to pay students that are in the DECA program at North High.

Registration (Kelly Starr)

- Kelly made a suggestion to back off of the free hockey – it caused more problems than it was worth. Maybe open it up to new members only.
- Kelly suggested that someone contact the families that got free equipment to help with the equipment drive next year.

Ways & Means (Pete Orme)

Report e-mailed to Chris Tretsvan

- Pete has secured some gift cards from Target Oakdale for the Spaghetti Dinner (he is working on getting other Target stores contacted).
- Pete is still hoping to get up to \$1,000 from one of the local Walmart stores.
- Pete will be researching pull tabs for future use and am just delving into the charitable gambling stuff with the state just to see what the landscape is currently. He is going to talk to NSPAA and see what their set up is and any contacts they may have.

Tournaments (Chris Sindt)

- Chris stated that he is ready to go with the C Tournament
- They will be giving hats and dog tags out for gifts.
- Chris has extra dog tags; would like to set up to sell in the concession stand. Mike said he would take care of setting things up.

Girls Coordinator/HEP (Jim Krings)

- Jim would like to get evaluations out soon
- He would like to see us keep both A & B teams. He would like to make it fair for the girls. To ensure that they skate at the proper level. He would like to communicate with the families regarding what is happening.
- Jim would like to mentor someone to take his place in the future so that a smooth transition can be made.
- Would like to see someone from the Tartan Board/NSPAHA Board to sit down and talk about the coop for next year now. Rich would like someone who has a vested interest (parents/coaches/managers) who have kids in the coop to sit in on the meetings

Initiation (Josh Mortenson on behalf of Rick Kranz)

- Mite I & II Jamboree is this weekend Saturday, February 16th and Sunday, February 17th

Committee reports:

- Election Committee - Board elections are April 16, 2008,
 - Per Section 5 of the Bylaws, “a nominating committee will be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, not less than 30 days prior to the annual election.
 - Per Section 7 of the Bylaws, “The nominating committee shall be obligated to include on the ballot the name of any member who files a request with the Secretary that his/her name appear on the ballot for a particular position no less than 21 days prior to the annual election...”. 21 days will be March 27, 2008.
 - Per Section 6 of the Bylaws, “One or more candidates shall be nominated for each expiring director and officer. The nominating committee shall make its report, which consists of a ballot, and publish it on the NSPAHA web site and at Polar Arena not less than 10 days prior to the election.” 10 days will be April 7, 2008.
- A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Chris Sindt) that the Nominating Committee will consist of: Steve Koliass, David Epland, Rick Kranz and Jim Krings. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Coach's Appreciation Dinner will be held at Indian Hills Golf Club on Saturday, March 29th; cocktails to be 5:30 pm; dinner to be 6:00 pm

New Business

- Coach's Evaluation Forms– Coach's evaluation forms have been revised and presented to the board. A change was made to include an e-mail and fax number to return them too as well as to the manager of the team. It was suggested that a manager's evaluation be made up as well. David said he would put these forms out on the Website under the Managers Information link. Denay said she would make copies and get them out to all the managers.

The next Board meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on March 12, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion

A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Chris Sindt) to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Tretsven". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Tretsven
Secretary, NSPAHA