

# **NBAHA**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **April 28, 2010**

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**Meeting called to order at: 8:36p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Tim Cashill, Cherie Turek, Lisa Isaacson, Tom Garin, Paige Lee, Janelle Olson, Tim Hink, Kerry Harvey, Ray Croal

**Members Present:** Kristi White

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#### **Bantam Options to play as a North Branch Team:**

Tim Cashill has spent a lot of time trying to figure out hours and document it in a spreadsheet format. This will include planning to use more outdoor ice which will help to bring down the costs. He is looking to keep the registration cost in the \$800 range for the Bantam levels. A 12 player team will get a lot more ice than at the High School level. Tim is still working on putting together a written proposal that he will bring to the board for approval.

We will need to communicate back with our Bantam parents within the next couple of weeks with out approved proposal. Tim will keep in touch with board members via email. We will need to have solid commitments from the Bantam players that they will or will not be playing with the Association, based on the proposal that the Board puts together for them, as we look at finding ice for these players.

The Bantam players usually have about 60-70 hours of ice time. We are currently looking at costs that include \$1200 (indoor ice) x 15 (players), along with the \$100 subsidized cost per player with indoor ice. The Bantams usually have 60-70 hours of ice time. We also need to look at the referee fees as there is a need for more referees at different levels of Bantams.

We are also looking at potentially using dry-land facility located at the old Prince Charming facility that has since moved to Mora. Nick Miller has said that the association can use this facility if it has not been sold. We are looking at doing some more dry-land facility training for our players to save on the ice time costs.

#### **Co-Op options at traveling levels**

Tim did talk with CI about sharing the costs of the Goalie and Checking clinics. They are planning to work with GDI again for their goalie training clinics. We are going to look at who will attend these sessions and only pay for those that attend these sessions. There was some concerns made by Paige that some of our designated goalies did not attend these sessions last year. We need to promote goalies and the coaches should make sure these players are attending these clinics.

Every team needs to have at least one goalie coach who should also be attending these goalie trainings and is primarily responsible for the goalies. Steve Lee may be available to help out with our coaches on the goalie curriculum.

Looking to get a per player estimate so we know how many will attend and what it will cost our Association. Tim will work with Shannon on the GDI clinics. There are only 2 checking clinics that fell around the September time-frame and around the North Branch football schedule.

There was a mention about putting extra money into the budget to purchase more goalie equipment for our Mite level players so they too can attend these clinics. We are looking at setting a low ball amount for a certain number of our mite players that would like to attend this Goalie training.

### **Discuss process for setting the Budget in April/May to coincide with fiscal year**

This will be added to the May agenda. Each Board member will need to determine what they will need from a funding perspective for their position by the next Board Meeting in May. The VP owns the role of checking the equipment and will need to get an inventory. Tim Hink has a spreadsheet of the extra Jerseys we had from the A and B mites from last year. Paige will go through the inventory with Carl.

Next year we are looking at having equipment setup by item so they are sorted by size and then take the gear in the line and put this into the bag. Have volunteers at each station for each piece of hockey equipment.

We do need an honest commitment from Bantam Parents if they are going to stay with the association or not as we look at setting ice hours. We are looking at a team of about 12 players. We need to try and pull together a North Branch Bantam team if possible.

30 hours indoor ice  
20 hours outdoor ice  
25-30 games  
Estimating a cost of \$800

### **Discuss policy for delinquent accounts**

It was decided by the Board that we will give members one last opportunity to fulfill their volunteer hours for the 2009-2010 season by volunteering at the Ground Breaking ceremony. If the volunteer hours are not fulfilled following this event, the volunteer hour checks will be cashed.

Those that would like to volunteer for the Ground Breaking Ceremony and have these hours applied to last years totals, will need to contact Janelle and she will help them get registered for these volunteer hours. If they do not fulfill these volunteer hours for the ceremony, we will be cashing these checks.

There are currently \$12000 Outstanding Payments. Some accounts pay up at the beginning of registration. Tim Cashill believes the online payment option will take care of most of these issues. Based on the association handbook policy, if a player is not payed up by a certain date, they will not skate the next season.

We could potentially have people work off their fees by working the concession stands at the arena or at gambling sites.

There was discussion of having bantam players sign a waiver that they need to pay off their fees if they want to be waived to another association if we are unable to form a North Branch Bantam team.

### **Ice Availability Update**

Tom Garin had a positive conversation with Matt, from East Bethel. We may be able to get all of our ice hours from the East Bethel arena. We will know more by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May. Many other ice arenas are doing drafts for ice time. We are going to suggest an ice draft with the East Bethel arena to look at getting better time slots as we will be paying the same amount either way. We will commit to a certain number of hours as long as they are spread across week day and weekend hours.

Pine City has stated that we can have whatever we want for weekend hours.

Tom Garin did note that the only way we can keep all Mites in one arena is to use the East Bethel arena. We would like to use East Bethel for our Traveling teams as well. If this does not work we do have the option to subsidize our Mite ice at the Pine City arena. We all believe that if we can keep the Mites at one arena would be the most beneficial.

Currently Pine City has 19 Bantams and only 1 goalie. We may look at having players come over from Pine City to form a B2 team and they can complete a full B1 team. Tim will give Tom a call about this as a possibility.

### **Ground Breaking Ceremony Update**

All of the potential new logos for the North Branch Area Hockey Association were presented to the board members. A winner was selected out of the 10-12 submitted options. Nick Miller is going to do the graphic design for the association.

### **Schedule meeting to review handbook with all Board members**

Cherie will upload our current outdated handbook to the Google documents site and share this out to all of the board members.

There are 3 pieces of information included with the handbook.

Articles of Incorporation

Bylaws – Most changes are spelling related. Membership has to approve all of the changes made to these bylaws.

Handbook – The board can change the content of the handbook without membership approval.

Listed below are the areas of the Handbook that are assigned to a board member for updating. After updates are made to each of these sections the board will review all of the changes.

#### **A. ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

1. Participation Policies - Tim Cashill
2. General Information Regarding NBAHA - Janelle and Kerry
3. Financial Information - Tim Hink
4. Age Definitions for Levels of Play - Tim Hink

## **B. HOCKEY OPERATIONS OR DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION**

Sections 1 through 7 - Paige Lee

8. Coaching Director - Tom Garin

9. By Laws - Nobody has been assigned at this time

10. Articles of Incorporation - Nobody has been assigned at this time

## **C. APPENDICES**

A. Coaching Recommendation Committee Schedule - Tom Garin

B. NBAHA Coach Application - Tom Garin

C. NBAHA Player Move-Up Request - Tom Garin

## **HEP Requirement**

The Associations participated in the Liberty Mutual competition last year and can never do it again. Paige mentioned the option of Frank White who came out about 4-5 years ago to talk with everyone. Attendance was taken at the High School auditorium.

What are some ideas for next season?

- Ask around to other associations and find out what they are planning to do to fulfill their HEP requirements next season.
- This is a mandatory requirement
- District10 does provide materials for this requirement each season.
- Paige will check with MN Hockey to see if they have any available speakers.

## **Old Business:**

- Lisa I – Grant Update
- Lisa I – Ground Breaking Ceremony Update
- Tim C. – Documented proposal on creating a North Branch Bantam team
- Tim C. – Arena Update
- All – Handbook update/review

## **New Business:**

- Look at setting the budget in April/May

## **Next Months Meeting:**

**Motion to adjourn – 10:25pm.** Motion made by Tom Garin, Ray Croal seconded. Motion carried.