NBAHA Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2011

Meeting called to order at: 7:35 p.m.

Board Members Present: Janelle Olson, Paige Lee, Tim Cashill, Tim Hink, Cherie Turek, Kerry

Harvey, Tom Garin, Brian Kerchner, Ray Croal, Lisa Isaacson

Members Present: Rick Huth, Jana Huth

Approve Paying for Additional Ice from Gambling

We will table this item until next month as we do not have a quorum to approve this payment. This will be addressed again when we receive the next ice bill from Cambridge Isanti.

NBAAA Update and \$150.00 fee for 2010

This is no record of payment for this year. The NBAAA is looking to get paid for 2010 and then receive the payment for 2011. This will be used for their website and for advertisements of youth night so all the sports associations can link off of this central site. Jeff Sampson has stepped up as president and Lisa has taken on the publicity role in this organization. Paige has discussed what we currently have in place now within our association. Have they thought about partnering with the Forest Lake Association? This has not been discussed to date. Motion to approve the \$150 expenditure to pay the athletic association for 2010 has been made. Ray Croal motioned, seconded by Tom Garin. Motion Carried.

Update with Activities Director Meeting NBAAA

Budget cuts at the North Branch Schools are coming up for next year. The superintendent met with all the youth organizations. If they decide to cut Middle School sports they would like to know if the gap would be filled by the community. They would like to know what is offered as far as cost, scholarships, etc... for each of the sports. The meeting went well and no final decisions have been made to date. They are concerned about having recreation and traveling level sports for the kids in our community. They want to know that there are different levels in the traveling sports and do they have the coaches to support this effort. Discussion items include gym time, field support, maintenance, and finding out what the costs are involved and what we can do to save money.

There has been discussion about having attendance from the hockey association at the school board meetings. We should try to have representation from association board members at these meetings.

S.K.A.T.E.

We have to register with the S.K.A.T.E. program. They have not updated the website to date. Paige will send Kerry the web site link for this registration.

District Tournament Assignment

We have requested the Super Sunday events which would include a Saturday and Sunday schedule. Everyone across District10 is given so many hours of volunteer time. The volunteer times will be added to DIBS online. We will need 3 people from 11-4pm. If you volunteer you will receive D10 tournament passes to the games. Lisa will ask team managers to follow up with parents on participation during these events.

Volunteer support needed:

Saturday, February 26th in Anoka. There are 1-4 games with start times of 11:10, 12:20, 1:30, and 2:40. We will need 3 people to volunteer to run the games. Roles will include Bookkeeper, clockperson, penaltybox person, and announcer. One person can do more than one job.

Super Sunday, February 27th in Anoka. There will be 6 games with start times of 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:45, 2:30, 4:15, 6:00. We will need the same amount of volunteers working each game. We will split the shifts in half.

Mite Player Jersey Replacements

We need to look at A and B Mite player jerseys replacements. Do we want to look at cheaper jerseys or more of a permanent jersey used for several years? We will look at the equipment budget for next year to determine what funds we have available to replace these jerseys. We also need to follow up on an equipment manager position. We will look at pricing this out with Nick Miller. The actual hockey jersey is \$7 more than the degree jersey. Lisa will post an announcement that we are looking to fill the position of an equipment manager. We may have a trailer at the team party day to collect the equipment from this season.

ImPact Testing

We will need to discuss this next year. There is a new impact testing program where people can go in and have all of the players have a baseline concussion test. They can only test kids that are 11 years of age and older. There have been some players that have received concussions this year. If we could do this testing sooner before the football season begins would be preferable.

Do we want to look at having all mouth guards be attached to the helmet? Many of our upper level mites are not keeping these mouth guards in their mouth during practices and games. We can make this test as part of the registration process and for awareness of this problem. We can work out the location of these tests. The cost is \$10 for the baseline testing.

Team Projections 2011-2012

We could have potentially 2 small PeeWee teams or 1 larger team. Chisago had a B1 PeeWee team of 10 players. The average is about 13 players per team. We have 30 players that are Squirt eligible and 4 girls that can play at this level or play on a U10 team outside the association. There are 14 U8 girls that will still be at a U8 level. We need to look at a Girl's Coordinator that can keep closer tabs on the numbers for the girls in our association. There are some coaches that may be interested in looking at filling this position.

Shack Door Replacement (\$340)

Is there any safety issue with the current setup of the door at the outdoor ice arena? We will have Will Turek identify if there is a safety concern. If needed the board will approve an expenditure to replace this door. Cherie will send out an email with Will's thoughts on the safety of the current door on the shack.

Building and Maintenance Manager

As we look at having the 2 sheets of ice we will need to look at an arena manager. Will Turek does not plan on staying on in this position for next season.

Board Positions

We need to have recommendations for positions at the February Membership meeting and we will vote at the March meeting. The only positions not open are President and Secretary.

Board positions:

The Annual meeting is where we will vote for new board members.

- Secretary and President are not up this year.
- President Tim plans to stay on the Board for the next 3 years until his kids move on to High School hockey. He would like to start training a possible candidate for this position over the next couple of years
- Publicity Director Lisa plans to stay on the Board for the next 3 years. There will be a need for training someone in this position as well over the next several years.
- Secretary Cherie does plan to stay on another year.
- Coaching Directory Tom does not wish to stay in this position for next season. He has mentioned that he may be willing to step back into the Ice Director role.
- Ice Director Brian is looking to step down from this position. However, he would like to fill another role on the board.
- Vice President Paige has agreed to stay on as Vice President for another year.
- Mite Directory Ray would like to stay on the board, but is stepping down from the Mite Directory role. He has expressed interest in the Coaching Director position. We should look at also getting a good Mite Committee and start to delegate some of the roles that the Mite Directory must fill. Maybe we need to start looking at having coaches attend these meetings and help with evaluations.
- Registrar Kerry has agreed to stay in this position for another year
- Fund Raising Director Janelle has agreed to stay in this position for another year.
- Treasurer Tim will be stepping down from this role on the board.

Nominating Committee

Paige is willing to serve on this committee. We typically have 4 people participate on this committee. Two (2) board members and two (2) members usually participate on this committee. Recommended nominations need to be brought to next months meeting and a vote will be taken at the annual meeting. Kerry will participate on this committee and find two (2) other members to join this committee. There is a motion to approve Kerry and Paige as board representation on the nominating committee. Tom Garin motioned, seconded by Ray Croal. Motion carried.

We will need to approve the ballot at the February meeting and vote in March. We are currently looking to fill the following new and existing positions.

- Girls Coordinator
- Equipment Manager
- Treasurer
- Web Manager
- We also need to get an Arena Board in place that includes a diverse group of people.

Sponsor Plaques

We have two (2) for the squirt and peewee teams and one (1) of each of the mite teams. There is a motion to approve displaying our plaques at the following locations.

- o 1. Insight Screen Printing
- o 3. Pizza Pub
- o 4. Viking Cola
- o 5.Stacy Lions
- o 6.County Market
- o 7.AmericInn
- o 8.North Country Coffee
- o 9.Dominos
- o 10.Pizza Hut
- o 11.Tim's Country Cupboard
- o 12.JJs Bar
- o 13 Oak Inn

Ray Croal motioned, Janelle Olson seconded. Motion carried.

As we look at building our new arena there has been discussion of switching our storage to Stacy Storage as we get 10 more feet of storage and this storage is closer to the rink location in Stacy. We may be able to store equipment in this location as well.

Kerry will look at getting a mural of all the teams for the City of Stacy.

Mite Trophies

There was a budget of \$500 for the mite level trophies. Kerry and Cherie are working together to find trophies that are low cost and still include engraving.

TEAM Skating Party

Tim was going to try and get a policy for a father and son game that would be covered. We are not going forward on this idea for this season. Therefore, only coaches and players will be allowed on the ice during the team party ice on February 27th.

Next Mite Committee Meeting will be on February 3, 2011

Motion to adjourn – **9:40 pm**. Motion made by Janelle Olson, seconded by Ray Croal. Motion Carried.