

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

Call to Order: Time: 8:05 p.m., January 16, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion
Roll Call: Absent: Jim Krings, Pat Manteuffel, Josh Mortenson
Late: Dennis Greeley

Officers Reports:

Secretary (Chris Tretsven)

- A Motion was made/seconded (Peter Koller/Kelly Starr) to approve December 2007 meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

President (Rich Hellquist)

- See Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction report under Old Business.

1st Vice President (David Epland)

- David had a handout of different Associations' rules for moving up. Wants to compare to what we have and whether to keep our rule the same or change.
- Spring League – Brochures are out at the rinks.
- Rick Kranz will help choose Mite and Squirt teams for people who are not registering with a team; David will sit down with Committee to choose Peewee teams.

2nd Vice President (Steve Kolias)

- Volunteer Hours for the D2 14U and Jr. Gold tournaments are out. Will coordinate with Joan Merritt to offer to families who still need tournament hours. Whatever hours aren't filled, Board members will be asked to fill.

Treasurer (Mike Fox)

- Concession stand going well. Brad is assisting on inventory ordering from Watson's and stocking items when received. Mike is making bank deposits from the concession stand about twice a week and making a Sam's Club run about twice a week for supplies.

- Mike made a donation request through the Dick's Sporting Goods website and his contact person for the Silent Auction for the Spaghetti Dinner.
- Squirt A Tournament revenue numbers were great; Gary will have a final report on the net at the next meeting.

Gary Reported

- Went over team fees still owed.
- \$588.00 balance still remains for the VFW League for the A Bantams.
- A Motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Rick Kranz) to expend up to \$600.00 for VFW League for this year for the A Bantams. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

- Budget into team fees next year.
- It's economical ice for the money.
- Looking for suggestions on possibly fundraising for the fee.
- VFW would like more of a presence from the Association.
- Brad would like to look into changing income format for the vending machines/concession stand. Would like to go with a fixed number instead of a percentage split (this year it's 80/20)
- A Motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Peter Koller) to approve January 2008 Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Members' Forum

- Bantam A coach, Bryan Lenton, was present to offer suggestions for next year:
 - Would like to see any player who declares that he is trying out for the A team and falls to B be obligated to move up to the A team to replace players who make the high school team.
 - Would like to see 18 players taken so if high school takes a certain number of players, they would still have a full team. Downside to this would be sending players down a level if high school doesn't take many players.
 - Would like to run the Fall Clinic for Peewees and Bantams.

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)

- No Report

Equipment (Denay DeMars)

- No Report

Player/Coach Development/ACE (Dennis Greeley)

- No Report

Volunteer (Joan Merritt)

- Joan has concession stand schedules out for the rest of the year.
- C Tournament volunteer hours are filling up fast.

Registration (Kelly Starr)

- Had 2008-2009 Projected Player Numbers by Level.
 - Squirt Numbers are very low.

Ways & Means (Pete Orme)

- Working on getting sponsorships from big sponsors (Target, Wal-Mart).

Tournaments (Chris Sindt)

- A Squirt Tournament Recap: Wanted to thank Joan Merritt for her work with the Volunteers; everything went very well. Wanted to thank Chris Tretsvan for her help with the tournament and putting the brochure together.

- Working on C Tournament and starting to get organized for that.

Girls Coordinator/HEP (Jim Krings)

- No Report

Initiation (Rick Kranz)

- Signed up 2 more Mites to bring the total to 112. One issue arose. One of them was a child of one of the A Bantam Assistant Coaches. Bryan Lenton asked if his coach was required to do volunteer hours. Rich told him that he would need to do some if he's getting free hockey.
- Jamboree went well.
- Skating with Santa went well.
- They will be rating the Mites at the end of January.
- End of the year Jamboree scheduled for February 16th & 17th. Their season will be done after the Jamboree.

Committee reports:

- Rules Committee: "Bubble Rule" See 1st Vice President's Report.

Old Business:

1. Spring League – See 1st Vice President's Report.
2. Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction:
 - Securing the permit from the City.
 - Date of the dinner is Sunday, March 9th.
 - Rich would like an e-mail sent out to the Managers to meet soon to hand out the Raffle tickets and Dinner tickets.
 - 200 firearm raffle tickets have been printed up.
 - Rich has 3 firearms from Joe's Sporting Goods set aside.
 - Rich is talking to Chad Tylka regarding TV for the general raffle.
 - Need to get tickets to the Mites right away, as their season ends February 17th.
3. Rules Committee – "Bubble Rule" – See 1st Vice President's Report.

New Business

1. 2008-2009 Projected Player Numbers by Level – See Registration Director's Report.
2. 2008-2009 Board Elections – Recruiting – Not too early to start talking to members about

running for the Board.

3. Best Practices – Mike Fox explained that we should look at things that would help improve the Association.
4. Coaches Appreciation Dinner – Proposed date March 29th; first weekend in March is Spaghetti Dinner; 2nd is start of Spring Break; 3rd is Easter.
 - A Suggestion was made to have on a week night.

Future Business

- A motion was made/seconded (Dewey Berglund/Rick Kranz) to pay for hotel accommodations for non-parent coaches. Motion was tabled until the February 13th Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on February 13, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion

A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Rick Kranz) to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Chris Tretsven
Secretary, NSPAHA