

NBAHA

Membership Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2010

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

Board Members Present: Tim Cashill, Jeff Henderson, Paige Lee, Lisa Isaacson, Janelle Olson, Kristi White, Tim Hink, Tom Garin, Cherie Turek

Members Present: Will Turek, Ryan Coleman, Scott Hannah, Kraig Moline, Lisa Henderson, Danielle Steffen, Pat Steffen

Secretary Report: December membership meeting minutes have been posted on the website with correct gambling report. Motion to accept minutes as posted by Kristi White, seconded by Janelle Olson. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

\$27,244.48 checkbook balance

\$1,341.73 Equitrust

Still missing fees and will continue to try collecting from some traveling/mite families. Paige Lee and Tom Garin will continue to make collection calls and will also send email reminders.

Looking to submit year end financials to one company. The updated budget is posted on the website. The fiscal year ends on March 31st.

Motion to approve treasurer report made by Kristi White, seconded by Janelle Olson. Motion carried.

President's Report:

- Player numbers for next season: Tim has asked Corey Buström for the Cambridge Isanti player numbers. The North Branch numbers are listed below.
 - Bantam 2nd Year = 4
 - Bantam 1st Year = 8
 - Peewee 2nd Year = 6
 - Peewee 1st Year = 13
 - Squirt 2nd Year = 15
 - Squirt 1st Year = 15

Kristi White did note that the numbers may go up some because these numbers do not include the birthday windows. She has a program that forecasts these numbers by levels. The numbers she received are listed below.

- Bantam = 17 players
- Peewee = 2 players
- Squirt = 33 players

- Redistricting effective for the 2010 – 2011 season. District 10 changes for the 2010 – 2011 season are listed below. Establishment of a redistricting process every two years beginning with the 2009-2010 season.
 - Sauk Rapids moving to District 5
 - St. Cloud moving to District 5
 - Becker moving to District 5
 - Irondale moving from District 1 to District 10

District 10 will include the following District/association alignment.

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| Andover | Anoka | Blaine |
| Cambridge/Isanti | Centennial | Champlin Park |
| Chisago Lakes | Coon Rapids | Elk River |
| Hinckley | Irondale | Mora |
| North Branch | Pine City | Princeton |
| Rogers | Spring Lake Park | St. Francis |

- The “Participation Rule” has been finalized for next year. Kids should be playing in the association where they reside. If they are attending school in another district a waiver policy will come into play. Waivers are automatically approved and must be brought to the Hockey Association Board. The Uniform Waiver form has not changed.
- Season Start and End dates – There have been questions on why the season does not get extended into March. There will be a District 10 meeting on Monday to discuss this change. Several factors play a role in setting this schedule such as district play, state tournaments, and other High School sports schedules. Minnesota Hockey needs to stress when we start and end our hockey season. Tim Cashill will continue to address this issue at the District 10 meetings.
 - All districts need to have their teams selected for district play
 - Kraig Moline – Had kids playing football and missed pre-skate sessions
 - Difficult to make ice in August at the Isanti arena
 - Need to complete the team rosters on time
- Joint Board Meeting with Cambridge/Isanti will take place in February to address tryout policies and processes with a lot of consideration made toward “Level of Play” for all of our skaters ranging from the Mite to Bantam levels.

Vice-President’s Report:

- Arena Update – Jeff Henderson met with the Attorney two (2) weeks ago Friday. The legalities need to be sent to the next level of attorneys to get this process moving along. The land lease agreement is mostly finished. The developers’ agreement has not been approved or finalized to date. The developer of this project and Pete, City of Stacy representative, will be working to come to an agreement. If agreements are made we are hoping to have a work session in February of 2010.
- Grants – Lisa Isaacson made a statement that we need to set a dig date for the new arena to get our Grants completed in March. By having this date set, we can start approaching our local businesses for donations. We need to define/document what we need and how many hours of service would be needed for each service area such as plumbing and electrical work. When this information is defined, Lisa Isaacson will send out an email to the membership committee.
- Arena Phased Approach – Kraig Molene has confirmed that we are just 1 of 10 other associations that are also using the phased approach method for building our rinks. The main

goal being to get the ice. He mentioned the possibility of using a refrigeration system for the outside rinks. A chilling tower would be needed if we have a building. Tim Cashill, President, feels we should stick with the agreed upon phased approach.

- Salvageable Items from old Forest Lake Arena – Tom Garin noted that there is basically nothing that is salvageable from the old arena in Forest Lake. Kraig Molene will take a closer look, but did not see anything that would be worth while to the association.

Gambling Report:

| Organization | Gross Receipts | Prizes Paid | Net Receipts | Shortages/Overages |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Wild River | 24773 | 21419 | 3893 | (103) |
| Pizza Pub | 11540 | 9240 | 2048 | 15 |
| Oak Inn | 17507 | 14628 | 2879 | 0 |
| JJs Bar | 8939 | 7862 | 1077 | 0 |
| JJs Booth | 15784 | 14496 | 1201 | (87) |

Motion to approve gambling manager's report. Kristi White motioned, Janelle Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Country Side Golf Course – This organization is looking for interest from NBAHA for putting pull tabs in their establishment. They closed 22 boxes last year. The Almelund Fire Department was the prior pull tab user at this establishment. They are open year round. It would cost the association \$300 in startup costs to put boxes in this establishment with another monthly cost of \$30. This Golf Course is located 8-9 miles from Wild River.

Lisa Henderson, gambling manager, spoke to the owner and feels that the owner is self-sufficient. This organization may offset our income in the summer months when the others are receiving less. Suggested signing a lease for 5% instead of 10%. We would be looking at \$4400 if their volume stays about the same. There is also the option to have a 30 day out policy.

Tim Cashill – Agrees that we should try this out and have 30 days to pull out of this contract. There will be \$300 for the boxes and a license fee of \$150. Look at signing a lease at 5% as they are not as beneficial as our other locations.

Motion to approve these allowable expenditures made by Kristi White, seconded by Paige Lee. Motion carried.

OLD Business

- Motion made by Craig Moline to pay up to \$5,000 from gambling account for upcoming ice bill at Isanti. Seconded by Carl Kratzke. Motion will be voted on at the January Membership meeting. This motion will need quorum at January membership meeting to vote on this motion.

Motion to approve this motion was made by Kristi White, Tom Garin seconded. Motion carries.

- Money for Disbursements – Lisa Isaacson asked if we have money to do disbursements. We will need to put together a potential donation list at the Board Meeting.
 - Question – Do disbursements need to go to a non-profit group or could it go to a specific family?
 - Disbursement must go to a qualified candidate and cannot go to a individual family. A disbursement must go to an organization (does not need to be non-profit) that is governed to an event, but not a specific family

NEW Business

- Summer Hockey Clinics – Randy Gendreau, the High School hockey coach, has put together a hockey clinic for (C/D Mites/Squirts/U-10Girls) that will include 15 sessions / 22 ½ hours of ice time for \$240 starting August 3rd and going through September 23rd. Another hockey clinic for (PeeWees / Bantams / Girls U-12/U-14) will include 15 sessions / 22 ½ hours of ice time for \$240 starting August 2nd and going through September 22nd. These sessions will provide skaters with the necessary skills needed at these levels of play.
 - Randy did make a personal appearance at this meeting to talk about these new hockey sessions.
 - Captains from the North Brach Hockey team will be helping out during these training sessions.
 - Goalies are also welcome and can join at ½ price.
 - These sessions will take players right up to the season tryouts for the 2010-2011 season.
 - Current B-Mites can participate in these sessions.
 - There will be a limit of around 30 players in each session.

Randy Gendreau did offer to take part in the evaluations for try-outs if his assistance was needed. He also offered taking an hour of time to talk with our current Squirts, PeeWee, and Bantam players. This discussion would include talking to them about what they can do in the off season and what coaches are looking for at the different levels of play.

Randy and other players will be on the ice 30 minutes earlier and have no problem if players get on the ice earlier thereby getting an additional 30 minutes of ice time for each session.

Players will need to be signed up for USA Hockey. The current registration ends March 31st. Players will need to start registering after April 1st to switch over to the 2010-2011 season.

- Osland Family Benefit: A benefit for Andy and his family is on February 20th at the Withrow Ballroom. The benefit will include food, entertainment, a silent auction and raffle. Looking for donations. The benefit is also posted on Facebook. The benefit is mostly being held by family members with support from Anne and Gina from the association.
- Member Statement (Level of Play Selection for Next Year) – Ryan Coleman, CMite Coach, along with parents of the C-Mite players were present to discuss their concerns with our team players and looking at how we can improve on our mistakes for next year.
 - Ryan's 1st year jumping into the Association as a coach and is having a frustrating year.

- Ryan provided statistics from the previous months scoring.
 - PeeWee levels being outscored by 150 or so goals
 - Bantam levels are also being scored out by 156 goals in 24 games over all
- Ryan made a statement that we need to be staying consistent with our skill building at all levels of play.
- Ryan - Coaching Curriculum was also mentioned as another really good idea. Ryan believes that there are many coaches on the ice that do not have the skills to be teaching these younger skaters the correct skills they need at each level of play. Do we need to look at coaching interviews by a committee or board members? We need to teach these kids the knowledge of the game and not just skating. Mention about the Egan Hockey association having setup ice break downs with side notes and what coaches should be talking about, looking for edge work, and other basic skills.
- Ryan – Believes the goalie clinics were very helpful. Mentioned offering a kick back for those players that want to play goalie.
- Ryan – Struggling to work with players on switching-on-the-fly as they are rarely ever out of our defense zone.
- Ryan – Found a beneficial website called <http://nova-icedogs.com/hockeysim> that lets you move the puck on the ice and shows where players should be positioned on the ice when the puck is in that location. May be a good tool for our players.
- Board Members Response to Member Statements:
 - There is an understanding by the Board members that the players were placed on the correct teams, but that they were placed at the wrong levels and that we need to work on level of play for next year.
 - The Board understands the concerns of the members and will look to improve the levels of play for next year.
 - Jeff Henderson did make note that decisions made by the Board members are not always easy decisions to make and that we need to get more members involved in this decision making process.
 - Tim Cashill did comment that the Mite program needs to be incorporated into the central meeting system. We need to continue looking at the Mite level of play as the ages and skill levels vary at this skating level.
 - Need to look at recruiting more players to participate in goalie clinics. There is an agreement that these clinics have been very beneficial. However, there were comments made on the negative side with some members on the intensity of the GDI Coaches for the upper level players.
 - Need to look at improving our coaching curriculum and direction to all licensed coaches on the ice instructing our players. It was noted that USA Hockey puts out a book of drills. There does not seem to be any information handed down to other coaches on what was worked on by teams and players as they move through the levels.
 - CINB has monthly coaches meetings at the traveling level. We need to look at pulling the Mite coaches into these meetings and put more structure around the coaches and the coaching director. By bringing the Mite Program into the main stream we can get additional input from the upper-level coaches on what is required of our Mite players as they work on developing their skills.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40p.m. Kristi White motioned, seconded by Tim Cashill.