

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

Call to Order: Time: 8:00 p.m., October 8, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion  
Roll Call: Absent: David Epland; Rich Hellquist  
Late: Dennis Greeley

**Officers Reports:**

**Secretary (Chris Tretsven)**

- A Motion was made/seconded (Pat Manteuffel/Chris Sindt) to approve September 2008 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**President (Steve Czech)**

- Steve wanted to thank all the Players for the way they handled themselves in the locker rooms, there were no problems, Parents for their patience and the Volunteers who helped out at the tryouts. Everyone did an outstanding job.

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

- No Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Steve Kolas)**

- Just a reminder that the mandatory A & B Coach/Manager Meeting for D2 is October 14th at Tartan. Registration begins at 5:30 pm; meeting time is 6:30 pm
- Coaches clinics are available on the D2-USA hockey website. There are currently clinics in November for Level 1-3.
- D1 will be joining D2 for inter-league games for 2008/2009 season at the Peewee and Bantam levels.
- A motion was made/seconded (Steve Kolas/Pat Manteuffel) to approve the nomination of the following head coaches. Motion passed unanimously:
  1. Gary Blom - B Bantam
  2. Dennis Greeley - C Bantam Red
  3. Dave Blesener - C Bantam White
  4. Jim Rubbelke - B Peewee
  5. Matt Moore - C Peewee Red
  6. Bob Fischbach - C Peewee White
  7. Marc Michel - C Squirt Red
  8. Eric McCarver - C Squirt White

**Accountant's Report (Gary Stadler)**

- Gary handed out the October 2008 Financial Statements and gave a review.
- Gary gave a recap on Fall Clinic and an overview from the past 5 years. The Net Income (gain) for

2008 was the best we've had from 2004-2008.

- Reported on the 2008 Midwest Fundraiser buyout total. Basically a fundraiser for families to defer some of the cost of hockey.

### Treasurer's Report (Mike Fox)

- Concession stand is open, stocked and running. Thanks again to Brad and his staff for the help they give to the concession stand throughout the year.
- We have 12 starter sets from the Xcel Energy Center/Minnesota Wild hockey equipment program. Will put in the Mezzanine and to be given to the 1st year mites at the coaches discretion if they see a child that needs equipment. We can also use for raffle or silent auction items.
- A motion was made/seconded (Mike Fox/Pat Manteuffel) to approve October Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

### Members' Forum

- Brad Martinson was present and had the following:
  1. Brad wanted to congratulate the Tryout Committee on how the tryouts went. He felt they went very well from the Arena Staff point of view.
  2. Smoking Policy - wanted to reiterate that no smoking is allowed on school grounds; that includes in front of and in the parking lot of Polar Arena. There is a possibility of citations being handed out to violators by local law enforcement.
  3. There seems to be some confusion on locker room key procedure - Keys are handed out to managers or coaches only. Once the key is signed out, it is to be kept for the length of the practice or game. No parents are to sign them out.
- Brad also wanted to remind people that the mezzanine can be used for meeting and party purposes. The only thing he asks is to pick up the room after its use.
- A question came up about having a wipe board for miscellaneous items for sale in the concession stand. Brad said that it's possible but that the register would need to be updated with the item for sale.
- A member was present to bring up some long range considerations by the Board for next year:
  1. Fall clinic - Consider putting more than one coach on the ice for the mites/younger levels.
  2. Tryouts - they start earlier and earlier each year. They tend to encroach on other fall sports. Consider moving to 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October.
  3. Reinstating separate goalie tryouts - a comment was made by a Board Member saying they tried that but can't find enough qualified people to rate the goalies.
  4. Development of coaches - have more experienced coaches work with newer coaches throughout the summer. Maybe pick coaches sooner so they can take workshops and clinics.
  5. More communication on the budget. Where does the money from the base fees go. What makes up Team Fees vs. Base Fees.

## **Director's Reports:**

### Ice Scheduler (Colleen Como)

- Tony and Colleen got together and have October ice completed. Unable to do November yet but will talk to Tony to see if they can get at least the first week out.

### Peewee Coordinator (Josh Mortenson)

- Wanted to remind everyone about the Steve Carroll Coaches Clinic on October 12<sup>th</sup>. It's designed to help coaches work with their goalies.
- Disappointed about the player waived in playing at the Peewee A Level.

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

- Tryout teams are now posted and felt tryouts went very well. Pat wanted to thank everyone for all their help.
- Looking for a coach for Jr. Gold/16U team. Will have something put out on the website. Has one candidate that said he would step up if needed. Will be conducting interviews in the next few weeks.
- Pat needs to sit down with VFW about money needed for the VFW League for the A Bantams. Will get with Mike and sit down with them to talk.

### Squirt/Advanced Mite (Rick Kranz)

- 112 kids for Mites I, II and Advanced Mites are registered. We will be having a few more sign ups during the course of the next few weeks.
- A motion was made/seconded (Rick Kranz/Denise Kubiawicz) to approve the following coaches for Advanced Mites: Tom Michel, Rick Murnane, Mike Smith, Pete Donovan and Tom Wheeler (8U girls team). Motion passed unanimously:

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

- No Report

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

- Looking into a coach's clinic to come out to Polar. We would need to supply 1 hour of ice and would be able to take up to 23 coaches. Would like to set something up at the end of October
- Coaches Books - would like to get to the Mite I & II coaches. Will coordinate with Tim, Jason and Rick.
- HEP Stuff coming soon
- Advanced Mite Cross Ice practices - would like to sit down with Rick. Diane Ness (has a grandchild in NSPAHA) has offered to come help the skaters. Also would like to donate a skating package for any

upcoming events.

#### Volunteer (Chris Tretsven)

- No Report

#### Registration (Denise Kubiadowicz)

- Denise reported that she signed up 22 more kids on the late registration date 10/6.

#### Ways & Means (Sandy Zappa)

- Helmet stickers are in and for sale. Would like to see what the possibility is of selling them at the concession stand.
- Taco Feed is November 2<sup>nd</sup> and we are ready to go. We will have water and pop to sell as well as door prizes to be given away.

#### Tournaments (Chris Sindt)

- Things are going good. Have a couple dropouts but feels we can fill those spots quickly.

#### Girls Coordinator (Jim Krings)

- Estimated numbers for 2008/2009 girls are as follows:
- 10U – they have 11 regular players and 1 goalie. May have to move mites up to get to approximately 14 skaters or look to D2 to pick up skaters.
- 12U – Tryouts are finished and they had 18 regular players and 1 goalie skating. 12 U team took 15 skaters and would waiver 3 girls to Roseville to skate. As of right now 1 girl will skate with Roseville and 2 have asked for refunds.
- 14U – Waiting for High School tryouts to end. Tryouts to begin in early November. They are doing a coop with the following teams: Tartan has 2 girls; NSPAHA have 6 regular players and 2 goalies; Roseville has 9 skaters; Mounds View has 11 skaters. Roseville to be the host.

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

##### Mite I (Tim Franco)

- No Report

##### Mite II (Jason Chiarella)

- No Report

#### Senior Advisor (Rich Hellquist):

- No Report

**Committee Reports:**

**Manager's Committee:**

- Mandatory Manager's meeting set for Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 -8:45 pm.
- Would like the names and e-mail addresses/phone number to talk to them about the best candidate possible to manage their team.

**Old Business:**

- No Report

**New Business**

- All New Business was discussed under the Officer's and Director's Reports.

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on November 12, 2008 @ the North St. Paul American Legion.

A motion was made/seconded (Dennis Greeley/Mike Fox) to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Tretsven". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C".

Chris Tretsven  
Secretary