

NBAHA

Board Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2010

Meeting called to order at: 8:35 p.m.

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

Members Present: Anne Meyer

Motion to Approve Funding for the Outdoor Rink (Shack) -

There were several votes through email that were 'in favor' to allow up to \$1500 to put toward the shack for repairs. A motion to spend up to \$1500 on the shack in the coming year was made by Paige Lee. This includes painting, shingles, door lock, lighting, and lumber for repairing the boards. Motion seconded by Cherie Turek. After several approvals from board members through email the motion is approved.

Online Webstore Update -

Nick received the information from Tim Hink to verify the security with PayPal for online payments. He is now waiting for PayPal to verify the information. Nick is hoping to have the web store up and going next week. We will not be using the coffee shop as a delivery pick-up location at this time. He would like to get group and/or team purchases or updates in bulk. The website that is being updated and will soon be ready for public display is <http://www.nbhockeyshop.com>. Nick selected items that he thought were the best products to start selling online. The inventory can change as we go forward. The money generated from the sales from this online web store will go directly into the People's account for the North Branch Area Hockey Association arena fund.

Available Ice for 2010-2011

Brian has indicated that Cambridge, Pine City, Chisago, and East Bethel are unable to help us with our current shortage of week day ice. All home games will need to be scheduled on the weekend. Many of these rinks are holding off scheduling weekday ice until after scheduling is complete.

We can get ice at the Princeton arena for 70-80 hours right now for weekday ice. They are currently missing 6 teams from last year. It was decided that we will hold off on taking the available ice at Princeton until scheduling is complete at the other arenas and we have looked at all of our other options.

We have been given the option to skate with the U10 team from Cambridge with 2 hours of ice during the week. We could put our Squirts or PeeWee kids on the ice with this team.

October Mite Ice

We are looking to have Mites on the ice for 2 hours a week for a couple of weeks before the season starts. Many parents and skaters would rather have more ice time early than later in the season. If traveling teams do not make district play offs this practice ice can be given to the mites. We will look at combining C and B skaters and then the younger D and Initiation skaters. Mites start games in mid-December and start practicing on November 15th.

Accounts Receivable

There are 2 members that are registered and have an outstanding balance from last year. Both have been willing to make small payments over the next 9 months. We currently have 25 squirts and this would leave us with 24 squirts. Other players that still have outstanding balances from last year and have not registered this season may include potentially a couple of more PeeWee skaters.

Motion made by Paige Lee to allow a kid to play if they follow a payment plan to pay off their fees from last season and their fees for this season. A discussion item from the motion was if we let the kids skate can we get all of the outstanding fees paid up by the end of the fiscal year. Is there a potential payment plan we could put in place for these players? Part of the budget did include getting all the past due fees paid up. These fees would then be subsidized from gambling which takes away from our arena funding.

The budget was balanced without charitable gambling or fundraising. We budgeted for team sizes of 15 players. North Branch will cost us \$3000 in operating costs. We can look at the equipment budget for additional money. We have done lower fees for 1st year traveling skaters in the past. Are there potentially any other associations that will waive into North Branch? There needs to be a stipulation that these families need to stay on the plan and follow through with their bills going forward.

Motion to approve these 3 traveling skaters being allowed to skate for the 2010-2011 season. Tim Cashill and Tim Hink will sit down with these families and discuss that these fees need to be paid up. Paige motions to allow these 3 skaters to skate this season with the stipulation that they are on a payment plan to pay off their past due balances and have a discussion with Tim and another board member, seconded by Lisa Isaacson, Motion carried.

Mite Evaluations – Ray will be formatting an idea for the upcoming Mite evaluations. Ray will discuss this with the Mite Committee members at the upcoming meeting. We only have 2 hours of ice available at this point for evaluations. We are calling these evaluations for the Mites skills assessments.

Waived Player Responsibility to NBAHA (fundraising and registration)

Two skaters have waived over to Chisago. Fundraising is done at the home association. We will need to make sure this is documented in the Hand Book for next season. Those waived to Cambridge Isanti are doing their fundraising and registration with North Branch Area Hockey Association. One family did waive to Forest Lake and they are required to do the Forest Lake fundraising.

Waived players should register with their home association. Players waived into North Branch registered with home association, but is still required to do fundraising with North Branch and it was not required by St. Francis. It really depends on the situation involved.

Scheduled Tracking

There was discussion around player groupings for try-outs. Jeff Richards is helping and Paige is in charge of assigning numbers to the players during try-outs. We are planning to have a laptop with a printer available. Paige will follow up with Jeff to see if he will be bringing a printer. We will need to make sure the talent is even between the teams. Whoever is running the benches will need to get some prior training before we start the try-out process

2010-2011 Season Schedule

There are a number of questions around the Mite level teams and the Mite Evaluation Skills Assessment. This needs to be updated before the skills assessments take place at the end of October. Do we want to look at having the try-out committee attend the mite committee meeting to discuss these items? Are we going to skate a U8 team or incorporate them into a C-Mite level team?

Hockey Picture (Kerry Harvey)

What are the thoughts from the Board on when we schedule the individual and team pictures? Do we do the traveling teams first and then have mites later? Mites are usually done early or mid-December. The pictures should be held off-ice. Kerry is looking to use We-Got-Game for the pictures this year. There is a 10% rebate and there are large team photo collages available to purchase. We should have mite rosters completed around December 5th. It is better to schedule the traveling and Mite level skaters on separate nights. Traveling date would be mid to late October or into November.

GDI Clinics –

Comments From Cambridge Isanti: We broke the cost down per Goalie and player at Cambridge Isanti. The flat fee will be \$400 for the 10 advance session. It ends up being 15 hrs of on ice training with an additional 2-1/2 hours of off ice instruction, so it is a pretty good deal. It is roughly \$27 dollars an hour for on ice and \$23 if you include the off ice. Most programs are charging individuals \$175 an hour. Obviously our sessions are not one on one, but usually it is 1 coach for every 2 goalies. If you have younger goalies that want to attend the mite clinic it would be \$150. They still get 10 sessions, but they are only 40 minutes long. It ends up being 6hr and 40 minutes of training. I think it is right around \$23 per hour for the on ice for the younger goalies. It is \$17 an hour, if you include off ice.

NBAHA Board Discussion: We have included about 3 hours of ice time at \$150/hour for our goalie trainings. Do we want to look at subsidizing the cost of these sessions? We can look at stating that we will subsidize some of the cost and see how many players are interested in attending and paying an additional cost for training.

It has been decided based on the number of goalies attending these clinics that the North Branch Area Hockey Association will fund 50% of the cost for up to 5 mite/squirts and up to 4 upper level goalies.

Can players waived to other associations borrow a jersey for the winter to wear on NBAHA Hockey Spirit Days?

There has been a request from a waived North Branch Bantam player to wear a North Branch jersey on Friday Hockey Spirit Days. We can move forward and have them provide a deposit to receive a jersey to wear on these days.

Request for Donation – North Branch Area Education Foundation

Shannon Kratzke is on this foundation and is looking for support for the school. Lisa is making a motion to make a couple of baskets with t-shirts, learn to skate tickets, pizza cards, can coolers, and other items that we have to donate to this foundation. Motion made by Lisa Isaacson, seconded by Paige Lee. Motion carried.

Fundraising Pick-Up

How do we handle families that have not picked up or turned in their fundraising items. There are some that have registered and have not picked up their materials. We have 30 returning families that have not picked up their \$40 Power Play tickets. We will still need to have these families complete the other non-gambling fundraising for an additional \$40. Those that picked up their material last night have been given another month to sell these items. We can look at selling T-shirts as another option. Motion was made to have families, which do not register before Power Play, sell other items for \$240 to cover the additional Power Play costs, seconded by Ray Croal, Motion carried.

Lisa will send this information out in the upcoming newsletter to let people know that this is their last opportunity to purchase the Power Play tickets.

NBAHA Handbook Updates

We will look at updating the “Waived Player Policy” next year.

The “Birthday Window” section is declared on a year by year basis. This allows kids that missed the cut off date to play with kids in their own grade level. The Player Move-Up Policy is intended for players at the top level to move their kids to the next level if the level they need is not available. Tim Hink believes that these 2 policies are one of the same. Tim Cashill and Tim Hink will work together to update the Player Move-Up policy and remove the Birthday Window section from the handbook.

Tournaments

Tom Garin sent a spreadsheet to Craig Moline on a list of tournaments and has asked him to pick the tournaments that he wants and then schedule ice. Most tournaments are \$500 with no gate fees. Tom will schedule the B2 tournaments.

Next Mite Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 13th at 6:00pm (NB Library)

Old Business:

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

New Business:

- Level of Play
- Online Webstore

Motion to adjourn – 10:58pm. Motion made by Tom Garin, Ray Croal seconded. Motion carried.