

Northfield Hockey Association

Agenda

July 16, 2012

6:30 PM

Northfield VFW

1. Call to Order 6:40

2. Roll Call/Quorum

Present: Chris Sorenson; Dean Kruger; Chris Fink; Christina Sinkler-Miller; Mike Puppe; Chad Olson; Jeremy Klotz; Jennifer Kluzak; Jessica Van Zuilen; Christina Sinkler-Miller; Dawn DeBus; Kari Scheurer

Absent: none

3. Approval of June Minutes

Brief discussion on sponsorship of jerseys; approved minutes on vote seconded.

4. Reports of Officers/Committees

President: Dean Kruger:

Jim Machacek discussion – board recognizes and appreciates the incredible support for the NHA that Jim provided, and a need to find a way to honor him as much as possible in the coming years. Discussed a banner, or a memorial board of some sort, or name the tournaments in his honor. Jersey patch discussed as an option too. Jeremy is going to get a bid for the cost of patches.

Discussion w/ Faribault Hockey Association - Dean reports on a group of people discussing merger of the Faribault and Northfield Hockey associations merging. No such discussions have been authorized by the NHA board, although it was brought up. Dean and the president of Faribault Association discussed and agreed there is no need at present for merger, but that we could talk in the future of potential merger for specific teams (i.e. U8, or U10, etc.).

Discussion on Hockey Operations meetings committee – meeting with non-board members on operations in general, and committee would bring information back into board meetings, where necessary. Potential candidates discussed, and will be contacted as soon as possible to get some meetings set up through the coming year.

Treasurer: Mike Puppe

Submission of proposed budget for 2012-13. Discussion from Mike Puppe on process for building budget, and assumptions underlying budget projections. Mike recommends, on concessions, to monitor closely in the short term, and (if there is an excess) hold off on decisions for improving facilities for next fiscal year. Donations budgeted number is an increase from last year. Uniform

sponsors is a new category for funds to raise as well. Coaching budget allows for two coaches to be hired. Away tournament budget allows for a set budget per team (\$1400) each year.

Estimate of new fees to be charged in the 2012-13 year presented to the board. Increase in fees is roughly 5% at every level.

Discussion on suggestions to set expectations for Dryland training at St. Olaf, and to work towards making sure all kids have guidance and coaching during dryland sessions, even in classes with lower attendance.

2012-13 Budget Approved on unanimous vote.

Registrar: Christina Sinkler-Miller

No report specifically. Registration will be set up in the next month, with new rates approved by the Board in this meeting.

Board discusses moves and unanimously approves increasing mandatory concession hours to 15 hours per family, and check place on hold to \$300.

Vice President: Jeremy Klotz

*Pricing on patches for players (name patches for players)
Estimate is around \$5 per player*

170 Jerseys for tryouts (through Degree & USA Hockey) to be delivered first of September.

Jeremy is also gathering quotes on patches for memorial discussed above

Secretary: Chris Sorenson
No Report

Program Coordinator: Dawn DeBus

*Information shared on equipment options for goalies moving forward
Will forward information to Jeremy*

Coach Coordinator: Chris Fink

Brief report on working with Faribault and Red Wing for tryouts for squirts, pee wees, and bantams. Working on scrimmages from other teams, and mixing evaluators. Details to be worked out.

Goalie training clinics with St. Olaf goalies are being lined up.

*Coach certification bills and expenses are not paid for by the association.
All coaching background checks will be done online this year.*

Concessions: Chad Olson

*Process underway for getting started for coming season. Pretty much
same menu for next year, and there will be slushes this year.*

Coffee cups under order

Fundraising: Jennifer Kluzak/Jessica VanZuilen

Report on investigation for raffle alone instead of also providing
calendars. Regulations allow for raffle only, costs are less, and estimated
profits are better, with a projected \$15k revenue to the NHA, and option to
sell more allows for additional potential revenue to the NHA. Cash
awards will be offered as before. Proposal is 3 winners per month, and 2
winners at the Golf Open, with higher payouts. Same process as with
calendars, but distributing out only raffle tickets. Board, discusses, votes,
and approves plan.

*Waste Management Application – discussed and intent is to move forward
with the project.*

Work on selling programs at Wild games is still under investigation.

Further working on selling tickets for wild games as a fund raising effort.

Public Relations & Publications: Kari Scheurer

*Banner for Registration - work is being completed, and a banner will
either be displayed in Ames Park, or elsewhere*

*Handbook – all board members are encouraged to review their section of
the handbook and to get revisions to Kari as soon as possible.*

Ice Chair: Kevin Olson

Brief report on status of ice scheduling

5. Old Business

Finalize budget for the 2012-13 season
Registration fees for the 2012-13 season
Mini Mite Registration
Tournament fees
Sponsorship to teams

Sponsorship to 3-on-3
Raffle vs. Cash Calendar

6. New Business

Steve Boardman (mites coach) – spoke to board concerning mites issues:

- Younger kids is where the initial development starts, and is a key component of any organization
- Steve advocates against losing any ice time as currently scheduled, keep ice time at an hour
- Two times a week is a minimum for mites, especially since there is a big step for senior mites as far as time is concerned
- Would be ok with starting season earlier, if needed
- Critical to keep numbers up at the mite level
- Also need more coaches, and need some help with coaching, and continue to encourage participation by high school age kids to help too

Board Discussion – discussed continuing free mites program, and continuing as a means to continue strength of program.

7. Adjourn