

Northfield Hockey Association

Agenda

February 17, 2014

6:30 PM

Northfield VFW

1. Call to Order: 6:48

2. Roll Call/Quorum

Present: Chris Sorenson; Dean Kruger; Gina Fossum; Jeremy Klotz; Jenifer Kluzak; Mike Puppe; Chad Olson; Kari Scheurer; Kevin Olson; Chris Fink;

Absent: Dawn Patterson; Jim Fischer; Ross Dack; Dave Ehmer; Bryce Barry;

3. Approval of January Minutes – deferred to next month

Guests –

Concern expressed by parents about new skaters being on competitive teams, without some more structured training being in place to help new skaters transition into those teams. Discussion about reintroducing the former in house program, designed for newer skaters to develop before transitioning into competitive travel teams.

Proposal was to find a different way to transition skaters into traveling teams in a more progressive way, so the beginning skaters have more of a chance to bring skills up to competitive level before playing on established teams. One proposal was a “red shirting” program to allow skaters to practice, but not compete competitively until it’s “safe” for that skater.

Board agreed to consider potential in-house program next year, and to work on communicating and setting expectations with regard to new skaters in the program.

4. Reports of Officers/Committees

President: Dean Kruger

Gambling Report – written report submitted for gambling revenue to date. Revenue is lower than expected; some ideas for progressive play discussed. Possible pull tab locations being discussed as well. Need to do something to pick up the revenue in some way.

Vice President: Jeremy Klotz

Treasurer: Mike Puppe

Report on expenses and financial report. Association is running as expected, and within budget for year to date. CAC scholarship revenue is coming in, but there is some revenue lost for hockey participants not following CAC guidelines. Discussion on potential for changing manner in which ice time is being paid for, and how tournaments are being paid for through the year.

Registrar: Gina Fossom

- *Scholarship update, and some offline registrations*
- *Move up form proposal for next year to require to submit move up checks with move up forms. Registered 212, 7 of which appear to not be playing at present*

Fundraising: Jennifer Kluzak

- *No report*

Public Relations & Publications: Kari Scheurer

- *Community ED Summer Brochure is in the works – for summer hockey program promotions*
- *Medals/Trophies to all players – lots of youth sports do it, maybe we should consider it*
- *Conduct*

Concessions: Chad Olson

- *Concession report provided. Revenue and expenses are basically even with last year. Clothing sales not as good as we expected. Next year, there may be a broader choice selection, and have a vendor work directly with the customers for next year.*

Recruiting & Retention: Dawn Patterson

- *NHA will be hosting a third Try Hockey Free event, in conjunction with USA Hockey, on March 1, 2:00-3:00pm.*
- *We will need several coaches on the ice to help get these "hopefuls" started and show them the ropes. Will Fish has agreed to coordinate the on-ice portion of the event again, so we just need lots of enthusiastic helpers! Please let me know if you can help this year!*

- In the past, we've had a few older players helping, and that was great. If you have any players who enjoy working with kids from the Bantam, PeeWee, or U12 teams, please let me know! (If you know of younger kids who would be good, that might work too, just let me know, and we'll see how things are looking.)

- We will need some parents around to speak to the parents of the "hopefuls" who are wondering what they are getting themselves into... If you or someone you know is up for ambassador duties, please let me know!

- Last year we had 19 players come Try Hockey, and this fall we had 32 participants, with 25% of those registering with NHA!

-Any way that you can help is appreciated! Please spread the word to friends and neighbors!

Ice Chair: Kevin Olson

- Bantam level turns out to have had a little less than target hours this year, and we need to review policies going forward.*
- Squirts and U10 schedules are putting some unexpected pressure on ice time in the end of the season*
- Proposal to shorten try outs, and to get teams set earlier in the season, to make ice scheduling more uniform*
- Discussion on hockey season changes, for the potential of opening up ice time in a different way, and to try to find a way to provide target hours next year*

Coach Coordinator: Bryce Barry

- No report.*

Program Coordinator: Chris Fink

- Summer program planning under way*

Past President: Jim Fischer

- No report*

Gambling Manager: Ross Dack

- See gambling discussion above, based on report from Ross Dack*

Tournament Coordinator: Dave Ehmer

- No report*

Secretary: Chris Sorenson

- No report*

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5. Old Business

*End of Term Board Positions – will need several positions filled.
Machacek Award*

6. New Business

7. Adjourn approximately 8:45