

NHA BOARD MEETING

MAY 22, 2024

In Attendance:

Sarah Belcourt, Nichole Schmidt, Jon Paulson, Maegan Storm, Steve Murray, Matt Tschida, Victoriya Lemke, Brittany Ellerbusch, Adam Steffl, Teresa Sparks, Derek Docken, Dan Belcourt

Called meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Year-end financials- Nichole

- 30 more skaters than anticipated for 23-34
 - More mini mites, less bantams
- Fundraising: \$20k more than expected, includes sponsorships for the dasher board that will need to be split out over the next three years.
- Concessions \$2k more than expected
- Tournaments \$14k more than expected
- +\$19k more than expected for the 23-24 budget
- Over budget \$42k for 23-34 year in total.

Gambling Update

- Forms are ready to go and be sent into the state. All board members need to sign paperwork prior to sending.
- 2 Sites: Northfield Golf Course and Flahertys.
- Next Steps:
 - Bank Account, Loan and Storage Unit
 - Dan will be attending next city council meeting to get approval and then all documents need to be sent to the state.
- Initial Estimated Cost to get going will be around \$20k and will include:
 - Pull tabs, pull tab boxes, ipads, etabs, pull tab machine.
- Loan amount requested from NHA will be \$40,000 for start up.
 - Unanimously approved by board members.

Little Wild Program

- St. Olaf is hosting
- Michael and Josh are helping run program
- Do we need to do more marketing or will this fill on it's own? Brittany to reach out to see how full we currently are before pushing to community ed.

Bowles Family

- Bowles family has children within the hockey association and the father has recently been told he has 4-6 weeks left to be with his family.
- Is there something that we can do as a hockey community to honor this family?

- Community skate at St. Olaf was brought up and will be looked into. Potential scrimmage for the mites.

Webmaster Role

- Tim has been asked to hand over the permissions so that we can reassign the duty.
- We will give him half of his DIBs hours for the 24-25 season to assist with the transition.

Jim Machacek Award

- Jon Paulson would like nominations for this award so that we can continue handing out this award.
- Current nominees: Ryan Sabyan, Perry Kruse, and Danny Mulligan
- Will vote in poll via email due to amount of members absent today.

Hockey Day Committee

- This year's goal is to link with one association vs multiple associations.
- With the high school schedule the only options are 12/21 and 12/28
 - Detroit Lakes on the 28th is the recommendation from Jon.
- If we move to a different weekend we can fit our entire association in Saturday and Girls Sunday.
- Jon to reach out to Detroit Lakes to move forward with 12/28 we would potentially start on Friday and go to Sunday to include the girls.
 - If Detroit Lakes does not have enough girls teams we will coordinate girls with another association.

24-25 Ice Schedule

- Matt has reached out to all alternates sites for 24-25 season.
- Olaf same as last year for time
 - Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday
- FBO and Shattuck are waiting to finalize their schedules.
- Keep skating school on Sunday and send goalies to Shattuck 3v3 to keep full ice in Northfield.
- Inquiring about ice time before school for next season.
 - Bantams and Pee wee level potentially.

Association Leader Conference

- Sarah attended a few weeks ago with others from D9 and other associations.
- She would like to have other board members attend in the future if possible.
- Lots of learning sessions to attend and would be beneficial for our association.

D9 Quarterly Meeting

- Meeting was last Monday.
- Last year's recap was from Blazdale was that it was very rough year overall.

- Discussed having an early season jamboree to ensure that teams are placed appropriately and at the correct level.
- Neck Guards will be required to be used by August.
 - MN Hockey will decide which guard can be used.
- Working on an FAQ for game sheets.
- Sarah to go to each meeting with Derek.
- Locker Room Monitors will still be needed.

Girls Co-Op

- There is not much involvement from FBO at the moment outside of one parent.
- Looking for parent volunteers from both Northfield and FBO.
 - Open ended for board members to attend.
- Meetings are monthly currently.
- Wanting more Social Media Presence.
- Tournaments are being signed up for – need approval on budget.
- Northfield Ford is willing to donate \$2,000 for new jerseys for the girls.
 - Looking for 2-3 more businesses to donate.
- Steve would like to block times for girls games where the games over lap and the girls can watch each other. Matt will see what he can do here.
- Steve has 3-4 outside volunteers set up for tryouts.
 - He would like U15 tryouts to be after the girls high school tryouts for less rostering issues.

Adjourned at 7:54 pm

Next Meeting: June 19th at 6:00 pm – reoccurring every 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting Discussion:

- **Discuss Locker Room Monitor for the season – add USA Hockey Number at registration for parents?**
- **2024 NHA Goals**
- **2024 Budget**