

NHA BOARD MEETING

October 15th, 2025

In Attendance:

Sarah Belcourt, Steve Murray, Victoriya Lemke, Adam Steffl, Jeremy Hepler, Brittany Ingham, Heather Poepping, Brittany Ellerbusch, Maegan Storm, Grant Schmidt, Jamie Jindra, Michael Gilomen, Nichole Schmidt, Maegan Storm, Matt Tschida, Rachel Trnka.

Called meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Approve September Minutes

- Approved

September Financials

- Financials were sent out today

Arena Update

- Updated handout on where we are at with the dryland facility
- At this point NHA will manage the use of the dryland facility
- No outside groups are able to use the dryland facility at this time due to liability
- No heavy equipment due to large liability it brings in.
- Decision has been made on who will be doing the mural behind the stands

Minnesota Wild Grant Update

- Decision was made to forgo period one that was presented – it did not make sense to proceed with this option
- We will put all of our energy on period one and period two
- Next will be announced Dec 30th

Gear-it MN Grant

- Received for Equipment

Fundraising Options

- Looked at options for money to come back to players
 - Kwik Trip Gift Card
 - Fudge & Caramels
 - Another coffee vendor has reached out

Boys Program Update

- PeeWee and Bantam tryouts last week with a scrimmage last weekend. Scrimmage went well and it was helpful for evaluators
- Staff is in place and managers for each team
- Scheduling meetings were done last Sunday

- Gamesheet codes were received and disrupted today
- Squirt Tryouts next week and scheduling meeting to follow
- Tryouts – lots of evaluators helped. Having lots of eyes on the players to give feedback when asked from parents.
- Would be nice to move from paper to an ipad
- Sr. Mites – lots of conversations about when to split teams/number of games. Parents from first and second year skaters were asked questions and feedback was given.
 - Decision was made to split teams on Dec 1st and games will be limited to 20 games to evenly distribute practices.
 - More discussion to come at the next hockey ops meeting – addition to handbook to come to structure this properly
- Skating & goalie Clinics started

CoOp Update

- Date on the calendar to meet with the FHA leaders to discuss financials, and logistics of this year for the co-op.
- U15 – no tryouts, D8 schedule has been sent
- U12's/U10's – tryouts wrapped up last weekend, two or more coaches for each team, numbers are very tight and there was a very large bubble
 - U12 B – D9/U12 B2 is independent schedule
 - Discussion had on numbers being limited at U12

Sports Psychology & NHA

- Trying to get grant to bring in money to offset some cost
- Will discuss again in November and discuss more if we can get a grant

Tryout Retrospective

- Discussions had on how things went on both sides of tryouts

Equipment Update

- Printing errors on lots of practice jerseys – still a few teams pending
- FHA did not supply any information

Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: November 19th at 6:00 pm – reoccurring every 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting Discussion: