

## **NHA BOARD MEETING**

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

In Attendance:

Sarah Belcourt, Maegan Storm, Steve Murray, Victoriya Lemke, Brittany Ellerbusch, Teresa Sparks, Heather Poepping, Jamie Jindra, Brittney Hubbard, Derek Docken, Adam Steffl, Rachel Trnka, Michael Gillomen.

Called Annual meeting to order at 6:04pm

### **Approve March Minutes**

- Approved

### **Committee Spin Around – Year Highlights**

- Brittany Ellerbusch Recap Recruiting 2024-2025
  - Event coming up at Y
  - Lots of new skaters at the U8 level this year
  - We find out in July if we were accepted for the skate it forward grant to support 1<sup>st</sup> year skaters u8.
- Sarah Belcourt Recap
- Jamie Jindra DIBs recap
- Maegan Storm Equipment recap
  - Lots of grants this year with changing out some older equipment and getting new goalie equipment
- Rachel Trnka Social Media and Manager Recap
  - Social Media was very successful this year
  - Managing is taking a forward step
- Adam Steffl Tournament Update
  - Tournaments were successful, we did have to get rid of one due to timing with the ND tournaments.
  - Olaf Ice was used and was very helpful
  - Next year planning for Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam B
- Derek Docken Boys Program Coordinator Recap
  - The year went well, recently had a hockey ops meeting and it was one of the best meetings they had all season.
  - Getting a jump start on the 25-26 season
- Steve Murray Girls Program Recap
  - Year was a successful year with lots of growth
  - Solid group of coaches that want to continue next year
- Heather Poepping Fundraising Recap
  - Successful Year with fundraising and for the Arena fundraising
  - The cash raffle and Heggies did really well
  - Events went well – looking for assistance to help with events.

- Theresa Sparks Registrar Recap
  - Season went well with enrollment of 269 Active Participants
  - 3 additional teams from the prior year
- Michael Gillomen Coaching Recap
  - Good season, working on getting a more streamlined approach for coaches completing their safe sport and level requirements.
  - Looking for more coaches for next season.
- Brittany Hubbard Recap
- Victoriya Lemke Recap HDN
  - Successful Event – planning to continue for 2025-2026

### **Arena Update**

- May 6<sup>th</sup> will be the next biggest date – contractor should have the bids back this week and to the city council by end of the week.
- Construction should start rather quickly after approval.
- Agreements for the grading of the land and other agreements are getting drafted now and will need to be voted on to move everything forward. This will need to be before May 6<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting and per Bylaws can be done via email.
- Fundraising is at approximately \$4.5 million to date

### **Annual Members Meeting & Voting for New Board Members**

- **Members Voted On: Matt Tschida, Brittany Ellerbusch, Debie Graham, Jeremy Hepler all voted onto NHA Board**

### **Annual Meeting adjourned 6:51 pm**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of 2025-2026 Season**

### **Called to Order at: 6:52 pm**

### **Election of Officers and Board Positions**

President: Brittney Hubbard nominated Sarah Belcourt, Victoriya Lemke second nomination. Sarah Belcourt NHA President for the 25-26 season (2 years remaining on term)

Vice President: Victoriya Lemke nominates Brittney Hubbard, Theresa Sparks seconds. Maegan Storm nominates Jamie Jindra – Jamie declines nomination. Brittney Hubbard Vice President for the 25-26 season (2 years remaining on term)

Treasurer: Heather Poepping nominates Nichole Schmidt, everyone seconds. Nichole Schmidt Treasurer for the 25-26 season (2 years remaining on term)

Secretary: Rachel nominates Victoriya Lemke, Steve Murray seconds. Victoriya Lemke Secretary for the 25-26 season (2 years remaining on term)

Ice Chair – Matt Tschida (new 3 year term)

Recruiting – Brittany Ellerbusch (new 3 year term)

At Large (non-voting) – Jeremy Heppler (new 3 year term)

At-Large Event Coordinator (non-voting) – Debie Graham (new 3 year term)

### **March Financials**

- Sent a couple weeks ago – fiscal year ends 4.30.25 and update will be sent

### **End of the Year Survey**

- 28 surveys submitted for the boys
- 43 for the girls

### **NYSC-CAC scholarship update**

- Sarah and Theresa attended meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>, scholarship funding is low and need is greater than it has ever been. Grant applied for and will find out at the end of April. Looking for ideas from Associations.
- NHA not accepting scholarships for Summer, only for Regular Season
- Added a donation button to the registration link
- If funding depletes the associations will need to cover more with the families.
- Funding will be decided in July

### **Summer Hockey Update**

- 48 registered YTD

### **CoOp Convo/Update**

- Relationship with FHA was greatly strengthened for the 24-25 season.
- Working on connecting with the FHA VP to find a contact to discuss the future of the CoOp and what that looks like.
- Faribault to discuss and is a discussion item for their next board meeting.

### **Updated Bylaws and Handbook**

- Updates to be approved at next meeting, equipment standard added.
- Will bring updated Bylaws for signing at next meeting

### **Hockey Day Date**

- December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 vs Cathedral

### **Adjourned at 8:05 pm**

**Next Meeting: May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm – reoccurring every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 pm.**

### **Next Meeting Discussion:**

**Machek award and coach of the year**