

NHA BOARD MEETING

September 18th, 2024

In Attendance:

Sarah Belcourt, Maegan Storm, Steve Murray, Victoriya Lemke, Brittany Ellerbusch, Adam Steffl, Teresa Sparks, Heather Poepping, Jamie Jindra, Rachel Trnka, Matt Tschida, Brittney Hubbard, Derek Docken.

Called meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Approval of August Minutes

August Financials

- Follow up email tomorrow as Nichole was unable to attend.

24-25 Registration

- Currently at 253 registrations
- Move up requests coming in, some peer requests and some non-peer requests.

USA Hockey Numbers

- Board team needs to be submitted by the end of Sept.
- Team Managers will be needed along with Coaches
- Locker Room Monitors – some follow up will be needed, but we have a decent amount captured from Registration.

Preseason Meeting

- PowerPoint needs to be updated by each person in charge of their section.
- Addition of parent code of conduct to presentation. Will add if the association is fined for any poor parent behavior, family is responsible for paying NHA for said fine.
- Changing times for u12/Peewee and u10/Squirts due to tryouts – will send out communications on this.

Arena Update: ad in paper, confidentiality agreement

- Arena Committee is presenting a Policy on Confidentiality for the board to approve for the committee to sign. Policy covers no discussion of fundraising details and dollars pledged.
- Board voted to approve this for the arena committee to sign.
- Arena committee would like to vote on if we would like to place an ad in the paper. Will decide on this in upcoming months.
- Next meeting at the City is Sept. 23rd with proposal to be made from the EDA.

Girls Co-Op Meeting Recap

- Shift in teams on co-op to 2-u8's, 2-u10's, 1-u12 and 2-u15 teams.
- Lakeville is needing to release u15 players, 8-10 girls.

- Lots of brand new u10's and u8's
- u15 A is in at D8 - u15B will play D9
- Coaches for all levels except u10B2

D9 Tournament Update/Status

- Game Sheets is being worked on by MN hockey to potentially donate \$ so that associations will not have to cover all of the fee this year.
- Teams need to be sent to D9 by Friday
- Having neck guards at the concession stand to sell in case people forget (NHA option not D9). Neck guards required – D9 meeting discussion
- Discussion was had on potentially making squirt level nets smaller and shrinking ice size – in house version of this happening in Rochester and Mankato. D9 was asked if they would like to be a pilot program for this.
- Re-voted in all members that represented last year for D9.
- Slight increase in tournament fees for district tournaments.
- NHA Home Tournaments: PeeWee A: Half Full Bantam A: 5 filled and Squirt A: Half Filled

Hockey Day Northfield

- PeeWee A is signed up for a tournament in Bemidji the same weekend as Hockey Day – can the association eat the cost of this tournament to have them be in town.
- Board voted to keep PeeWee A's in town for this event and pay for another tournament.
- High School Game is now a mid-day game allowing us to serve beer before and after with concert to follow.
- We need a larger tent for a concert on Saturday evening
- Detroit Lakes only has 1 girls team -u12. Girls will need to find other associations to fill their spots on Sunday.
- Jersey's are mocked and ready to order

Waivers

- Multiple coming in from associations that do not have teams this year.
- We have a few registered that are outside the association that do not have waivers.

507Crossfit Partnership Trial

- 3-month trial for the Bantams to have dryland at 507Crossfit.
- It will be small group that attends 1 time per week
- Cost is around \$2800 – to be negotiated

EdgeTek apparel store

- Eli has proposed a contract with us to get a kick back of our sales.
- Sarah and Heather will meet with Eli to discuss and will bring information back to the board.

Wild Program Sales

- Board would like to proceed with this again for 24-25 season

Free Mouth Guard Opportunities

- Consent forms to be handed out at meetings
- Scheick and MN Orthodontics offered again
- MN Orthodontics is on 10/26 for custom mouth guards

Northfield Youth Sports Collaborative Meeting

- Teresa to attend

Public Comment:

Will Fisch present asking about coaches access to the Website – will grant him access in the next day. He also expressed interest in becoming a board member when positions open- he will watch for those communications.

Adjourned at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting: October 16th at 6:00 pm – reoccurring every 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting Discussion:

PWHA Association Night Opportunity

Goalies (recruiting, discount)