

NBAHA
Membership Meeting Minutes
2-18-09

Meeting was called to order at: 7:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Lisa Isaacson, Kristi White, Tim Cashill, Paige Lee, Craig Moline, Jeff Henderson, Tom Garin, Jen Fairbanks

Members Present: Janelle Olson, Jess Richards, Gina & Chris Klein, Heather Osland, Tim Hink, Lynn Courtright, Anne Meyer, Chris Courtright, Tim Larson

Secretary: Membership Minutes from January were posted. Jeff Henderson motioned, Lisa Isaacson seconded. Motion carried

Treasurer:

Report for January not available yet. 10641.97 checkbook balance. Final District 10 referee fees due by Friday. Waiting for balance from CI. Outstanding fees about \$5,000. Waiting for Mite ice fee bills, approximately \$10,000.

President:

Looking for volunteers for the District 10 tournament at Isanti from 2/21 to 2/28. Contact Tim at president@northbranchhockey.com to signup. You will receive a free pass to all District 10 games.

District 10 Presidents Meeting:

Squirt or 10 U Coaches: District Playoff Overtime policy change. Please review prior to the games.

Fairplay points are used in District playoffs. Discussed at District 10 meeting, wonder why they aren't in place. Zero tolerance policy is still in place during the tournament.

Gambling Report:

March allowable expenses: JJs estimating \$500; Wild River estimating \$700; Pizza Pub estimating \$600; Tortillas estimating \$100; Oak Inn estimating \$700, 3 Diamond estimating \$3000; Payroll \$4000; CPA John Lundgren \$1200 ; Office supplies estimating \$100; Mega Bingo \$400; Nelson Meat Raffel \$600; Bond renewal for gambling manager \$200. Lisa Isaacson motioned, Jen Fairbanks seconded. Allowable expenses accepted.

JJs bar/booth

Gross \$5785 / \$24918

Prizes \$5367 / \$20914

Net \$418 / \$4004

Cash Short \$54 / Over \$47

Wild River
Gross \$19722
Prizes \$16632
Net \$3090
Cash Short \$29

Pizza Pub
Gross \$21868
Prizes \$18691
Net \$3177

Cash Short \$163

Tortillas
No Boxes Closed

Oak Inn
Gross \$15465
Prizes \$12757
Net \$2708
Cash Short \$18

This is a preliminary report. Only boxes closed are accounted for not including receipts for Bingo or Meat Raffles. Motion to approve gambling managers report. Lisa Isaacson motioned. Paige Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Gambling Update: Bingo started a couple of months ago at the Oak Inn and Mega Bingo began in early February. The Oak is filling up on these occasions and is selling 60+ tickets for Mega Bingo each night. Getting decent deposits – not costing us to put bingo on for once. The reason we were able to do charitable gambling at the Oak Inn was because we were willing to manage bingo and the previous organization wasn't. Gloria at the Oak Inn is doing a very good job advertising. The Pizza Pub approached us about adding bingo, meat raffles and Mega bingo. For now, we will be adding regular bar bingo on Tuesday nights and meat raffles on Saturday afternoon. We will see how that goes and potentially add Mega bingo in the future. We need additional people to run Bingo and Mega Bingo. There are several options: We could hire people \$10 per hour, or offer other non profit groups the opportunity to run and then donate a portion of the proceeds to that group. This would help with donating 10% back to the community as we do every year. Or we could potentially let teams run it and lower their fees. A decision was not made at this meeting.

Vice President:

Arena Update: Committee has been meeting every other week since early January. Looking at a phased approach at putting up a rink in Stacy vs waiting to have all of the funds at once to build. Craig has done a lot of investigating costs. All of this needs to be ran by Stacy City Council and our membership. Phase 1: Front – width of arena 126 x 50 ft, entry, 4 locker rooms, office, concession, bathrooms. 8 to 10 foot area for observation onto future rink. At this time – natural ice. Approximately 40 ft of glass windows to observe through. Heated area. Approximate Cost \$550,000 (Building \$462,000). This price is without any donations – labor/material. Phase 2: Building 126 x 220 ft (approximately) not include sheet of ice - \$860,000 (includes concrete for sheet of ice/not piping). 80% decorative on front other sides 20% decorative. Phase 3: Artificial Ice – could do mat system (lots of maintenance/storage/liability issues. Instead suggest concrete/ice. Fuse welded piping system suggested. Would probably have to hire that out. Approximately \$600,000. Phase 4: Varsity locker room. 25 X 90. \$160,000.

Grant committee has given Craig a list of costs that they need to proceed with grants. Working on those numbers.

Question: Even if we put up an outdoor sheet of ice and through up a shack next to it, we still need to meet building codes? Yes, need to talk to Stacy.

Next Step: Talk to the Stacy Mayor – informally to feel him out. Then, try to get a Work Session with the City of Stacy. Then, bring proposal to Membership at annual meeting to be voted on.

We've heard from the membership that we still have a need for a sheet of ice in the future. Reason the committee is pursuing the phased approach of a front and an outdoor sheet of ice is that outdoor hockey is getting a lot of publicity and with a nice front we could host some outdoor tournaments, plus have practice ice in the winter. Plus, have capability to keep working towards the indoor arena.

How much is a mat system? Approximately \$150,000. Issue is the liability of storing the coolant and wear and tear on mat system.

If things move faster and we are ready to bring a proposal to the membership prior to March 24th, a special membership meeting will be called.

Would we ever be able to sell the structure if we put it up? No, it won't be ours to sell. As we will build the building and turn it over to Stacy as we can't afford the taxes, etc. We will have a long term lease to use the building.

Could we put up 2 outdoor rinks? If we built boards ourselves, \$10,000 plus lighting.

Couldn't membership vote on sizes of front, type of system for ice, etc? Committee will bring a vision on a phased plan and details of phase 1. And the membership will vote on whether this approach is the direction they want to go.

Once we get a plan, we will need entire membership to help with fundraising, labor, in kind donations, etc.

Old Business:

Keep potential HS disbursement on Old Business each month as opportunity to disburse in emergency.

New business:

Charitable Gambling Disbursements. Input from Membership on organizations to potentially disburse funds too. The organizations below will be considered for charitable donations at the Annual Meeting. Organizations not listed will not be considered.

Camp Sunrise, City of Stacy (arena fund), Early Childhood Coalition, NB High School Hockey Program, John Pinnseanault scholarship fund, Let's Go Fishing, NB Music Booster Club, North Branch Area Athletic Association, North Branch Library, North Branch Lions, Ruby's Pantry Food Shelf, Senior All Night Party, Trinity Christian School, Youth Service Bureau, Blue Line Club. Motion to approve the above list was made by Kristi White. Jen Fairbanks seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Klein – parents on his team hearing there will be 3 C Mite teams next year.
Answer: We don't make any decisions on levels until registration. You may hear board members expressing opinions on things, but it may not be a board decision. Any decisions made are in the minutes.

Discussed having Mite committee meetings, coaching meetings during previous membership meeting. Feels that a lot of mistakes were made this year. Has a lot of ideas that he feels are good ideas.

Discussion on having evaluations at Mite level. Discussion that kids weren't placed on the correct teams. Discussion on kids being placed by skill vs by age.

Need to commit to having these Mite meetings for next year and discuss these items. Will setup committee after the annual meeting. Mite committee should come back with recommendations to the board to be voted on. Cory has approached us about co-op Mites this next year.

Someone told a member that you need to take your kid outside the association to challenge them.

Comment from board: If you have teams at the same level, they need to be evenly talented.

Jeff will recommend a Mite meeting be scheduled soon so all members can be heard.

What board positions are open: All but President and Secretary. Nominating Committee: Tim Cashill, Tom Garin, Chris Courtright, Kelly Byrkit. They will seek nominations for board positions. Anyone can be nominated at the annual meeting as well.

If the membership decides to go with the front and outdoor ice what is the possibility it will be up and running this year? We think there is a good chance. We think phase 1 as far as funding is very doable. Construction on this should be short. The time crunch could be the plans.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm