

Northfield Hockey Association
November Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2012
6:30 p.m.
VFW

1. Call to Order 6:43

2. Roll Call/Quorum

Present were: Christina Sinkler-Miller, Dean Kruger, Jennifer Kluzak, Jessica Van Zuilen, Jeremy Klotz, Mike Puppe, Kevin Olson, Chris Fink, Chad Olson

Absent were: Dawn DeBus, Chris Sorenson, Kari Scheurer

3. Approval of April and May 2012 Minutes

Minutes were reviewed. Jessica VanZuilen made a motion to approve the minutes. Christina Sinker Miller seconded it. Motion carried.

4. Reports of Officers:

President, Dean Kruger

The Northfield City Council approved the premises application for the pull tabs at Carbone's. Mike will move \$9000.00 into a gambling account and Dean will order checks for the account. The application requires 15 voting members, NHA by-laws allow us only to have 13, Dean is working on getting us grandfathered in with 13 as that is what we had the last time we had a gambling license. We need to make a decision on what to do with the wall space at the arena. There was discussion of whether we have a drop box for board positions or just a general NHA one, no decisions were made. Brief discussion of how we can get members of each team to attend board meetings, one thought was to appoint families, no decisions were made. Try Hockey free day was a success, had approximately 19 participants.

Treasurer, Mike Puppe

Mike has received 3 checks back, one was a closed account, one was a stop payment (from the golf tournament) and one was NSF. Taxes are done, Mike and another board member, preferably Dean will need to sign them.

Registrar, Christina Sinkler-Miller

Christina will get an updated list of outstanding concession checks to Chad and Dean. She will get the coaches list to Chris. It was asked if we are reimbursing the USA hockey fee of \$50.00 to families of 7 year olds that are mites since they are playing "free", it was decided that we would return the \$50.00. We gained 3 additional mites from "try hockey" day. All rosters are approved with the exception of Sr. Mites and U8's which will be done next week. Registration numbers are about last years, currently we have about 208 skaters, and we lost 6 mini mites. Christina has decided that she will not renew her board position; she would be willing to stay a year and train the new registrar. Vanessa Grave has expressed interest in this position. Discussion of overlapping the time commitment in the positions of Registrar, Concessions and Coach Coordinator for training purposes.

Vice President, Jeremy Klotz

When handing out jersey's it needs to be addressed that they should be picked by size not number, they have been quite a few exchanges that have had to be done because they were picked because of a specific number. Equipment donations: If someone donates equipment Mike can get them a receipt. A decision was made that Jeremy, Dean and Chad should be the only ones with access to the equipment room.

Secretary, Chris Sorenson

No Report.

Fundraising Coordinators, Jessica VanZuilen/Jennifer Kluzak

Received a check from Steve Kvernmo in the amount of \$31.00, a donation back to NHA from his sales from the Jim Craig event. Carbone's spaghetti dinner fundraiser had a good turnout, we redeemed 114 tickets making about \$513.00, not sure how many children's tickets we sold. Winter Walk- Is Dec 6 we are going to have a spot from 5-7:30p, Dean will get us a tent, Chad will offer dibs, Scott from Carbone's and/or Jennifer will provide tables. We will be selling Carbone's pizza and pop/water. Discussed printing up the info for Play Hockey Free day and having that available. Chip from the Northfield Golf Course is no longer there, Jessica/Jennifer will be setting up a meeting with Kyle is taking over his position in the interim. Date of May 16, 2013 is secured. Scott from Carbone's is willing to advertise in the tournament brochures, we will work with him to see what he wants, maybe have Carbone's be advertised as NHA Tournament headquarters? Dean will talk to Jim Fischer to see what he has left for window decals; we have had some requests for them. We are going to talk to Culvers about doing an NHA night there. Discussed moving December's board meeting from Dec 17 to the 19th to accommodate the raffle ticket drawing.

Concessions Coordinator, Chad Olson

Chad is working on getting more hours into dibs, so far he has 1250, target is 2100, last year he had 1450 total. After December he will let Jennifer/Jessica know what they can offer for dibs hours to join the fundraising committee. Budget looks lopsided because of start up costs, shortly it will level out.

PR & Communications – Kari Scheurer

No Report

Program Coordinator, Dawn DeBus

No Report

Coaches Coordinator, Christopher Fink

Chris would like to schedule another hockey ops meeting. He would also like to look at the practice schedule meaning he would like to see practices spaced out. Would like us to go lighter in September and October, maybe look at buying more ice at Shattuck. He is also recommending no practices over MEA break in October. Need to clarify the handbook as far as move ups, try outs and shared practices. The option of summer ice in Northfield was brought up; there is the possibility of about 6 weeks of ice. The feeling is that it would be better to bring someone else other than NHA or NHA coaches to run it. Jeremy asked if getting a second sheet of ice is a dead issue? There have been no formal talks, currently the structure is past its useful life, we would need to draw up new plans. Also talks have moved from adding a second sheet to improving locker rooms. There is currently \$30-35k in the arena fund. There is a lot of competition for the funds that NHA has.

Ice Chair, Kevin Olson

Kevin asked if we could change the handbook to differentiate the difference between a game and a scrimmage. A lengthy discussion followed about what constitutes a game and what constitutes a scrimmage. It was determined that if there were referees and score was kept it is a game, if it is coaches on the ice and no score was kept it is a scrimmage. Scrimmages do not count against your total games. There was also discussion regarding the concerns of practice start times. With the addition of the U14 teams and the St. Olaf women taking the high school

girls time slots this year (something they have not done in the past) which are typically earlier, is in part to why NHA is seeing later practice times.

New Business

Dave Johnson -coach of the U10 came to the board asking for more games for the U10's. They have a very good team and would like play some more competitive teams, possibly some from the metro. He also asked where the U10/Squirt game limit of 16 came from and how long it had been since it was raised. The game limits have been in existence for a while and have not been raised over the last few years.

Christina Sinkler Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy Klotz seconded that motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27.

Next Meeting will be held: December 19, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the V.F.W