

Northfield Hockey Association
November Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2013
6:30 p.m.
VFW

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

Board Members present: Chris Sinkler-Miller, Dean Kruger, Mike Puppe, Chris Fink, Kevin Olson, Chad Olson, Jennifer Kluzak, Jessica VanZuilen, Jeremy Klotz, Kari Scheurer

Absent were: Dawn DeBus, Chris Sorenson

November 19, 2012 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jessica VanZuilen. Jeremy Klotz seconded it. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.

Reports of Officers/Committees

President: Dean Kruger

Board Member positions that are ending this year are: Jessica VanZuilen, Christina Sinkler-Miller, and Dawn DeBus.

According to state gambling board policies, we will need to have four more voting board members (need 15) to be able to have a gambling license. Dean has contacted four that have been board members and would be eligible to vote: Jessica VanZuilen (currently on the board but shared a position with Jennifer Kluzak), Jim Fischer (past President), Dave Ehmer (Tournament Director), Ross Dack (Gambling Manager).

Mike Puppe made a motion to add these for positions to voting members of the board. Jennifer Kluzak seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Currently the city has been taking care of the outdoor rink and the board commented that it has been working great. A question was raised about having the association flood it at night but it was decided that it was better to just have city continue to maintain consistency with ice. It was suggested that netting be added around the boards on the outdoor rink, since a lot of pucks have been lost. Chris Fink commented that Pat Jirik has fencing that he was planning to add as time permits.

A suggestion was made to add Derek Docken's Anchorage, Alaska jersey to the Arena. Rob Olson was looking into it.

Public Relations & Publications: Kari Scheurer
No Report

Treasurer: Mike Puppe

Financial Statement as of Jan 7th is attached. A question was raised about the cost of referees and scorekeepers. Mike was concerned that our expense so far this year seemed a bit high compared to past years. A suggestion was made to possibly discontinue the referees for Senior Mites and U8's to save on that expense. No decision was made. Mike also asked to have a list of coaches that are taking classes and what the association should pay for the class. Chris Fink stated that he would work with Mike to determine what needs to be paid to whom.

Fundraising: Jennifer Kluzak/Jessica VanZuilen

The Association is set to bag groceries for Cub Foods on December 21st, 2013. The hours would be 10-8pm and they suggested we have 8 people (must be 15 or older). Jennifer is also looking into the Recycling Bins at Cub Foods, Dundas Waste Management, and possibly a Culver's night for other fundraiser options. Now that the NHL season is back on, Jessica will check back in with the MN Wild to see if we can still reserve a date for our association to attend a game. NHA window clings were discussed; we are just waiting for a price. There are five association members plus Terry Gruenhagen (past Fundraising Director) that will be part of the golf committee. Jennifer will follow up with Carbone's on getting an invoice from Winter Walk.

Ice Chair: Kevin Olson

No Report.

Vice President: Jeremy Klotz

No Report.

Coach Coordinator: Chris Fink

Chris Fink reported on the summer ice program information. They hope to have four teams (2 boys/2 girls) at the HS and Peewee/Bantam level. Details are still being figured out but it would include a morning session (about 15 skaters) with 1 hour of ice and 1 hour of dryland, and an afternoon session with 80 minutes of team concept. The 5 ½ week program would run \$1500. Chris Fink is looking into catering for lunch so the kids wouldn't have to leave the arena. Chad Olson suggested that we talk to Gooters about doing some sort of box lunch.

Additionally, the plan is to offer a skills and skating clinic for the other levels; 2 hours of ice, 3 days/week. The levels would be split by beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Cost for the clinic would be \$150-180 for the two week session.

These programs would be NHA paid/insured to keep our costs down. A question was asked about offering it to players outside of the NHA. Chris Fink responded that we would first invite NHA members and then offer it outside of the Association at an increase rate.

The city is requiring us to fill 150 hours of ice but with the two programs it would be about 180 hours already.

Discussion was moved to the D9 Tournament for Squirt A's that we have been asked to host. It was questioned if we would get to set the fee or if it was set at \$450 (plus gate fees). Thoughts are that it would be a 12-team tournament but that we would need a lot of help from association families to assist with the event. The tournament would take place the first weekend in March.

Program Coordinator: Dawn DeBus

No Report

Concessions: Chad Olson

Expense Report is attached. Chad reported that he was pleased with how the hours are looking so far this season. Chad and Mike Puppe planned to meet to make sure their numbers are matching up.

Registrar: Christina Sinkler-Miller

No Report.

Secretary: Chris Sorenson

No Report.

Old Business

Dean reported that he was having conversations with Brent Keski about painting the wall space (old pop machine location). Brent was going to submit a proposal to the board.

Locker room monitors were mentioned and to see if teams were following the policy. Christina Sinkler-Miller said she has not received a list of approved monitors back yet. Response from the association seemed to be ok but the board felt that wording needed to be added to registration so parents know what to expect.

New Business

Mike Puppe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy Klotz seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourn at 8:09PM.