

Northfield Hockey Association
December Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2013
6:30 p.m.
VFW

Meeting was called to order at 6:44pm.

Board Members present: Gina Fossum, Dean Kruger, Mike Puppe, Chris Fink, Kevin Olson, Chad Olson, Jennifer Kluzak, Dawn Patterson, Jeremy Klotz, Kari Scheurer

Absent were: Chris Sorenson

November meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Chris Fink. Jennifer Kluzak seconded it. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.

Reports of Officers/Committees

President: Dean Kruger

The association has obtained a Derek Docken jersey with an action photo to display in the Arena. Steve Kvernmo is making a frame.

Chevy will be presenting the association with a check that the Pee wee B Team will accept. Through Chevy the association has also received a Shooter Tutor, 50 pucks, 70 T-shirts, and 50 towels. A suggestion was made to give T-shirts to players U10 level and up.

Bingo at Carbone's will be beginning on January 6th with the proceeds going to the Association. DIBS will be available in 2 hour time slots for the 1.5 hour event (which would include 15 minutes before and after for prep time). Event time will either be 6:30-8pm or 7-8:30pm and will take place every Monday night with the exception of those nights that may have other events occurring (such as Monday Night Football, etc.)

U12 Tournament has had some conflicting tournaments the same weekend so Dean asked Dave Johnson about a U10 Tournament. Currently there was only one team interested so most likely the decision will be made to cancel. Dean will make one more effort at a lower fee (\$500-600) to see if we are able to still host the event.

Treasurer: Mike Puppe

Current financial statement is at the accountants and Reese-Winter is also looking over the numbers. Numbers are in line with previous years with a total cash balance of 178K. Additional expenses will be St. Olaf ice time, referees, and ½ of the coaches pay (1/2 has been paid out already).

A brief discussion about determining Gambling Manager pay was held. No decision was made.

Registrar: Gina Fossum

Discussion about identifying registered players to assist with collecting fees and required forms. Board will continue to work towards a solution prior to next season.

Fundraising: Jennifer Kluzak

The Association raised \$1350 from the dinner at Carbone's last month as well as \$289 from Winter Walk event. Jennifer shared thoughts on the decline in Winter Walk sales due to a different location where we were not as visible. Upcoming fundraising events include bagging groceries at Cub Foods (still have 30 shifts open), and planning for the annual golf event. Currently, 3 parents have volunteered for the golf committee which leaves 7 positions open.

Public Relations & Publications: Kari Scheurer

No Report.

Concessions: Chad Olson

Chad received a suggestion about putting the apparel on the website with the Association receiving a portion of the sales. Introduced ideas to do some additional remodeling of the Concession area for next year.

Recruiting: Dawn Patterson

Possibly working on holding an equipment drive in late January. Dawn announced that she is looking at reserving ice for another Try Hockey Free Day in March.

Program Coordinator: Chris Fink

A discussion was held about paid vs. unpaid coaches and if registration fees should be dependent on the issue. It was mentioned the difficulties of obtaining proper "B" team coaches to make this happen. Paid coaches would hopefully bring some better coaching skills and consistency year after year. The Board wanted to continue to discuss this avenue and possibly look at advertising in Let's Play Hockey earlier to help find interested coaches.

Vice President: Jeremy Klotz

New jerseys are running big so the plan is to move Squirt jerseys up to Peewees and get smaller sizes next year.

Ice Chair: Kevin Olson

No Report.

New Business

The Board was made aware of a current fund that was set-up through First National Bank for Larry Sanftner of Northfield. The funds are being raised to help make improvements/repairs to his mobility ramp on his vehicle. Many comments were made about Larry's commitment to Northfield youth sports and the desire to show our appreciation. Chad Olson made a motion that the Association donates \$1 for each player in the NHA and to encourage families that are able to, to match that dollar. Chris Fink seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chad Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy Klotz seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM.