

Northfield Hockey Association

Agenda

March 17, 2014

6:30 PM

Northfield VFW

1. Call to Order: 6:40

2. Roll Call/Quorum:

Present: Chris Sorenson; Dean Kruger; Gina Fossum; Jeremy Klotz; Jenifer Kluzak; Mike Puppe; Chad Olson; Chris Fink;

Absent: Kari Scheurer; Kevin Olson; Dawn Patterson; Jim Fischer; Ross Dack; Dave Ehmer; Bryce Barry;

3. Approval of February Minutes: approved on vote seconded

4. Guests: none

5. Reports of Officers/Committees

President: Dean Kruger

Brief report - some unclaimed funds coming in from the state

Bingo needs to be run in a better way, will work on improving the process and the program moving forward

Will look into progressive games to increase revenue, increase marketing and etc.

Annual meeting next month, April 21 - Dean will propose bylaw changes for streamlining board position nomination and election process. Open positions are: treasurer, public relations, concessions, coach coordinator, tournament coordinator,

Vice President: Jeremy Klotz

Pee wee and u12 jerseys are in line to be replaced next year, assuming we can find sponsors. Need to get the sponsors lined up

Plans in the works to sell the old ones, \$10 per jersey.

Note need for another survey of NHA members to check in on how we need to improve and changes we need for next year, if any.

Treasurer: Mike Puppe

Financial report given, as of March 16, 2014. Expenses roughly matching income. Away tournament expense is higher than expected. Will end the year with a small surplus. Year end is April 30, and it's looking roughly in budget.

Registrar:

Gina Fossom - brief report, some payments still coming in. Will be proposing for next year all paid during registration, no exceptions. Will need someone to help with mini mite registration as we move forward.

Fundraising: Jennifer Kluzak

Income

- Waste Management - \$522 (3 months)
- Dicks' Sanitation - \$1082 (6 months)

Fundraising Dibs

- 31 families unfulfilled
- Only 2 of those families fulfilled concession hours
 - one family took both bingo spots tonight to fulfill obligation
- families are going to be given the opportunity to fulfill hours through bingo for spring/summer
- 158 families in association
- 335 hours offered (does not include Wild Road Tour which is not in system)
 - 156 hours completed
 - 13 hours claimed by families who had already fulfilled obligation
 - 94 hours exemptions (board, coaches, managers, golf committee)
 - 66 hours unclaimed
 - 8 hours unfulfilled
 - 64 hours available to be claimed for bingo April - July

How to track dibs for bingo and other off-season events?

MN Gambling rules -

- no credit card, no online gambling
- suggest cash raffle not included as part of registration next year
- raffle tickets will be ready at beginning of year to distribute at all team meetings, kickoff event, etc.

Golf committee met for first time last week, 7 people on committee plus Jennifer this year

Public Relations & Publications: Kari Scheurer – no report

Concessions: Chad Olson

Report provided for year, concession nets a little north of \$12k this year. Concessions recommendations for next year - buy out, and raise fee for dibs checks. Offer it at \$250, raise check to \$350 if they don't fulfill their hours. Likely to have more demand on hours, so have volunteer hours up to 20 hrs. Whatever the gap, we need to incentivize more volunteer hours, and accountability.

Recruiting & Retention: Dawn Patterson

Try hockey free went well, lots of people came
 19 kids came, and likely one more
 Targeted valentines seemed to work well
 Recruiting efforts ongoing - Will F is doing summer program again, and is working on a learn to play hockey program too.
 2 on 2 challenge is nearly complete, a survey needs to be completed, so gear should be coming.

Ice Chair: Kevin Olson – year end report on ice time:

Team	Practices	Home Scrimmages	Away Scrimmages	Total Scrimmages	Home Games	Away Games	Total Games	Ratio with Scrimmages	Ratio w/o Scrimmages
Bantam A	93	2	1	1	14	30	44	1.98:1	2.11:1
Bantam B	90	1	0	0	14	14	28	3.10:1	3.21:1
Mites	32	0	0	0	4	0	4	8.00:1	8.00:1
Pee Wee A	82	0	1	1	8	14	22	3.57:1	3.73:1
Pee Wee B	80	1	1	1	15	14	29	2.58:1	2.76:1
Squirt A	75	1	2	2	8	12	20	3.26:1	3.75:1
Squirt C	75	0	1	1	8	17	25	2.88:1	3.00:1
Sr. Mite Gold	64	0	0	0	8	7	15	4.27:1	4.27:1
Sr. Mite Maroon	66	0	0	0	7	4	11	6.00:1	6.00:1
U10	82	1	5	5	8	14	22	2.93:1	3.73:1
U12	96	0	1	1	11	25	36	2.59:1	2.67:1
U8	61	0	0	0	8	6	14	4.36:1	:1
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Narrative report:

- pee wee a elected to use some of their home game slots for solo practice ice so that is why they only played 8 home games and also explains why they had more practice hours.

- u12 is quite a bit ahead of both pee wee teams. they qualified for state so they had 4 weeks more practice time. they also had a few games cancelled on game day which they used for practice time. those are always tricky because is such short notice to arrange a practice partner. and I think I found out after the fact anyway.
- I know some think it is not fair that u12 get such a larger advantage in practice time when they pay the same as the pee wees. basically I cannot count on any team making it past the district tournament so I need to make sure they make it to their target hours before. I think it is worthwhile to support our teams that make it past their district tournaments with more practice time to prepare for regionals and (fingers crossed) state.
- the u10s held a sizable advantage over the squirts this year. I paired them with the u12s at the beginning of the year because there is no other team to put on with the u12s at that time because the boy's teams have not been decided. I had it worked out pretty close until I was told at the end of the year that their district tournament was held across 2 weekends and their season would not end until mar 16th, 2 full weeks after the squirts. had I been aware of this earlier, I would have made adjustments accordingly. it worked out ok because the u12s were practicing anyway so I was able to give the u10s some practice time without spending money I would not have otherwise.
- the sr mites came out ahead simply because of the game schedules.
- u8 practiced with sr mites all season which I think is a good fit of similar skill levels and the station based practices do not result in mixing genders. if they were able to make the practice on the day of an away game, the sr mites kept it on the schedule. often times the u8s away games rendered this option impossible.
- I only heard complaints from one team so I think everyone had a good season in regards to ice time. going forward I plan to avoid placing the u10 team in late slots all season and try to have some overlapping practices so get more solo ice. this will be easier if the boy's teams are decided earlier when we still have plenty of weekend ice.
- I am also going to encourage coaches and managers to look ahead farther on their schedules. I try and have the schedule up a month early. I get too many "we cant have practice this day" a day before hand.
- I also need to dispel the notion of "giving back time." coaches need to understand that just because they don't want to practice it does not mean I can cancel the practice on the other team and therefore I still need to pay for that ice time.

Coach Coordinator: Bryce Barry

Program Coordinator: Chris Fink

Gambling Manager: Ross Dack - no report

Tournament Coordinator: Dave Ehmer - no report

Secretary: Chris Sorenson - no report

6. Old Business

End of Term Board Positions - discussed above
Machacek Award - nominations discussed

7. New Business

8. Adjourn: 9:00