

NBAHA

Board Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2010

Meeting called to order at: 8:15 p.m.

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

Members Present: Ryan Coleman and Nick Miller

Online Webstore (Nick Miller) -

The decision has been made to have the profits from the webstore sales directly deposited into the arena fund of the People's bank account.

The shipping costs are setup with UPS and are an estimated cost that can be seen on the website for purchasing the products. Paige Lee brought up another idea to eliminate the shipping costs for these items. The idea would be to have a 1 day a week pick-up of your items from the coffee shop in North Branch. Those that purchased items would be able to choose between UPS delivery or to pick up their items at a central location as they would already be boxed and ready for pick-up. Nick has indicated that once you order there is a 2-day turn around with the exception of some of the pants that will need to be sent out in bulk. Nick Miller would plan on dropping off the items at this central location thereby eliminating the shipping costs incurred by UPS.

There were some concerns brought up by board members of potential theft or damage of the purchased items having this 3rd party involved in the delivery of items to the buyer. However, Paige did indicate that not only is the coffee shop willing to be a central pick-up for these items purchased on the webstore, but they are also willing to display other merchandise in their shop.

Paige will have further discussion with the coffee shop employees to discuss this as a potential idea.

You could do either option UPS or Coffee Shop. There could be some potential issues with theft and other issues with a 3rd party involved. The coffee shop is willing to display other merchandise in the shop also.

Paige will have further discussions with the coffee shop to discuss this as a potential idea.

Nick Miller did present the webstore that he has in place and will soon be linked to from the North Branch Hockey website. There are still some policies and security items that need to be addressed before this site goes online. Some of these items include:

- Documenting who owns the user data stored in the online database
- Including a privacy policy with the purchase of these items
- Defining what name will be listed on the credit card statement
- Document that the proceeds from these sales will go directly toward the arena fund.

Available Ice for 2010-2011

Brian has been working to finalize our ice for the upcoming season. Dave (Isanti) has given us an open book schedule. The times of 7:20am to 1pm for weekend ice are available. We are still in need of weekday ice and Isanti does not have any available ice during the week days. We are looking to buy ice from Pine City to cover these week day ice times as we have not heard back from East Bethel.

All levels will be playing at the Isanti Arena and this includes mites and traveling players. We are looking at available ice at the White Bear Sports Center for the weekday ice times. This weekday ice time would be for our traveling level skaters.

Mites are limited to 15 games of full ice. You can have as many cross ice games as you want as these types of scrimmages are considered practices. The jamboree is included in this 15 game full ice limit. You do need to have a 3:1 ratio of games to practices.

Almelund Threshing Show Update

We need to reimburse gambling with non-gambling tickets that are missing. This would be for a total of \$45 in tickets. These tickets are more like cash and we need to account for each of them and need the cash to balance out the tickets. We need to account for every ticket number.

Girl Scout Skating Party

We are planning to have a Girl Scout skating party October 2nd. The party would start at noon on Saturday. We are looking at reserving the upstairs conference room for that day also.

Accounts Receivable

The board has decided that we will not accept registration for any player that has an outstanding balance.

Approve Printing of Yard Signs

The Mite Committee would like to place several yard signs around the community to promote the hockey association registration. Lisa has received several quotes on printing signs for information on hockey registration. She is looking at getting 25 signs for about \$200 which includes the stakes. She has looked at 12x18 versus 18x24 depending on the cost. We may need to look at one color vs. 2 colors and the cost with or without the logo. Jesse Meyer is willing to place these throughout the community.

Motion to approve purchasing North Branch Hockey yard signs at a total of \$250 made by Ray Croal , seconded by Lisa Isaacson. Motion carried.

Registration

We have always done follow up phone calls after registration to find out why last year players have not registered for the upcoming season. New users registering online are now automatically added to DIBS. We need to set a deadline on a final date for registration. We are looking at the

Wednesday before pre-skate, September 22nd? The Mite deadline will be much later than the traveling skaters and is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th.

Approve Head Coaching Recommendations from Coaching Committee

The coaching committee met on Monday night and they recommended appointing Tim Cashill as the head coach for the PeeWee team. The recommendation for the top level squirt head coach was Craig Moline. The committee selected Craig because of his philosophy on coaching. He is up beat and has a long standing history in hockey and has worked with all of the kids. This has been seen with the recent success with the Squirt level from last season. The committee liked his ideas on the practice and fundamentals for utilizing ice for practices. He also shows fairness in specific situations during games.

Motion to approve the 2010-2011 coach recommendations as listed above made by Ray Croal, seconded by Janelle Olson, Motion Carried.

Approve Try-Out Format as presented by Try-Out Committee (Evaluations) –

Paige and Tom's tentative plan:

Squirts:

Friday ~ Skills evaluation

Sat ~ 5-5

Sun ~ 5-5

Pewees

Sat ~ 5-5

Sun ~5-5

I believe there is only 1 goalie trying out at the squirts and 1 at the peewee level. We will handle this by having both goalies skate at both levels each take a turn at the PW try-outs. We need to find out the goalie situation and we'll have a plan for coverage.

We have contacted evaluators from Andover this morning and they are interested. They are 90% sure they can do it according to our ice times we have scheduled. We may also look at D10 and see if they have any other evaluators we can use. We will need to talk to the evaluators on how they evaluate some kids playing forward and those playing the defense positions. With 3 on 3 there are more chances for kids to touch the puck.

Some trials include skills and scrimmages. We stopped including the skills portion of the trials at the PeeWee and Bantam levels because many of the players could do all of the skills assessments, and did not do well in the scrimmages.

There are usually 3 evaluators at the traveling levels. There are 1 minute shifts with the skaters. Paige will talk with the head coach selection and discuss what they see with the try-out process. The try-out committee consists of Tom and Paige currently. We need more representation on this committee.

We are planning to have open try-outs this season. Parents will need to be informed that they must remain silent through this try-out process. All board members must be present during the try-outs.

Linda Chilstrom and Jeff Henderson will be available during the weekend of try-outs. We may look at evaluating the goalies in a separate try-out time.

Schedule Tracking

Tim will update the schedule and it is currently listed in the confidential section under Board.

Level of Play

We will need level of play recommendations 3 days before. On October 3rd we will need the room at Chisago Lakes reserved for after the try-outs to determine what kids are on what teams.

HEP Requirements for 2010-2011 Season

HEP requirement will need to be advertised to the membership. All members will need to go out and take the online quiz. District 10 also says we need to hand out HEP books. There is a recommendation to wait until October as there will be prizes available. We are planning to have the team managers' hand out the books to each of the families.

Bantam Options

We have talked about what each player plans are for the upcoming season on being waived to other associations or playing at the High School hockey league.

Aflac Advertising

Tim Cashill will follow up with Shaan.

Fall Meeting Schedule

We will be leaving the membership and board meetings on the last Wednesday of each month. The start time for the membership meeting will now start at 6pm instead of 7pm.

Handbook updates

The handbook changes have been incorporated into the updated handbook in .doc format. The Mite information has also been included in the handbook. Lisa will do a final review of the changes and send those to Cherie. This document does need to be entirely re-written to clean up the formatting options within the document. Cherie will work at re-typing this document to make it easier to update with future revisions.

Arena Update

The engineer is okay with everything to date. There is a misunderstanding on the phases part of the project. Some of the confusion has to do with parking lots and walking paths. It will take us four weeks to get a permit from the state to move a water line. There are some issues with the water table being so high this year. We are going to try and get all the digging done this fall. We expect to have a letter in hand from the state by sometime next week.

We have to do some silt fencing and will need insurance in place before we begin. This could run us \$4000-\$6000 for the building insurance. If we can insure the building with the City policy it would save us several thousands of dollars a year.

What are the best forms of communication to the membership with regards to the arena updates? We are working to have the most up-to-date information out on the website. Steve Thorp could send a daily or updated communication to the arena committee that can be updated on the website on a regular basis as well.

Mite Committee

The meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 31st has been canceled due to the holiday. The next meeting and the monthly meetings to follow will fall on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 6pm. Cherie will try and get these at the North Branch Library, but the location may need to change depending on the availability of this facility.

Mite Night is an informational night for new mite level skaters. When do we want to do this as this should be added to the schedule? We need to consider that we have not had these new parents participate in our power play event. This would fall before learn to skate. Do we want to have one before and one after learn to skate. We will need to have wireless access to sign up online.

Dates for Mite Night

September 28th – Mite Night #1

October 19th – Mite Night #2

Time: Starting at 7pm

Location: North Branch Fire Hall

Old Business:

- Lisa I – Grant Update
- Tim C. – Arena Update
- Registration Committee
- Coaching Committee

New Business:

- Building & Maintenance Position Available
- Online Webstore

Motion to adjourn – 12:38 pm. Motion made by Kerry Harvey, Brian Kerchner seconded. Motion carried.