

Northfield Hockey Association

Minutes

May 20, 2014

6:30 PM

Northfield VFW

1. Call to Order: 6:35

2. Roll Call/Quorum

Present: Chris Sorenson; Dean Kruger; Jeremy Klotz; Jenifer Kluzak; Dawn Patterson; Mary Sue Kremmin; Jeff Fox; Sean Goldsworthy; Mike Puppe; Gina Fossum; Dave Johnson; Kevin Olson

Absent: Ross Dack; Chad Olson; Chris Fink;

3. Approval of March & April Minutes – approved on vote seconded.

4. Guests

5. Reports of Officers/Committees

President: Dean Kruger

- Everyone needs to read the handbook and get changes submitted by the July board meeting, for finalizing in August. Focus in particular on job descriptions. Jenifer will circulate to all board members.
- Bantam A assistant coach issue, was told he'd be paid by prior coach coordinator. Dean proposes paying \$500, board approves on vote seconded. One-time payment only. Policy change will need to be discussed and voted on at future meeting.
- Request for reimbursement for expenses from lodging a few years back. Request denied.
- Update meeting with city and users of arena from a few weeks back. Constructive meeting and discussions continue on possibility of new arena construction. Dean asks for talking points on the arena.

Vice President: Jeremy Klotz

- 8 Jerseys sold so far (old Squirt/U10 Jerseys), ongoing sale in progress
- Need to buy pennies/headbands for 3 on 3 next year as well. Jeremy will price out pennies for discussion at next board meeting. Sean also has an option for building pennies into fee for all kids as part of registration.
- Discussion on possibility for acquiring practice jerseys at squirt/U10 level, and Pee Wee/Bantam buying their own practice jerseys

Treasurer: Mike Puppe

- Draft budget provided, and discussed. Need all revenue requests and expense ideas so we can finalize the budget to vote for July board meeting.
- Finished 2013/2014 year basically even on finances; savings has around \$50k, and we need to avoid using savings as much as possible next year.
- Still have some NSF checks to deal with from last year

Registrar: Gina Fossom

- No report.

Fundraising: Jennifer Kluzak

- Golf tournament report. Rain made it tough. Participation was down significantly. Less than half of the golfers this year as compared to last year. May need to look at different plan for golf tournament in future years.

Public Relations & Publications: Mary Sue Kremmin

- Need to get a date for registration set as soon as possible.

Concessions: Chad Olson – no report

Recruiting & Retention: Dawn Patterson

- Survey results distributed to the board

- Summer Hockey will be going through Community Ed this year to learn to skate/learn to play hockey. Need to get more coaches recruited, and we will not be having a learn to skate program through the NHA – only learn to play hockey themes.
- Consolidated curriculum for skating is being developed with Skating School – Hockey 1, 2, and 3.
- Background checks discussed
- Other potential programs in the works for try hockey days
- 2 on 2 Challenge completed, equipment on the way
- Gear up MN Grant was won! Received 20 sets of starter equipment, and more.

Ice Chair: Kevin Olson

Coach Coordinator: Sean Goldsworthy

- I have met with Dave Johnson about the Girls Coaching Coordinator position; we have ideas for a job description.
- Ideas have been gathered about solving our numbers issue on retention and proper playing levels (this needs a discussion topic at next board meeting).
- I have been meeting with potential coaches for all levels, boys and girls (goal is to be set in staff by September).
- Returned from Naples AHCA/NCAA meeting; had lengthy discussion with Roger Grillo; Regional Manager for USA Hockey; about implementing the ADM model (free and good model for coaching).
- Met with USA National Coach in Chief, Mike MacMillan about a free coach's clinic for NHA this fall (his son played for me in early 2000's).
- We also need to distinguish 'hockey operations' meetings from 'coaching coordinator' meetings so people are not confused.

Program Coordinator: Chris Fink – no report

At-Large: Dave Johnson – no report

Gambling Manager: Ross Dack

- Bingo not working, so we need to figure out a new revenue source from gambling
- Need to get word out, and get younger families involved

Tournament Coordinator: Jeff Fox – no report

Secretary: Chris Sorenson – no report

6. Old Business - none

7. New Business - none

8. Adjourn: 8:51