

Northfield Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2018, 6:30 PM
1700 Cannon Boulevard, Northfield, MN 55057

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Roll Call/Quorum

Members Present: Chris Kennelly; Robb Kasal; Julie Kasel; Eric Frank; Dan Shimota; Teresa Sparks; Andy Beaham; Gina Fossum; Cory Miller; Dawn Patterson; Angie Perez; Matthew Rich Jane Marnholtz; Brittney

Absent: Chris Sorenson; Kyle Willkomm; Nicole Schmidt

Old Business: Minutes for July Meeting approved.

Board Updates:

President: Chris Kennelly

Dan and Nicole are approved on the signature block. 3 on there for now. Robb will get on later.

Robb can go to 1st National and Julie will bring it there.

Bantam level options. Parents meeting last week. Numbers fine but no goalies. Most viable option is co-op with Faribault. Not many other viable options. Goalies from Faribault may want to come here but wouldn't be released at this time with co-op option.

Bantam Parent meeting discussion - 1 already signed off. One goalie parent from here, formerly w/Faribault could play here. Looking at the positives, kids would be playing at the level they should be playing at, and it helps with quality of play issues. It is a 1 year deal with the numbers so with civic center and bantams merging would it be an issue? Not necessarily, could message that Faribault kids coming here to play.

Other Bantam merger discussion/ concerns from board members - Would need to work with team bonding. Cost concerns are that Faribault covers more; could we go to the district rep to alleviate losing money Concerns about purchasing less ice time? No, as bantam ice is still being purchased in Faribault. Options have been alleviated with calling to find other goalies. We can find something for our parents to do to help raise money. Ice time w/Faribault ice is less expensive and is more plentiful and not on every night at 9pm; meeting in middle will help offset costs. There would be tryouts and splitting the teams accordingly. There will be equal representation from both Faribault and Northfield. Not using Faribault or Northfield jerseys is something completely new. We would order a summer hockey type jersey and would be a neutral color. VFW usually donates money and would combine Faribault and Northfield. Sweatshirt and no warm ups? Letterman is 4-5 week lead time to get jerseys shipped in and are \$37 a piece. Have contact at K1. \$37 – 38 a piece. Practice jerseys – Need to check on these. Screen printed jerseys for games. Black and gold? Eric says have a spot for jerseys to get lined up. There would be 3 teams and 4 goalies and the goalie can be moved but we wouldn't rotate them. Need to develop budget for the 3 Bantam teams. Faribault has done this before with the girls. It is a 1 year deal. Might need to come back to the board as far as cost per player. Permission to move forward at this time? Will need several meetings to hammer out registration, uniforms, etc. District Coordinator would like Bantam decision updates. 3 teams would be on co-op. A team, B and B2 team. If C team, could be more competitive.

Vote on Motion to approve the Bantam level with Faribault with goal of having 3 teams.

Committee members would be Chris and Eric and Gina as needed. Andy volunteered to be on. Keep fundraising separate and DIBS separate. Unanimous vote passed.

Cannon River Civic Center discussion– Imminent Brewing Aug 29th 6 – 8pm – family friendly location. Presentation and Q & A's at the event. Get out the vote committee will get the word out and knocking on doors etc. Get out for the kids campaign between schools and civic center. Future site sign suggestion. 1 info session at current arena, 1 at Chapel or Corner Bar in Dundas. Need to get the word out and educate with school referendum also being on the ballot. High school will gain from this as well. What could they be doing? Northfield Hospital uses for a book fair etc. Current arena not friendly for the current elderly or handicap population. Doesn't affect Dundas property taxes and it is close proximity to them. Next one to figure out is Dundas. On Sept 17th able to fill in for Andy. Julie can help. Order more hockey yard signs? Put your hockey signs out with mass email.

VP/Equipment Mgr/Girls Coordinator: Robb Kasal (Interim: Corey Butler & Jaime Paukert, Brittney)

Questions – 2 teams for U10? Knows more are enrolling. Numbers for 2 teams? Need to pick up 5 girls for 2 teams. 16 U10s now and 2 more and move U8s to make 2 teams isn't enough either. If 10 numbers grow, then look at moving top U10s to U12s assuming we don't add new skaters. Robb will watch registration numbers.

Treasurer: Nichole Schmidt

Absent – Report sent via email

Audited financials are complete – will get those this week and manually enter all our checks and deposits from 5/1/18 through last week. Once done will send out July year to date financials, with a copy of the 990 to approve at the next board meeting.

July financials were sent via email 8/24 with the following:

New Updated 990 – we need to officially “Accept” at the next board meeting

Audited Financial Statements – April 2018 – Need available to the public on the website
2018 Secretary of State filing

Secretary/Public Relations: Dawn Patterson (Interim: Teresa Sparks)

Pictures are the Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving (2 nights).

Registration banner will be put up at Ames park September 10th -24th.

Program Coordinator: Eric Frank

No Report

Registrar: Gina Fossum

Gina – Registration: Everyone should look at the handbook. Update with interim members.

Look at by next meeting . Chris – did get bylaws online. Processing fees for Bantams start right away, will iron out. Can't turn off Bantam portion of registration. Register at home and do the partial payment. Transaction fee is based on total.

Prior year 2 Banam players that went to Faribault last year will pay Faribault prices since they were there last year. Cory Butler is the primary contact and Jamie will help him out.

Sports Collaborative discussion – does our scholarship funding- last year NHA ate 14K. Player pays 30% and NHA eats 70%. 1st year families do no fundraising, but do concessions. Come up with a form to say yes going to do fundraising? If you don't do concessions or fundraising, NHA cashes your check? Min is \$200. 16 scholarships last year. Pizza fundraising – do 2? Repeat 5-7 each year need scholarships. CAC is running out of \$. CAC does it for all the sports in Northfield. CAC gets money from donations. Allow people to register that will be paying 30%. Tie to DIB hours. By registration, you are agreeing to do fundraising. Former enforcing on certain things with fundraising was a struggle. Financial issues to start. Can't force someone to gamble – is it legality issues? All will be subject to needing to do fundraising and it will be put in the handbook.

Ice Chair: Kyle Willkomm (Interim: Jillian Werner)

Absent – Report sent via email

Ice Report-

- 11/10 Try hockey free is during a tournament. Jane should work time of day out with Julie within tourney schedule.
- Mini-mites/u6 will be 9:15am sat, 3:30pm sun this year. Grant Schmidt agrees those times will be better.
- Reference previous message on Shattuck hours and waiver.
- Reference previous message on Puck drop date and time. Conflicts with notes from previous meeting. The date I sent is the first day of ice. If you have Puck Drop before then it will be a non skate event and we should just change the name to registration shouldn't we?
- Many questions on how scheduling will be handled for combined Bantam teams.
- Also wondering how revenue and ice costs work with coop teams but assume that will be discussed in the meeting and be in the notes

Coach Coordinator: Cory Miller

No Report

Concessions: Angie Perez

No Report

Fundraising: Dan Shimota

Pizza fundraisers (2) – 1 at Puck Drop and 2nd round end of Jan Jesse James Days. Will email with Sunday Jesse James Days and puck drop event \$600 upped donation.

Cash raffle - Will get ready with the state. State gambling board suggested Northfield fire department should avoid doing it the night of bingo, since it is gambling event. Bingo to start week after Jesse James Days.

Bingo DIBS hours and Beer bash DIBS hours needed.

Recruiting and Retention: Jane Marnholtz

Puck drop event and what we need to do with the DIBS. Promise Fair had 2 families not a lot of trans – good partnership with skating school.

Puck drop event discussion - call it registration? is Sept 24th 3 hours and one hour of ice with that - practices start evening of Sept 23rd. Try hockey free time to be considered. Novice families

would take a long time to get ready for ice time. Julie will work on tournament schedule – Try hockey free has to be on Saturday. There is ice but won't be getting it finished. Talk to Allison to get it done. Dawn to email her about that and about the times Sunday 4 to 7. Mini mites get rental equipment then also. Nice to get volunteers with that and DIBS time to offer with that. 20 sets to be handed out. Get items sized appropriately.

Tournament Coordinator: Julie Kasal

Julie updates – sending out an email. Have gotten some registrations for Squirts, girls 4 openings. Will work on scheduling and will touch base with Matt. Will reach out to Laura for the parents with home tournaments. Tournament t-shirts will help raise money. No where for photographer to set up at tournaments. Tournament coverage and cost of photographer. Will try to get them out around Season Puck drop to see if they can scope it out for set up of Tournament pictures. Dan suggested someone who could take pictures if it doesn't work out with a photographer. Would like to add to tournament language to get parents ready. Georges, El Tequila, etc want this to be on the brochures and add hotels. Anything would help.

Webmaster: Matthew Rich-

Working on cleaning up website pages.

Past President/Arena Committee: Chris Sorenson

No report

D9 Representative: Andy Beaham

District Coordinator would like updates on Bantams. 3 teams would be on co-op. A team, B and B2 team.

Order more hockey yard signs? Put your hockey signs out with mass email

Adjourn: 8:29pm

Next Meeting 9/17