

Northfield Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2018, 6:30 PM
1700 Cannon Boulevard, Northfield, MN 55057

Call to Order: 6:35 pm

Roll Call/Quorum

Members Present: Chris Kennelly; Eric Frank; Dan Shimota; Teresa Sparks; Gina Fossum; Cory Miller; Angie Perez; Matthew Rich

Absent: Chris Sorenson; Kyle Willkomm; Nicole Schmidt; Dawn Patterson; Robb Kasel; Julie Kasel; Andy Beaham; Jane Marnholtz; Brittney Laue

Old Business: Minutes for August Meeting approved.

Board Updates:

President: Chris Kennelly

Puck drop - not able to get ice in due to temps and compressor issues. Can we do it off site Sun 9/23? Would need to do it possibly on a school nite where practices are already scheduled or on the weekend after this weekend. Want to limit those coming in and out for temperature reasons. Sports or religion may be reason to not do it Wednesday. Could have ice available for this. Would want kids registered before getting on the ice. Hours flexibility - start at 530 and end at 8 on Wednesday 9/26. Will check with Cory and Jaime on availability. Chris will schedule with Jillian.

Bantams – Moving forward with cooperative with Faribault. Northfield will house the A team with VFW donations with A team, Faribault will schedule the 2 B teams. Pauquette transferred to Northfield, Nagy in and out Faribault registration and DIBS hours Nfld with daughter here. Pauquette registered with Northfield including tournament fees. Piker try to keep here as well with goalie registration. Could have gone either way. Hoping to have 22 here and our budget is based off this number.

Bantam Fundraising - Additional. VFW sponsors us 6450 last year, proposed to sponsor but allow us to spread the dollars throughout the Bantam program. \$100 per skater for jerseys, socks and helmets. If we order 12 or more, can get \$100 each. Hoping to get by with 16 helmets - \$1600. Helmets remaining with the association, scholarships use, legit use of dollars or sell back to Play it Again. VFW would do some light warm up jackets for 16 kids. Get a jacket and hat for everyone on that \$2000. \$6100 total to spread dollars out. Good will back to Bantam parents. Little left over to maybe put toward tournament fees. Will have enough to cover the uniforms. Faribault is hoping to help with helmets so team can seem cohesive.

More on pizza drive or extra bagging to build this fund out more. Leave fundraising options up to the Bantam parents. Bantam parents need an email. Fundraising for separate towns stay separate then there is not much back and forth. Gloves are not covered. Takes out the majority of the increased equipment cost. Banam coaches meeting tomorrow.

Pay stage request – monthly versus 3 for a Squirt – approved.

Cannon River Civic Center – People are expecting get out the vote committee, help spread the word, tours at the arena, will be active on facebook and social media.

Other updates and reports- DIBS from last year and getting requests on that – will have a code from last year. Can we add 2nd spouse to the engine to receive emails and do DIBS. Right now this doesn't work. Would be good to get everyone a communication. We want to get the email to non registering parents.

Bantam Ice Time – 2 years ago did we have 2 Bantam teams where we needed more ice vs. 1 from last year? Divided practices in Faribault and solo in Northfield. We should have been budgeting for 2 Bantams teams this year. We overspent on the tournament budget last year. Costs of tournaments have gone up substantially in the last 3 years. We need ice, tournaments and more fundraising . Low cost items with higher profit at concessions. Cover cost in our current budget for ice. Update games amount to 40 in handbook.

Chris Walker helped with mites. Offered concussion training for all coaches and putting together emergency preparedness plan for us. No first aid kit was available last year when needed. Anyone renting the ice, it is their responsibility to man and store the kit. We are up for having a kit.

Civic Center fundraising – how much scholarship dollars and we haven't turned people away. Anyone who has needed a scholarship we have done it . Only \$400 max so that it would spread dollars around more. 15 scholarship players last year.

Try hockey for free day – conflict with a tournament.

Handbook- Look at practice hours and game amounts. Have a meeting here before teams are divided up. Tryout dates are set and up the schedule. 28 Bantam games not including playoffs and tournaments seems low. Change to 40 as this is the limit. Peewees should be 32, Squirts 24 all label w/o tournament. Practice to game ratio needs to be met. Change it because it is too low. Note in handbook that these are limits.

VP/Equipment Mgr/Girls Coordinator: Robb Kasal (Interim: Corey Butler & Jaime Paukert, Brittney Laue)

Absent – No Report

Treasurer: Nichole Schmidt

Absent – Accept the 990. August financials were sent – Updates include: summer program, ice payments and coaches payments

Secretary/Public Relations: Dawn Patterson (Interim: Teresa Sparks)

Registration banner - will leave up through 9/24. Need an email out to last year registration list, change on the website, and put up a sign on door.

Program Coordinator: Eric Frank

Bantams lead guys will start out practices, then will get on same page for each level.

Registrar: Gina Fossum

69 registered players at this time. Once funding runs out will take new players. With puck drop no one can go on ice without being registered.

Ice Chair: Kyle Willkomm (Interim: Jillian Werner)

Absent – Report sent via email

Move PeeWee's around to accommodate flag football

Puck drop - Open skate slot Sat morning that will replace the practices that are there? Do Sr Mites need to wait to practice until after registration? Submit your USA hockey form at registration? Yes. Or is that only if you are a new player? Isn't that when your insurance goes into effect? Yes.

Co-op- Northfield Bantam ice is paid by Northfield Bantam income? Ice requested for Northfield will require 2 teams worth of revenue. A full slate of bantam practices have been requested, all solo, which equates roughly to two teams worth of ice. 30 games slots are requested but a normal bantam season would be 14 home games. So more than the 28 for two bantam teams. Are we spending half a team more than we have? Board approval for a half team worth of bantam ice. Yes, we should have budgeted for 2 Bantam teams to start. Last years' numbers were for 1 team.

Coach Coordinator: Cory Miller

Ccoaches requirement emails are out, 4 non-parent coaches are set up right now. Can we pay the assistant non-parents 1/2? \$750 for season for assistant non-parents. We have 15K for season coaches. No non-parents below squirts are approved. We have enough to cover all with assistants. Non-parent coaches all pay for their own meals, rooms, etc. Get the coach coordinators in line in the next several days. Just need a sr mite and squirt coach coordinator. Some ideas on who would do this.

Concessions: Angie Perez

No Report - but will try the baked potato

Fundraising: Dan Shimota

Bingo - went well; all dibs filled, Paperwork needed for cash raffle stuff to complete. Fire dept with New Years event. Not sure if doing the beer bash. Heggie's pizza is out with fundraiser info for 2 so we can double our profits. Hoping from 8K to 16K on this year. Sponsorships are down this year so far. Will try to push that a little more. \$600 from Bingo deposited. Goal of 10 pizzas to sell. No employees ; coaches are contracted. Nicole goes on list and verification of USA certified and background screened, etc.

Recruiting and Retention: Jane Marnholtz

Absent – Report sent via email- Try Hockey Free event conflicts with tournament

Tournament Coordinator: Julie Kasal

Absent – No Report

Webmaster: Matthew Rich-

No golf tournament for 4 years.

Matejcek award leave on ? Yes

Contact with Mega? Yes, we are going on with it. A bit more 1:1 Chris will confirm they are ready to go.

Past President/Arena Committee: Chris Sorenson

Absent – No Report

D9 Representative: Andy Beaham

Absent – No Report

Adjourn: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting 10/16