



NSPAHA
Board of Directors

January 16, 2008
8:00 p.m.

North St. Paul American Legion

- **Call to Order**
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Members' Forum**
- **Officer/Director Reports**
- **Old Business**
 1. **Spring League**
 2. **Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction – Raffle, Date, etc.**
 3. **Rules Committee – “Bubble Rule”**
- **New Business**
 1. **2008-2009 Project Player Numbers by Level**
 2. **2008-2009 Board Elections – Recruiting**
 3. **Best Practices**
 4. **Coach's Appreciation Dinner**
- **Adjournment**

Just a reminder: two hour time limit on the entire meeting - if something isn't completed then it waits until the next meeting

**North St. Paul Area Hockey Association
December 2007 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Time: 8:10 p.m., December 12, 2007 @ the North St. Paul American Legion

Roll Call: Absent: Chris Sindt, Jim Krings, Dewey Berglund, Peter Koller
Late: Pat Manteuffel, Pete Orme

Officers Reports:

Secretary (Chris Tretsven)

- A Motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Joan Merritt) to approve November 2007 meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

President (Rich Hellquist)

- Rich addressed the issue of kid helpers on the ice during the HEP ratings. Because of liability issues, kids that are not participating in the HEP ratings should not be out on the ice. Zero Tolerance. He suggested seeking help from other responsible parent helpers or coaches.
- Rich addressed the issues of a parent that brought them to the attention of the Board at the November meeting regarding the Girl's Co-op program; more specifically the Girl's 10UA team and the parents that sent a letter concerning the 14U Co-op. Rich talked to some of the parents and got more information regarding their frustrations. Some of the issues are:
 - Too much standing around and not enough staking.
 - Head coach coaches a boys team in the Tartan Association
 - Parents are concerned that they didn't allot even ice for A & B Girls
 - Bubble issue.

President at Tartan is 100% in agreement that the Girl's Co-op program needs to be looked at for next year

- Rich would like to establish a foundation for (1) Girl's tryouts and (2) even playing field

- Rich would like the Coaches Selection Committee to seriously look at the coaching commitment of each candidate (how many teams they intend to coach). He doesn't want them overcommitted.

1st Vice President (David Epland)

- Spring League – See New Business Report
- Rules Committee – Bubble Rule – See Committee Report

2nd Vice President (Steve Koliass)

- Next D2 meeting will be held December 16th.

Treasurer (Mike Fox)

Gary Reported

- Second payment on Ramsey County ice was made.
- Team Fees – All boys' teams have been notified of their fees; still working on the girls' fees.
- Paid Strauss Skates \$10,000 on the NSPAHA bill.
- A Motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Steve Koliass) to approve December 2007 Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Brad asked Gary to remind people that:

1. There is no smoking on school property; this includes outside of Polar Arena and parking lot. Police will be starting to issue tickets.
2. Please remind teams and parents that kids should not be running around inside of Polar Arena; Polar is not a dryland facility

Mike Fox

- No Report

Members' Forum

- Jim Engen was present talk about the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner:
 - Tentative date is March 9, 2008

- Need dining room and prep help from parents; teams; board members
 - Not expecting any price increases
 - Securing permits
 - Steamer at the Legion is gone
 - Possibility of including ticket prices in the team fees for 2008/2009
 - Will be getting a refrigerated truck again this year from Jerry's Foods.
- Bryan Lenton (Bantam A Coach) was present to make suggestions for Bantam tryouts next year
 - Make dryland part of the tryout process
 - Pay a nominal tryout fee
 - Declare what team they are trying out for (A, B or C).
 - Opt to not give a refund for those who tryout and make the high school team

Rich would like to have Player Development or Tryout Committee look at the process.

Director's Reports:

Peewee/D2 PeeWee Coordinator (Dewey Berglund)

- No Report

Bantam/Jr. Gold (Pat Manteuffel)

- No Report for Jr. Gold.
- No Report for Bantams

Squirt/Advance Mite (Josh Mortenson)

- No Report for Squirts
- Advanced Mites: Stated that he has list of referees for the games. Josh stated all have been called. Rich wanted to stress that he wants responsible people refereeing these games.

Equipment (Denay DeMars)

- A motion was made/seconded (Denay DeMars/Dennis Greeley) to purchase two (2) Shooter Tutors. Motion passed unanimously.

- Outdoor ice to start week of December 16th.
- Inquired about the number of pucks that will be needed for the A Tournament.

Player/Coach Development/ACE (Dennis Greeley)

- Coaches Manuals are out.
- Jeff Palmer Clinic has started and seems to be going very well

Volunteer (Joan Merritt)

- A Motion was made/seconded (Denay DeMars/Dennis Greeley) to give the following exemptions for the Mite I & II levels: Coaches (Head and Assistants) to get 24 total exemption hours total and Managers to get 6 total exemption hours (30 hours/Level). . Motion passed with a 7 to 4 vote.
- Would like to get a message out on the web saying that there are volunteer hours available if anyone still needs to fulfill their hours
- Wants to stress that it is the Manager's responsibility to get the hours filled when it is their week.
 1. Managers need to make the calls or e-mail parents if spots still are needed;
 2. They need to contact other Managers via phone or e-mail to see if they have parents that need hours

If needed, Rich will e-mail or call Managers to tell them what is expected of them or their checks will get cashed.

Registration (Kelly Starr)

- As of December 31st no movement allowed on teams

Ways & Means (Pete Orme)

- Still looking for sponsors for the tournament brochure. Will pass along any logos or ads that he gets to Chris Sindt.
- Talking to Target and Wal-Mart regarding sponsorships.

- Taco Feed: Had a 487 hard ticket count; has not received a bill from Acapulco yet; but working with them to get a final count and amount.

Tournaments (Chris Sindt)

- No Report

Girls Coordinator/HEP (Jim Krings)

- No Report

Initiation (Rick Kranz)

- Skating with the Varsity:
 - Mite I was held on December 7th and was very successful.
 - Mite II is schedule for February 4th
 - Advanced Mites are scheduled for February 1st
- Mites I & II: Skating with Santa will be held December 15th. Kids will receive
 - Hats (purchased by the parents)
 - Treat Bags – Thank you Theresa Dahlberg for doing those again this year)
- Jamboree for Mites I & II will be December 22nd and 23rd
- Looking for Level 1 Coaches Clinics – Steve Kolia will check with D2 to find out if any are available and will get back to Rick.
- Need to get receipts to Gary for reimbursement for 3 Level 1 Coaches
- HEP ratings on December 8th and 9th went well.

Committee reports:

Rules Committee:

- Bubble age – They do not want to make any changes for now, but will look at in the future.

New Business:

- Spring League
 - Biggest Competitor is Showcase. Would like to get the brochure that was handed out at the Board meeting into the rinks very soon.
 - Levels will be Mites, Squirts and Peewees
 - Girls will be able to skate at the Mite and Squirt levels
 - Games to be played at Tartan/Polar
 - Ice Fees are at \$145.00
 - Will keep the price the same for this year

January's Board meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on January 9, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion. [Note that the date was later changed to January 16, due to schedule conflicts for various Board members.]

Motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Mike Fox) to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Chris Tretsven
Secretary, NSPAHA