

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

Call to Order: Time: 8:32 p.m., July 16, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion  
Roll Call: Absent: Steve Koliias, Jason Chiarella  
Late: Dennis Greeley, Rich Hellquist, Josh Mortenson, Pat Manteuffel

**Officers Reports:**

Secretary (Chris Tretsven)

- A Motion was made/seconded (Dennis Greeley/Colleen Como) to approve June 2008 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

President (Steve Czech)

- No Report.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (David Epland)

- No Report.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Colleen Como reported on behalf of Steve Koliias)

- A Motion was made/seconded (Colleen Como/David Epland) to approve 2 sets of jerseys for the A & B Bantams not to exceed \$4,000.00. Jersey's to be CCM, Detroit Red Wing Style with iron on patch & number. The jerseys will be purchased through Strauss. Motion passed unanimously.

Accountant's Report (Gary Stadler)

- Gary handed out the July Financial Statements and gave a review.
- A motion was made/seconded (Mike Fox/Sandy Zappa) to approve July Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Mike Fox)

- No Report

**Members' Forum**

- Members were present in response to the Girls Merger proposal. See Girl's Director report.

## **Director's Reports:**

### Ice Scheduler (Colleen Como)

- Colleen is trying to meet with Tony.

### Peewee Coordinator (Josh Mortenson)

- No Report

### Bantam/Jr. Gold (Pat Manteuffel)

- No Report

### Squirt/Advanced Mite (Rick Kranz)

- Rick will be getting a committee together to discuss ways to recruit new kids.
- Advanced Mites – recommending we increase the fees and have more ice time for the Advanced Mites.
- NSPAHA will not be doing reduced hockey for Advanced Mites this year.
- A motion was made/seconded (Rick Kranz/David Epland) to offer free hockey for Mites I & II. provided they work 18 hours of volunteer time. Motion passed unanimously.

### Equipment (Steve Koliass/Josh Mortenson [Goalie Equipment])

- No Report

### Player/Coach Development/ACE/HEP (Dennis Greeley)

- Dennis brought up the concern for the numbers at the Squirt level and whether or not we can compete at an A Level. The Committee decided that it would be better developmental wise to have a B team that is competitive rather than an A team that may be less successful.
- A Motion was made/seconded (Dennis Greeley/David Epland) to have a B and 2 C teams at the Squirt level for 2008/2009. Motion passed.
- Will be meeting with Brad on the Fall Clinic.

### Volunteer (Chris Tretsven)

- Volunteer website is proceeding nicely, ready for testing phase.
- Chris is having a member tryout the system to see where there are any glitches
- Volunteer opportunities will be uploaded to the system before registration.

### Registration (Denise Kubiadowicz)

- Denise is looking at the possibility of doing the USA Hockey registration on-line this year.

### Ways & Means (Sandy Zappa)

- Sandy handed out a sheet on the NSPAHA Sponsorship Program detailing the different levels of packages that we offer.
- Sandy also handed out a letter that will be sent to local business that will be sent with the Sponsorship Program letter.

### Tournaments (Chris Sindt)

- Chris reported that a few more teams have entered the tournaments.

### Girls Coordinator (Jim Krings)

- Jim introduced Nate Smith, Tartan's Girl's Coordinator. Jim and Nate brought the proposal of a merger with Tartan for the 10U and 12U programs to the Board.

### Discussion:

- Can provide an A & B team at each level that can produce and compete.
- Minimum chance of waiving in or out
- Tartan would be host Association meaning that registration and ice scheduling would be done through Tartan.
- Hope that the girl's youth hockey experience is a memorable one.
- Because Tartan and NSPAHA are in the same school district, the girls will know one another.
- Members from NSPAHA Association were present to voice their opinions on the merger. Some of the members were in favor of the merger because it gave their daughter a place to play at her level without fear of being waived out. Some members were not in favor, they were concerned that their daughters would not be able to play together on a team.
- Concerns about NSPAHA losing the benefits of having the girl's number in the total count especially for ice purposes.
  
- A motion was made/seconded (Jim Krings/David Epland) for NSPAHA and Tartan 10U and 12U girl's program to merge for 2008/2009 with Tartan being the host Association. TNT will still be the logo. Motion was tabled until August.

### Initiation (Tim Franco [Mite I]/Jason Chiarella [Mite II])

#### Mite I

- No Report

#### Mite II

- No Report

Senior Advisor (Rich Hellquist):

- No Report

**Committee Reports:**

- Merchandise Committee - Committee will be meeting Titan Apparel on Friday, July 18. Looking at other vendors as well, Strauss, Spiritware.
- Fundraising Committee – Committee met with Brad Martinson from Polar Arena on Friday, July 11. Discussed different fundraising ideas during tournaments using the loft for outside vendors, offering skate sharpening, etc. Brad was ok with the idea as long as we don't take away sales from the Concession stand, leave exits open (to abide by the Fire Code), was ok with signs on the wood above the concessions or on the brick but NOT on the sheet rock.

**Old Business:**

- No Old Business

**New Business**

- **TNT Girl's Coop – see Girl's Director report.**
- **A & B Squirt Teams – See Player Development report.**

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. on August 13, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion.

A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Denise Kubiaticz) to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Chris Tretsven  
Secretary, NSPAHA