

NHA BOARD MEETING

September 17th, 2025

In Attendance:

Sarah Belcourt, Steve Murray, Victoriya Lemke, Adam Steffl, Jeremy Hepler, Brittney Hubbard, Heather Poepping, Brittany Ellerbusch, Maegan Storm, Grant Schmidt, Jamie Jindra, Michael Gilomen, Nichole Schmidt.

Called meeting to order at 6:08 pm

Approve August Minutes

- Approved

August Financials

- Financials were sent out earlier this week
- New fiscal year began 5.1
- Arena Account is now in financials for review
- Loan has been approved for the amount we are funding with donations for the dryland facility

Registration Update

- Currently we have 233 players – last year at year end we had 273
- Sr. Mites have about a 20 player difference
- Mini Mites are about 15-20 difference
- All other levels are within budget limits outside of bantams – 31 registered
- Registrar update – all board members need to have Background Checks, Safe Sport, and USA hockey numbers to Heather by Monday at the latest.

Boys Hockey Ops Update

- Bantams – Justin Metz is level coordinator. 28 Skaters and 3 Goalies at this time. Discussion has been had with the high school on their numbers. Two teams will be developed.
- PeeWees – Grant Schmidt is coordinators. 38 skaters and will have enough for 3 teams, but we need one more goalie to make this happen and outreach has begun. Levels: A, B, C
- Squirts – Josh Storm is Level coordinator. Enough for 3 teams A, B, C
- Sr. Mites – Garret Sandars is level coordinator. Discussion has been had on splitting teams based on talent later in the season vs earlier as we have in the last couple of years.
 - Need to come to terms on how much the association is going to pay for the one away jamboree. Board agrees on \$500 and Adam will be registering for all away jamborees.
- Mini Mites – Derek Docken will be level coordinator. There has been a request to have Carey assist with this group for skating – discussion has been started. High School and Olaf will be also assisting.

- Tryouts have been set with an addition of a tryout scrimmage for the final day of tryouts for Bantams and PeeWees
- Goalie Clinics: New goalie coach – Des Christopher, he is the goalie coach at St. Olaf. Sessions will be at Shattuck on the 3 v 3 rink. All goalies to attend. There has been a request for shooters at the Bantam and High School age to help with these. Cost will be about \$8,000 for the year.
- Skating Clinics will continue – planning has begun on this. We will use the full rink for skating. This will allow for more sessions per group and only comes with a slight addition to cost.
- High school engagement – partnership has been discussed with Charlie. He would like to be more involved with the association. More mite scrimmages at high school intermissions. High School Staff and Level Coordinators will meet to discuss level plans for development moving forward.
- St. Olaf – Grant met with new head coach Tyler Lindstrom. He also would like to have his players help when they can. Looking to add them into the mini mite practices. NHA Youth night is in discussion. Potential Mite Scrimmages at intermission.
- Danny Mulligan said he is willing to do the 6 am practices again – we will look into continuing these.

Pre-Season Meeting & Presentation

- Meetings have been scheduled – Brittany sent deck to edit
- Designated slides

Sports Psychology & NHA

- Will discuss more next meeting, but something that Sarah would like to really add to the program.
- Email with information was sent to all Board Members.

Co-op Update

- Discussions have been had with the St. Olaf Women's program and they will be on the ice with the girls.
- Tryouts are set with dates and evaluators.
- Tournaments have been scheduled for all levels and the home tournament has been dropped.
- D9 is not allowing the u12 Teams to send a team to D8 as requested – we will not be splitting these teams equally and have made that clear to D9
- U10 – two team b1 & b2
- U15 – could be as many as 16 on the team, very healthy
- U8 – two teams
- Co-Op Financials – discussion

Arena Update

- Loan has been signed and money has been transferred.

Hockey Day Northfield

- Planning has begun

World Junior Championship – someone reached out asking if we want tickets

We received an \$800 grant for equipment

Adjourned at 7:56 pm

Next Meeting: October 15th at 6:00 pm – reoccurring every 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting Discussion: