

**North St. Paul Area Hockey Association
December 9, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Time: 8:07 PM, December 9, 2009 @ NSP American Legion
Roll Call: Absent: Pat Manteuffel, Mike Zamacona, Jason Chiarella Chris Tretsven
Late: Steve Koliass

A Quorum was not present at the start of the meeting. The meeting was started with the Member's Forum. All Motions were done when Steve Koliass arrived to make a Quorum.

Officers Reports:

Secretary (Chris Tretsven)

- A Motion was made/seconded (Julie Wagner/Sandy Zappa) to approve November 2009 meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

President (Steve Czech)

- Spaghetti Dinner is 3/14/2010- Steve Czech mentioned we need all hands on deck to help out with planning, setup and clean up for that day. Wanted the event promoted heavily at the mite level as last year there was a lack of participation from that group. Steve passed around a sign up sheet. He will be getting tickets printed and distributed to teams after the first of the year.

1st Vice President (David Epland)

- David wanted to mention to officers and directors to step in and not be afraid to approach bad parent behavior when it is witnessed. It is in our Association's best interest to make sure our parents act properly at the rink.

2nd Vice President (Steve Koliass)

- Nothing to report for D2.
- Steve wanted to stress that any coaches on the ice must have chin straps and have them fastened.
- Steve started a discussion on our Association gate fees for our hosted tournaments. In the end we will be better informed on how to handle next season.

Accountant's Report (Gary Stadler)

- Gary went over the December 2009 Financial Report. He highlighted revenue items, he gave an update on Beer Bash and Fall Clinic. We did ok versus the budgeted amounts for these events.
- A motion was made/seconded (Rick Kranz/David Epland) to approve the December 2009 Financial Report as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Mike Fox)

- Concession stand sales are picking up as there are more games and High School is starting..

- Concession stand passed a recent health inspector visit, need a thermometer to monitor hot dog temperatures.

Members' Forum

- Parent members present, but presented no issues.

Director's Reports:

Ice Scheduler (Julie Wagner)

- No Report.

Squirt Coordinator (Mike Zamacona)

- No Report.

Peewee Coordinator (Rick Kranz)

- Squirts all doing well, Advanced mites are playing other district teams, Santa with the mites will be on the 19th. Polar Pals has started.

Bantam Coordinator (Josh Mortenson)

- No Report.

Jr. Gold Coordinator (Pat Manteuffel)

- Steve Czech reported for Pat Manteuffel who was absent that the 16U and Jr. Gold B teams are off and running, teams are full.

Girls Coordinator (Erick Larson)

- Girls' teams going ok. Erick will get an invoice for our part of the jerseys.

Initiation - Mite I & II (Bill Klingbeil)

- Bill brought up volunteer hours for Mite coaches-managers. Also mentioned parents did not want to sign up for volunteer hours. Officers stated that volunteer hours are required and parents need to sign up for concession stand shifts that need to be covered. High School games are no exception and have high priority. Discussion about next season making it a requirement for Free Hockey parents work only High School game concession stand to get free hockey.

Initiation - Advanced Mite (Jason Chiarella)

- No Report.

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

- No Report.

Player/Coach Development (Dennis Greeley)

- Trying to coordinate Brian Hartman, parent volunteer, to work with Association goalies.

Volunteer (Chris Tretsven)

- No Report.

Registration (Denise Kubiadowicz)

- Acceleration MN is offering NSPAHA a discount for groups of 6 or more for hockey training.
- NEEDS PAPERWORK FOR COACHS TO GET REGISTERED.

Ways & Means (Sandy Zappa)

- Beer Bash went ok, made over \$500, those attended had a good time.

Tournaments (Jeanna Hinderer)

- A Squirt Tournament needs one team to fill at 12 teams, thanks to Steve Czech for recruiting the new teams. Tournament tee shirts are on the online store and are getting some orders.
- Online store has over \$1,100 in sales with the Association getting a 10% return. Jeanne sent over 125 requests for tournament sponsorship-ad placement and got no response.

Senior Advisor (Rich Hellquist):

- No Report.

Committee Reports:

- No Report.

Old Business:

- No Report.

New Business

- A Motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Steve Koliass) to approve donation of \$250 (Matched by Tartan Area Youth Hockey) to North St Paul Food Shelf in the name of Polar Arena Founders to be presented at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Polar Arena on Dec 19th. Motion passed.
- Player recruiting – Dave Epland brought up an idea he saw at Harding. Steve Czech wanted mite parents to meet and brainstorm on new player recruiting and become more involved in the board activities going forward, so that they are aware of where the Association is going in future years. Idea about having a midseason free skate day, Julie Wagner mentioned she may have hours to allot to this. Possibly having a split mite season to get more kids involved. Get in front of area kindergarten classes somehow and heavily promote hockey. High School girls have expressed interest in working with any of our girl teams to assist in coaching and recruiting. Dave Epland mentioned working with NSP,

Maplewood and Oakdale Park and Recreation to possibly tap their rosters of players from other sports. Steve Czech wants something to get going this year.

- General discussion on Association player injuries. The message from the board down to level directors and coaches is to make sure we err on the side of caution with all injuries especially with head injuries.
- Discussion on rule changes made at the October meeting. Mike Fox to forward notes to Dave Epland for review and update and posting of the new version to the website.

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on January 13, 2010 at the NSP American Legion.

A motion was made/seconded (David Epland/Rick Kranz) to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Mike Fox
Treasurer