

Northfield Hockey Association

Minutes

August 18, 2014

6:30 PM

Northfield VFW

1. Call to Order: 6:31

2. Roll Call/Quorum

Present: Gina Fossum; Sean Goldsworthy; Jeremy Klotz; Jennifer Kluzak; Dean Kruger; Chad Olson; Dave Johnson; Chris Fink; Dawn Patterson; Mike Puppe

Absent: Jeff Fox; Mary-Sue Kremmin; Kevin Olson; Ross Dack

3. Approval of July Minutes – Approved on Motion seconded

4. Guests – Corey Miller

5. Reports of Officers/Committees

President: Dean Kruger

- *D9 Summer Meeting – Dean attended a week ago;*
 - *problems with forfeiting playing games for district tournaments - \$1500 fee will be imposed this year.*
 - *2 hour rest rule this year, but second game of the day has to be against a team that has already played that day*
 - *All coaches must complete safe sport training (90 minute video) by Dec. 31 this year, if not – coach can be red-lined.*
 - *League scheduling meeting for pee wee/bantam 26 Oct. at 1:00 p.m at Wicked Moose in Rochester; Nov. 10 for squirt and U10 at same place, 7:00 p.m. Coaches and managers usually attend together.*
 - *Arbiter fee raised for this season*
 - *Squirt District Tournaments – Squirt A District Tourney is 27-28 Feb., and March 1 and will be in Northfield this year.*
- *District 9 Representative –*
- *Youth Sports Collaborative Meeting – this Wednesday night (Mary Sue is planning on it, and so is Gina)*
- *Arena Meeting – meeting occurred last week, we were bumped from the agenda a couple times. New City Administrator is on, so back on the agenda for September. City will be doing feasibility study.*
- *Board members and NHA representatives will need to be present through the meetings. Chris Sorenson will take the lead on the push for the arena.*

- *Jeff Fox resigned from the Board today. Dave Johnson willing to step up, and work on tournament director responsibilities in the interim, as we work to find another director.*
- *We need to plan an event for the Mahachek award – something between periods at a Hockey game this year discussed.*

Vice President: Jeremy Klotz

- Jeremy Is going to inventory donated hockey equipment in the upstairs storage space to prepare for Let's Play Hockey day. Board discussed strategies for reducing amount of gear laying around, and have equipment for skaters up to age 12.
- Discussion about putting in some shelving of some sort
- Working on a system for checking out equipment

Treasurer: Mike Puppe

- Budget proposed and discussed
- Budget does not include uniform purchase this year
- Assumes 6% fee increase for this year.
- Board discusses, votes, and approves budget for 2014/15, with 6% fee increase.
- Taxes will be due in September, and we'll be seeking an extension, like we did both years.

Registrar: Gina Fossum

- *Registration will be live within a week of this Wednesday – week of the 25th of August.*

Fundraising: Jennifer Kluzak - No report

Public Relations & Publications: Mary Sue Kremmin – No report

Concessions: Chad Olson

- Met with a new rep for clothing – with much better margins for the Association.
- Will be doing the coffee cups this year again
- Clothing ready for opening event

Recruiting & Retention: Dawn Patterson

- Working on mailing information letters out, and building the mailing list
- Season puck drop is 10:30 on Saturday, September 20
- Ideas invited for making season opening event fun.
- Try Hockey for a day planning in the works, and gear is in the works.

Ice Chair: Kevin Olson – pre meeting report:

- Only change in the works is trying to schedule more of our out of town ice at the faribault arena instead of Shattuck. Ice at FIA is less expensive.

Coach Coordinator: Sean Goldsworthy

- *NHA/St. Olaf Proposal – some work under way for absorbing dryland costs, and doing speed, agility, core workouts with our facilities. Change of 3 on 3 program proposed – with small area games. 8 – 10 St. Olaf players working with the games, rather than 3 on 3. Coaches meeting with coordinators at that time rather than going on the ice – to address concerns during season. Price reduced to \$12k, rather than 18. Board approves of plan.*
- *Boys side hockey ops meeting occurred two weeks ago, very good and productive meeting. Will Fisch will be coaching Bantam A, Jack Lloyd Coaching Pee Wee A; Corey Miller with Squirts and Squirt A teams. Still looking for Bantam B and Pee Wee B non-parent coaches, to be paid. Progression system in place from each level up to each level to maintain consistency. High School staff will be taking entire mite program, with high school players working with the mites as well.*
- *Board suggests making some plans for a mites/mini mites manager, an experienced parent, or someone to help interface with parents and help make the program progress smoothly.*
- *USA Hockey planning to hold coaches only group for ADM model coaching the coaches*
- *U10/U8/U12 plan still in the works – waiting on some scheduling conflicts to iron things out.*
- *D9 lead for ADM model still needs to be filled.*
- *Tryouts proposed to be extended out over a four week period, rather than a specific weekend or consolidated time as in the past.*
- *Working on incentive program for incentivizing greater participation in summer hockey, with specific plan for increasing numbers to use Arena, including some work with the NHA association coordinating programs in the summer too.*
- *Board approves acquiring practice jerseys for all programs.*

Program Coordinator: Chris Fink – no report.

At-Large: Dave Johnson

- Concern expressed from parents about why board has not alerted parents on decision to not co-op with Faribault.
- Will need to make some decisions on levels of play for the differing teams, boys and girls.

Gambling Manager: Ross Dack

Tournament Coordinator: Position Vacant.

- *Dave Johnson is going to work on filling in the gap, especially with setting up U12 Tournament Dates*

Secretary: Chris Sorenson – no report.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Adjourn 8:30