

POLAR PRIDE

North St. Paul Area Hockey Association

October 2004

Welcome Letter from the President:

Dear Parents/Guardians and Players:

Welcome to the 2004-05 season of North St. Paul Area youth hockey. This is my 10th year as a member of the NSPAHA and I have been actively involved in the Board of Directors for the past 6 years. I have observed many positive improvements to the program the past several years.

Our ultimate goal is to improve the hockey skills for our girls and boys at all levels. We must continue to develop confident hockey players that are proud of themselves and their association.

As we prepare for the 2004-05 season, I would like to acknowledge our Board of Directors, who are working hard to make this year exciting and safe for your hockey players.

Jamie Johnson	1 st Vice
Pat Manteuffel	2 nd Vice/Jr. Gold Director
Tim Cole	Secretary
Gary Stadler	Treasurer
Tony Giunta	Ice Scheduler
Steve Czech	Major Team Director
Jim Krings	Girls Team Director
Bob Mularie	C Team/Asst. Jr. Gold Director
David Epland	Publicity/Asst. Ice Director
Steve Koliass	Equipment/Asst. Tournament Director
Bonnie Ugro	Volunteer Director
Deb Helseth	Registration Director
Chad Tylka	Ways & Means Director
Dave Blesener	Tournament/Asst. Equipment Director
Peter Koller	Adv. Mites/Volunteer Director
Gary Glaus	2 nd yr. Mites/Registration/Volunteer Director
Rick Kranz	1 st yr. Mites/Registration Director
Jim Engen	Senior Advisor

Also, I would like to acknowledge the many volunteers that have worked hard over the years to benefit your children and make NSPAHA youth hockey what it is today. It would not be here without their efforts. Thank you.

Again, this year, we will adhere to the following:

- ✦ Encouraging good sportsmanship to all players, coaches & officials at every game, practice or NSPAHA event.
- ✦ Insisting on a safe and healthy environment for our children to play
- ✦ Placing the emotional and physical well-being of the children ahead of a personal desire to win.
- ✦ Supporting coaches and officials working with our children to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- ✦ Demanding a drug, alcohol and tobacco free sports environment for our children .
- ✦ Remembering the game is for the children and not for the adults.
- ✦ Doing our very best to make NSPAHA sports fun for all children.
- ✦ Treating other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- ✦ Promising to help the children enjoy their hockey experience this year by providing transportation and being a respectful fan.

Be sure to watch the website www.nsp hockey.org for information regarding upcoming events, how the teams are doing, fund raisers, meetings and important announcements. Remember the Board meets every first Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. at the NSP American Legion and all are invited to attend. I look forward to seeing you all at the rink. Let's play hockey!!

Rich Hellquist, President
NSPAHA

We are waiting for you.
(Bring a friend)
NSPAHA – Late
Registration

If you have any questions please call:

1st Yr Mites:

Rick Kranz (651) 747-8485

2nd Yr Mites:

Gary Glaus (651) 770-1815

Advance Mites: Peter Koller (651) 777-9595



Attention Coaches!!!

Coaching Education Reminders!!

- 1) CEP Stickers from 01-02 have expired. Time to renew.
- 2) The requirements are:
 - A. Mite Level 1
 - B. Squirts Level 1 & 2
 - C. Pee Wees Level 1&2&3
 - D. Bantams through JrC Level 1&2&3
 - E. Jr A & B Level 4



Level 4 coaches are exempt from further requirements. All other levels need to re certify after 3 years or move up a level. Level 3 certification is available on line through the USA Hockey web site. All coaches need to be certified to the proper level.

- 3) Lost Card? A form for replacement is available on the Minnesota Hockey Web site in the coaches section.
- 4) Clinics are listed on the USA Hockey Web site www.usahockey.org You can link from our site also. Currently only four clinics are listed. Many more clinics will be posted in the next several weeks.
- 5) You have until late December to attain the proper level.

If you need questions please direct them to your District Head Coach. A list of the coaches can be found on www.minnesotahockey.org in the coaches section.

**"Gold Plate Dinner" Indian Hill
Country Club December 6th
Mark you calendar.**

**Our next Board meeting is
Wednesday November 3rd @
8:00pm at NSP American Legion.**

**Fundraiser Pickup -
Wednesday, October 27th -
Polar**

**NSPAHA members should pick up
their fundraiser merchandise at
Polar Arena, Wednesday,
October 27th between 6 - 8 pm.**

**D2 Mandatory!! Coaches/Manager
Meetings
*Mandatory D2 meeting. One
coach and manager must attend!***

**Coaches and Managers are required to
attend a mandatory D2 meeting:**

**Tuesday, October 26th, 6:30 pm,
Tartan High School. This meeting is
for all Boys A, B, B2 and Girls 14UA,
12UA and 12UB Teams .**

**Wednesday, November 17th, 6:30 pm,
North High School. This meeting is for
all Boys C, Pony and Girls 10UB
Teams.**

North Girls Hockey - Vikings Football Party and Dinner

North High Girls Hockey Polar Club Presents.....

Vikings
FOOTBALL PARTY
Vs
The Green Bay Packers

Sunday, November 14th, 2004
2:30-6:30pm North St. Paul
V.F.W

Dinner served from 2:30pm Kick-
off at 3:15pm

Italian Dinner Provided By
The World Famous Little
Venetian of Little Canada



Vikings on multiple wide screen TVs
Great Italian food
Silent auction

TICKETS \$7.00 - CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE

Turkey raffle
Fiesta Ware sale

Come join the fun and cheer on your Minnesota Vikings
All proceeds to benefit North High Girls Hockey

Tickets available from all North High Girls Hockey Team Members or
call
651-748-0203

North St. Paul Area Hockey Association

September 8, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 8:10 pm Wednesday, September 8, 2004 @ the NSP American Legion

Roll Call: Absent: Jamie Johnson

Officers' Reports

Secretary (Tim Cole)

- A motion was made/seconded (David Epland / Pat Manteuffel) to approve August's meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

President (Rich Hellquist)

- Lou Danna wants to send his thanks to everyone in the NSPAHA organization for their support of his fundraiser.

1st Vice President (Jamie Johnson)

- No report.

2nd Vice President (Pat Manteuffel)

- This will be the last year for the Pony League as it currently exists. More to come later.
- D2 is attempting to allow Mites to travel outside of their district. The soonest we would see a change would be next season.

Treasurer (Gary Stadler)

- A motion was made/seconded (Gary Stadler / Jim Engen) to purchase coaches jackets for all traveling teams. The motion is for two jackets for each of the following teams: Squirts, Peewee, Bantam, Girls 10U, 12U 14U and Pony. This includes all A, B, and C teams. Jackets would also be purchased for the mite head coaches (1st year, 2nd year and Advanced) and for board members. Motion passed.

Directors' Reports

Ice Scheduler (Tony Giunta)

- Coaches need to notify Tony as soon as they know tournament dates.

Major Teams (Steve Czech)

- Fall clinic numbers are down slightly.
- A motion was made and seconded (Steve Czech/Jim Engen) to allocate \$5,000 to player development funds to pay Scott Steffens to work with our players. The motion carried.
- We are still looking for coaches at all levels.

Girls Team (Jim Krings)

- All the girls' teams are looking good.
- A 14U team is possible this year. We may need to pull one or two players up to fill a roster.

"C" Team (Bob Mularie)

- No report.

Publicity (David Epland)

- We are running an ad on the District 622 cable channel for registration.
- Mailed out postcards to all 2003-04 skaters informing them of registration.
- Distributed 2,000 flyers to K – 3 elementary schools.

Equipment (Steve Koliass)

- A letter was sent out to all goalies requesting a new deposit check.

Volunteer (Bonnie Ugro)

- Parents will be opening and closing the concession stand.
- Merchandise will be available to order at all registration times. Additional dates will be announced later.

Registration (Deb Helseth)

- Registration is going great.

Ways & Means (Chad Tyka)

- The fund raisers are progressing nicely.
- Gold Plate dinner tickets will be available the night of registration.
- We will be in need of silent auction items. We will be asking each team to donate a themed basket again this year.

Tournaments (Dave Blesener)

- “A” Squirt tournament is ½ full.
- The February tourney is filling in quick. The Squirts are already filled.
- A photographer has been lined up.

Advanced Mites (Peter Koller)

- A motion was made/seconded (Peter Koller/Steve Koliass) to approve Rick Murnane as the head Pony coach. The motion carried.

2nd Year Mites (Gary Glaus)

- We should look into skating chairs for 1st year skaters.

1st Year Mites (Rick Kranz)

- No report

Jr. Gold (Pat Manteuffel)

- No report.

Old Business

New Business

Open Forum

Dean Talafous made a presentation about the benefits of Total Hockey to the board. He would like to invite all NSPAHA coaches and teams to visit his locations. Total Hockey would work with each team on special rates if they are interested. www.totalhockeyusa.com

October's Board meeting will be held at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at the Polar Arena.

Motion was made/seconded (Dave Epland / Jim Engen) to adjourn the meeting at 10:27pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tim Cole
Secretary, NSPAHA

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