

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

Call to Order: Time: 8:30 p.m., June 11, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion
Roll Call: Absent: Chris Tretsven, Jim Krings

Officers Reports:

Secretary (Chris Tretsven)

- A Motion was made/seconded (Mike Fox/Colleen Como) to approve May 2008 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

President (Steve Czech)

- Steve went over the District 622 high school hours change for the 2008/2009 school year and how that effects the association on weekday evening ice times.

1st Vice President (David Epland)

- Dave will be updating the website for teams and coaches pages so he can add the new items.

2nd Vice President (Steve Koliass)

- Steve reported that MN Hockey District 2 ref fees will increase for regular games and tournaments and we will need to plan for that.

Accountant's Report (Gary Stadler)

- Gary handed out the May Financial Statements and gave a review. Gary had 3 items:
 1. Polar concession stand and vending machine revenue sharing with District 622 was discussed again with arena staff.
 2. Certificate of deposit is coming due. A motion was made/seconded (Rick Kranz/Mike Fox) to redeposit the original principle into a 6 month CD at Premier Bank at 3.3% and direct the interest proceeds back to the checking account. Motion passed unanimously.
 3. Gary asked Steve Koliass to look into the issue of Errors and Omissions insurance for the association with District 2. Steve will check on that and report back at the next meeting.
- A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Rick Kranz) to revert back to the 80/20 split in revenue sharing with District 622 for concession stand and vending machine profits. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made/seconded (Rick Kranz/Denise Kubiaticz) to approve May Treasurer's Report.

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Mike Fox)

- See Old Business
- I received a confirmation letter from Mark Jorgenson from MN Hockey that our Association will receive 12 starter equipment sets from the Xcel Energy/MN Wild Starter Equipment Grant Program. I will receive a notice later this summer with pick up.

Members' Forum

- No non-board members present had any comments or issues.

Director's Reports:

Ice Scheduler (Colleen Como)

- Colleen will meet with Tony in July to get going on it.

Peewee Coordinator (Josh Mortenson)

- No Report
- Josh had a suggestion that coaches look at Steve Carroll Goalie School to get information on how we could work with our goalies.

Bantam/Jr. Gold (Pat Manteuffel)

- Pat wants coaches to be involved in going over tryout procedures for Bantam/Peewee/Squirt to make sure coaches know what is happening.
- VFW is still on board to sponsor the VFW league fee for A Bantam but probably at a reduced level than in the past as their revenues are down.
- 16U looking for a coach, Steve Koliias mentioned that there is a parent interested for that position.

Squirt/Advanced Mite (Rick Kranz)

- Rick will get his committees together soon and start this year's plan.
- A motion was made/seconded (Rick Kranz/David Epland) to have Dave Dochniak run the Fall Clinic for the 3 levels of mites as the instructor at \$75/hour with a \$1,275 cap. Motion passed unanimously.
- Rick Kranz asked Steve Koliias to looking getting information on Level 1 Coach certification classes.

Equipment (Steve Koliias/Josh Mortenson [Goalie Equipment])

- See New Business Report

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

- Dennis is wrapping up coaches for Fall Clinic for Squirt/Peewee/Bantams. Looking to distribute the flyer about 3 weeks prior to the start, about Mid-August.
- Putting a 10,000 shot challenge on the website for summer player development.

Volunteer (Chris Tretsven)

- No Report

Registration (Denise Kubiadowicz)

- Denise secured dates at NSP Community Center for this season's registration as follows: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 registration opens at 5:00 running through 7:30 pm
Thursday, September 4, 2008 registration opens at 5:00 running through 7:30 pm (please be aware that the NSP Community Center closes promptly at 8:00 pm) and
Saturday, September 6, 2008 registration opens at 9:00 - Noon.
A late Mite registration will be scheduled at Polar Arena in late October as in the past years.

Ways & Means (Sandy Zappa)

- Got a verbal ok with fundraiser from prior years to continue again this year, will be set up at registration as before.
- Sandy getting acclimated with corporate sponsorships for the Association and looking for ways to recognize sponsors in the arena and website.
- Starting Taco Feed planning for this year, possibly using the VFW as a venue.

Tournaments (Chris Sindt)

- Chris looking into prizes for chuck-a-puck instead of cash
- Has 2 teams registered for 'C' tournament already.
- Brought up the idea of new items for the concession stand for tournaments as a way to increase sales with some better choices. Mike Fox to look into what our limited food service license will allow.

Girls Coordinator (Jim Krings)

- No Report

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

- No Report

Senior Advisor (Rich Hellquist):

- Rich brought up the girls program with Tartan

- Steve Czech mentioned that a new Girls Coordinator at Tartan and Tartan President have made some headway on the situation and are continuing to work on issues. Jim Krings is involved as well.
- Still working on the outstanding jersey bill from last year, the expectation is that Tartan will come forward with their payment.

Committee Reports:

- Merchandise Committee - Sandy looking into merchandise and how to handle that for the upcoming season, looking at various vendors

Old Business:

1. Updates on Concession stand manager and food service manager license.
 - Mike Fox has secured the services of Greg and Marcia Schuyler as Concession Stand Managers for the upcoming season. He will assist them in getting acclimated once we get going. They will be credited with a family volunteer exemption. They have a bantam and a squirt.
 - Mike Fox has also secured Sue Walters from Hometown Creamery to take over as the Food Service Manager License holder for the Polar Concession Stand. He plans to meet with her as we get closer to the season and go over our cleaning and serving procedures at the concession stand. She has lots of experience with visits from the Health Inspector. He offered the Walters a one child volunteer exemption. This can be reevaluated as the season progresses to see if this is fair.

New Business

1. Equipment Needs (Jerseys) for Bantams
 - Tabled the Bantam jersey issue until next meeting and talk to Sandy about merchandise and see if there is a merchandise vendor that could handle jerseys too.
2. Non-parent coach expenses
 - Steve Koliias raised the issue of expenses of non-parent coaches at out-of-town tournaments (hotel, meals, gas).
Discussion - Majority feeling that the Association would offer those coaches first opportunity to run Fall Clinic for a fee as a way to help compensate for these expenses. Majority feeling that last year expenses presented was water under the bridge, and that going forward we have more of a plan.
3. Committee Meetings
 - David Epland encouraged committees to meet soon and start planning for the season; much work needs to happen over the summer to prepare for the season.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. on July 9, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion. Steve Czech suggested a move for the next meeting to July 16 at the VFW, Chris Tretsven will check into the availability of that date and send an email confirmation to all.

A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Mike Fox) to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Mike Fox
Treasurer, NSPAHA