

NHA Meeting Minutes 8/16/2023

6:07 Meeting called to order

Board Members Present: Teresa Sparks, Ryan Sabyan, Brittany Ellerbusch, Victoriya Lemke, Nichole Schmidt, Maegen Storm, Sarah Belcourt, Heather Poepping, Rachel Trnka, Chris Kennelly, Brittney Hubbard, Jon Paulson, Matt Tschida, Kari Engle

Meeting minutes from July approved.

Summer Hockey Recap- Good turnout. Goalie and skills clinics were an ok turnout, received good feedback from those who were able to attend. Puck challenge low participation. Can try more ways to encourage this next summer. Breakeven is the goal for the summer program.

Back to Hockey Event Recap- Sold 1100 raffles tickets, 30 pizzas, exceeded expectations. Received positive feedback. 27 kids fit for fittings for rentals. Able to donate 129lbs of food to the Community Action Center.

Registration update- 96 registrations so far for the season. All information updated on the website for the season.

Co-op update- A tournament for all levels of girls' hockey will be in Faribault. No teams in New Prague at U12 or U15, and other surrounding communities are not having girls' teams so we are waivers coming here. We are in year 3 of 3 of the co-op agreement. Next year there will be another vote on the next 3 years.

Operations Update: projected numbers, tryouts, move ups- 2 Bantam teams, 3 Pee Wee teams, 3 Squirt teams. We have larger teams at the bantam and pee wee levels. No floating goalies this year. Move up policy adjustments. If you are a top 3 player on the top team at that level, you would be considered to move up unless numbers are needed. Play with level you are at for younger players. Tryouts week before MEA and Squirts are the week after MEA.

Equipment-\$700 in Dick's gift cards coming. One more jersey fitting date – Aug 30 and 2 more equipment fittings Sept 18th and 21st. Level Coordinators can collect dibs checks.

USA Hockey Background checks/SafeSport- Links and information will be sent out and everyone should have their requirements completed by the next board meeting.

Financials/Budget-242 skaters budgeted, several tournaments are registered for the season, some dibs checks remain from last season to clear. Some summer payments have gone out. Last summer coaching payments still pending.

Ice Scheduling-All game slots are done and we are short about 25 slots. Can we do St Olaf and Faribault ice slots? Look at Shattuck and Faribault options.

SafeSport/Locker Rooms-Per team monitoring. Scheduling slots are drafted. Coach/team manager presenting at team meeting to take volunteers and set expectations. No dibs, cost for background will

be reimbursed. Squirts/U10 and up levels need locker room monitoring. Pre tryouts level coordinators help.

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Ford Auto Drive- Come down to test drive a Ford. \$10 per driver.

Raider Hockey Logo-Discuss revamped raider logo and wear. Let the store expire. New store with Ns.

Handbook updates for next meeting

For next meeting:

Dibs collection – level coordinators- obtain by first practice

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Google Drive and Google Accounts work

Continue work with Flaherty's.

Board and committee volunteers - USA Hockey Safesport and background information updated

Next meeting – Wed Sept 20th at 6pm

Adjourned: 9:13pm