

## NHA BOARD MEETING

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

In Attendance:

In attendance: Sarah Belcourt, Nichole Schmidt, Steve Murray, Michael Gilomen, Grant Schmidt, Heather Poepping, Brittany Ellerbusch, Brittney Hubbard, Brittany Ingham.

Sarah called meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Approve March Minutes – Brittney H motions, Nichole seconds

### **Committee Spin Around – Highlights from the Season:**

**Sarah** opened with excitement around the new arena and how exciting it will be in the next couple months and next season. **Steve** jumped in next to talk about the excitement around the girl's program as a whole this last year – great coaching, a lot of good feedback overall. Mentality of the girls was work hard and stick together – barely any incidents when compared to last year amongst the teams. **Brittany E** was next and mentioned the two “try hockey for free events” were both successful. A goal she had was to grow the girl's program at the bottom level and will continue to be a goal for this next year. Will be at the Y this weekend promoting the “try hockey for free” day.

**Michael** discussed the excitement around the PWA team winning and all in for coach Kevin as it was his first year within the NHA. Great coaching around the teams this year, minimal complaints. Michael has received some inquiries about a few for next year and will keep us updated. **Brittany I** – fundraisers went well, mentioned both the fudge company and Kwik Trip were quick turn around and easy to work with. **Grant** went over each boys' team record.

**End of Year Survey Recap** – Coaching was the standout success of the survey. Registration was also smooth with no complaints. Opportunities for next year – team management (consistency) and communication. Events – why we are doing it and how it is adding value for the association. Bottom line – strong place overall, just reduce friction for families when they feel some of the complexities of the long season.

### **Annual Members Meeting & Voting for New Board Members**

- Applicant Introduction – Jamie Paukert (in person), Whitney Docken (in person), Becca Grundhoefer, & Kari Scheurer
- Vote – 7 candidates and the following were tallied: Sarah Belcourt, Heather Poepping, Meagan Storm, Whitney Docken, Jamie Paukert – two with not enough votes (Grundhoefer and Scheurer)

CLOSING OF ANNUAL MEETING: Brittney H motions to close annual meeting at 6:38, Steve seconded.

Opening New Board of Directors Meeting – Sarah opens meeting at 6:39pm

**Elect Board of Directors** – President (Sarah Belcourt), Vice President (Brittney Hubbard), Treasurer (Nichole Schmidt), and Secretary (Victoryia Lemke). Jamie Paukert tournament director, Whitney Docken social media director.

**March Financials** – Nichole sent out today 4/15 – one more month of the season and then Nichole will do a final summary after season/fiscal year end 4.30.26.

**Home Games & Away Tournament Recommendations** – Grant passed out recommendations and breakouts for home game slots, tournament games, and away games. He had actuals for this last year (2025-2026) and then a recommendation for next year (2026-2027). This plan allows NHA to host an additional 2 tournaments at home for a total of 5 home tournaments. Second page breaks down the financial implications of these changes. We would save \$7,330 if we did all changes he recommends. (Less home games, additional home tournaments (5), additional tournament at each level paid).

**Home Tournaments Dates & Levels** – see above and breakouts were passed around. Heather motions to approve and Michael seconds. (Steve and Grant will begin to register for tournaments).

- 10/30-11/1 – Bantam B2
- 11/20-11/22 – Peewee C
- 12/4-12/6 – U10A or B
- 12/18-12/20 – U12 open B
- 1/1-1/3 – Squirt A

**CoOp update & girls program update** – Not moving forward with the CoOp, back to Northfield Raiders. U8 two teams, U10 two teams, U12 one team, U15 one team. Steve will connect with Jeff Lapanta to confirm how many potential jerseys he will plan on filling. Steve will need assistance with coaches next year, he has been lucky with parent coaches thus far, but will need to find some for this next season.

**Coach recruiting for next season** – would like option to say they would like to coach on registration then Michael can check with each of them and have everything ready to go prior to Jan 1.

**DIBS completeness check** – email went out with final list – went through list to confirm which we can cash

**Summer update from Josh** – happy with registration levels at this point.

**Adjourned at 7:47 pm**

**Next Meeting: May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm – reoccurring every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 pm.**

**Next Meeting Discussion:**

- Jersey ideas for next season