

NBAHA

Board Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2010

Meeting called to order at: 9:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Tim Cashill, Paige Lee, Cherie Turek, Tom Garin, Lisa Isaacson, Ray Croal, Janelle Olson, Brian Kerchner

Members Present: Dawn Vilaysack

Available Ice for 2010-2011

The East Bethel arena had originally agreed to provide us with a large amount of ice time to purchase. They are now coming back to us with doubts on where St. Francis stands on ice needs. We can get all of the Mites at the Isanti arena and still get the hours we need. We are planning to flip-flop weekends and morning and afternoons with the Cambridge association.

We are waiting for a response from the East Bethel arena for our traveling teams. Pine City is willing to sit down with us and provide us with our ice needs. The ice in Pine City is cheaper than East Bethel; however, the location is not the best.

Harris Festival

Last year we participated in the Harris Festival on August 21st. We are not going to participate in this event this year. If there is someone that would like to participate in this event, they will need to take charge if overseeing this event.

Fall Golf Tournament

There were some suggestions made about possibly having some smaller golf tournaments just prior to the Power Play event. This would be an additional fundraising event. Tom feels we could get about 10 teams to attend this event. There are others that believe we should not have this event on the same night as power play. Tom Garin will see how much interest there would be in this type of a fundraising event among the association members.

Registration Options

When registration is online there will be a "Registration" link located on the left side of the website that will link you to the online registration forms. We will need to look at having a registration night that will be much smaller than in previous years with the added online registration process. The estimated time-frame that online registration will go live will depend on what Kerry comes back with from the registrar meeting she attends on July 28th, 2010.

- USA Hockey online registration will allow you to add multiple players at one time.
- Add Fundraising Policy to the online registration site.

- There will be a requirement to print some forms that will need to be returned to the registrar during an onsite registration night or a schedule mite night.

We need to start planning our communication plans for letting people know about the online registration process. Lisa will look at sending out weekly email updates on Monday afternoon.

D10 Meeting attended by Tom Garin -

Recreation Hockey Leagues

D10 districts 6 and 2 are looking to setup a recreation hockey league. This would include a \$300 league for boys and girls of all ages that would play on the ice around 12 times per season. They have this established in the SW part of the cities and would like to see this move into the northeast part of the cities. Kids would sign up through recreation hockey. This is a cheap alternative for some kids to play hockey.

League Games

The St. Cloud hockey association has a B1 PeeWee team that would like to play league games as they feel they are at a higher level with their new district versus other associations in the D10 district.

Big Sports Email

There are emails being sent out from the Big Sports Promotional Fundraising. D10 is instructing associations to ignore these emails as they are from California.

Neck Guards

District10 is not going to enforce that players wear neck guards. However, they do recommend the hockey associations encourage their players to wear this protective gear.

Tournament Caps

There was a discussion on setting tournament caps for the traveling tournaments. District 10 does not want to enforce a policy on this subject and will leave this to be decided by each association.

Half Ice for Mites

There has been discussion on having all Mite level practices and games take place on half ice instead of full ice games. This would include players that are around 8 years old and under.

New Locker Room Policy

There is now a new locker room policy being enforced by District 10. This has been added to the D10 handbook rules and will need to be added to our association handbook. This policy states that there needs to be 2 adults to address situations. There has to be an adult in the locker room at all times with the hockey players. If we need to appoint an assistant team manger that is female for supervising the U14 girls teams this will need to be done. There will be rules for not allowing any phones or iPods or any other device that are capable of taking pictures inside the locker rooms.

Coaching for 2010-2011 season -

We are currently looking for potential coaches. Tom Garin has recently sent out an email requesting background information from those interested in coaching for next season. Outlines are due to be returned by next Monday. There are a few members that may want to coach, but have not returned an email confirmation to date.

Potential Coach List for the 2010-2011 hockey season

Bantam – 2 coaches

PeeWee – 1 head coach and 2 assistants

Squirt – 7 coaches (3 heads) (4 assistants)

Mites – 18 head coaches and 11 assistant

Coaching Committee –

There was a coaching committee meeting held around two (2) weeks ago with several coaches. This meeting included discussions on the Mite level kids to get a feel of where we will be at for next season. We are not planning to field an A level mite team for next season. There are currently only 4 kids coming back from playing at the D Level Mite from last season. The top end C Level players from last season are fine with playing at the C level again this year.

The committee plans to get the coaching interviews done the 1st two (2) weeks of August.

Once the coaches are set we will need to discuss the idea of setting a minimum of 3 coaches on the bench at a time instead of all 5-7 on the bench at one time. It is very confusing for the kids during a game situation to have so many coaches on the ice. We believe it will be beneficial to have the other assistant coaches watch from the stands and get a different perspective on how the kids are playing.

Schedule Approval –

Tim Hink has created a schedule time-line of events leading up to the 2010-2011 hockey season. This schedule will include looking for a try-out committee. Cherie will post this time-line on the district website for board members to view.

Try-out Committee –

The tryout committee will need to build a philosophy, determine evaluators, and decide how we are going to handle the try-outs this season.

Finding members and deciding what we want the try-out committee to do will be determined by the VP, Paige Lee. Many of the details can be addressed within the Try-Out committee. If the coaching committee would like to also oversee the Try-outs will need to be determined.

The task of finding some try-out committee members will be handled by Tom and Paige. Linda Chilstrom has already been contacted. This will involve traveling, but it should also include the Mite level try-outs. We may want to discuss the idea of getting Randy (High School Hockey Coach) involved with our evaluation process.

Update to Handbook -

We will need to add the new locker room policy made by D10 to our handbook. Adults are now required to be in the locker room with players and they no longer allow devices such as cell phones and iPods in the locker room. There have been issues with pictures being taken inside the locker room.

Cherie will take the contents of the Mite Handbook and incorporate this into the Master Handbook. After changes are made the Google Docs handbook will be converted back into a PDF format and posted on the website.

Arena Update -

Much of this topic was addressed in the membership meeting. Miscellaneous arena funds would come from the general funds. Steve Rindahl is providing in kind donated time to help coordinate our contractor support. He will not be using his own contractors to build the arena.

Can we pull money out of the Arena account and transfer it into a pre-paid card? Tim Hink will look into how we will handle the disbursements of money for the arena project. Do we want to be paying out of the Stacy account and not the People's account? Do we look at giving Steve a Visa gift card with a set amount of money he can use for the arena project? The larger bills may need to get billed back and sent to Stacy for pay back. Major expenditures over a \$100 would require we receive a bill at the end of the month and then bill the City of Stacy bank account for reimbursement.

Motion to put \$2000 on a visa gift card for Steve Rindahl. This will be used to pay for incidentals on the arena project. We will need to get all receipts from these purchases. Lisa Isaacson motioned to approve the \$2000 visa gift card for Steve Rindahl to use for the arena project, seconded by Ray Croal. Motion carried.

Paige will need to add Tim onto the Stacy bank account.

Motion to take Jeff Henderson off of the People's bank account as a signer and add Tim Hink in his place. Paige Lee and Tim Hink would then be the only 2 on this account. Motion made by Paige Lee, seconded by Lisa Isaacson. Motion carried.

Motion to add Tim Hink and Paige Lee to the Equitrust account as signers. Motion made by Paige Lee, seconded by Tom Garin. Motion carried.

Equipment in Storage at Shack – Paige and Carl met and discussed putting a system into place to organize the current and new equipment in the shack. They are looking to receive approval to get some rolling bins and have each piece of equipment in a bin instead of all included in bags, for the new skaters, with the wrong sizes included in the bags. The cost is around \$800 for the storage units. We want to use the storage space better and measured the area that could include a set of 6-8 bins for better storage. The intent is to have them fit through all of the doorways. We have extra money to make this purchase as we are receiving many of our jerseys at no cost.

Motion to approve up to \$1000 to buy bins for the storage unit. Motion made by Lisa Isaacson, seconded by Ray Croal. Motion carried.

Pepsi Grant –

Charlene Croal needs to update the website on the 1st of August for the Pepsi Grant. There were 2 other Anderson Grants that were submitted, however, it will take several months to receive a response on these grants.

CI Co-Op – North Branch board members are not interested in a traveling co-op with Cambridge Isanti for next. We may have some Bantam level players that may want to be waived to CI and potentially some of our PeeWee level players, but we are not interested in a full co-op.

The Next Mite Committee Meeting – Scheduled for Tuesday August 3rd at 7:00pm (North Branch Library)

Old Business:

- Lisa I – Grant Update
- Tim C. – Arena Update
- Registration Committee
- Coaching Committee
- Approve Budget for next season

New Business:

- Building & Maintenance Position Available
- Online Webstore

Motion to adjourn – 11:20 pm. Motion made by Tim Cashill, Tom Garin seconded. Motion carried.