

NBAHA

Membership Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2011

Meeting called to order at: 6:05 p.m.

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

Members Present: Mark Bigelbach, Joe Weyenberg, Craig Moline, Linda Chilstrom, Jess Richards, Chris Ferderer, Andy Kurkowski, Annie Kurkowski, Chris Boese, Stephanie Schmitt, Darcy Garin, Sharon Runberg, Dale Duval, Lyndsey Whiting, Jessie Meyer, Bruce Anderson, Jen Fairbanks, Chris Fairbanks, Mike Jinks, Steve Thorp, Paul Edoff, Brandon Thyen, Jim Axberg, Steve Lee, Bridget Sutter, Mike Fabini, Chris Fairbanks

Craig and Mark – Stacy Sports Complex

Lease and contract agreement passed. Footings have already been put in place and capped off last fall. Funding towards the arena has been received by the Viking Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Fred C. and Katherine B. Anderson.

Mark is a developer in the construction business. Vadnais Heights was his primary project last year. He is taking the premises from charter schools to create a sports complex. He is in the middle of 8 other projects throughout the metro area. Vadnais Heights had a rink and a permanent dome. Mark and his team pulled out all the costs and the revenues including advertising. They then pulled options together to look at what was realistic in moving forward with building the arena. They identified exact numbers of what it will cost to do things.

They will find ways to build in a more economical situation. Mark and his team will take it from concept to completion. We will need to push the building use to all hours of the day and all seasons if possible. Mark will begin by working with the school districts in the area and then will work with local cities and then metro wide with a 30 mile radius to see how the sports complex hours could be filled throughout the year. They will try and place all the available hours with the surrounding areas, concessions, advertising, grants, tax increment financing, and state tif money. There are no charges up front from Mark and his team, they do charge a fee if they do come in and prove it out for us. We also need to look at construction pricing being at an all time low right now. It will cost more as you incorporate more phases.

They will need to work on updating the feasibility study. Mark and his team will need to look at the project costs from every phase with the demographics. Mark believes it would take approximately 30 days to put together a list of options for us to select from. We cannot make mistakes as we move forward with building our rink.

Lisa Isaacson is still looking for volunteers to start looking for grants. Please contact Lisa if you have some time to start this research project at publicity@northbranchhockey.com.

Secretary Report: February membership meeting minutes and all other minutes have been posted on the website with correct gambling report. Motion to accept minutes as posted made by Paige Lee, seconded by Kerry Harvey. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Supporting our Bantam Players

Motion to give \$200 to support the rental of a coach bus for Zak Lambrecht, Louis Katenbauer and the B1 Bantam team from Chisago Lakes made by Lisa Isaacson, seconded by Tom Garin. Motion carried.

Tim believes we have had another great year of hockey. The Mite program took another step forward. Kids were having fun and had a good season. We will continue to have a smaller fee for our mite level skaters. There were compliments on many of the coaches.

The entire association felt bad about not being able to have our own bantam team. We did talk to our bantam families early to look at other locations for the players at this level. All of these players were waived or went to play with the High School team.

The Squirts had a fantastic season this year. The C-Squirt co-op team with Cambridge Isanti did have a rough start early in the season that was addressed by the Coaching director. It sounds like all 6 players plan to come back next season. The PeeWee's skated at the B1 level and also had a good year. They did not win a lot of games, however, many of the games were lost by 1-2 goals. They skated in International Falls and Siren for some offsite tournaments. There were 3 kids that were waived over to CI on a B2 team because of our numbers.

The association will look to improve on getting the correct amount of players on teams. We need to look at co-op or waiving kids if it is necessary for the best interest of the players.

ADM (American Development Model) – D10 looks at making ADM fit into our association. Look at taking the idea of ADM and how we can incorporate this into our skill development at all levels in the association.

Checking at the PeeWee Level is being discussed for next year by USA Hockey. This is a USA Hockey decision and not a D10 decision. Do we look at pulling together a co-op A level team at different levels within D10.

Vice President Report:

NBAA – Paige is attending a meeting one (1) time per month with the athletics director. Middle School baseball and softball and boys and girls soccer are some of the activities cut from the school district. There are other opportunities for these sports in the community. NBAA is looking at creating a one stop shop on the website for all sports.

Will Turek has done all the repairs and the ice maintenance last season. We are still looking for an equipment manager if there is any interest. Paige has been the equipment manager all year. We are moving our equipment from Bulls-eye to the Stacy storage facility. We are getting more space for the same amount of money. This move will take place in the next few weeks.

Mite and Traveling evaluations – There are things to improve on for next year.

HEP – This past season we asked all parents to go online to complete their HEP tests online. Next year we may have a speaker come and speak to association members to full fill this requirement.

High School Team and Blue Line Club – There will be HS hockey team next year. The school board had a lot of questions on the hockey program. We talked about having ice next year as part of our arena efforts. Coach G. will not return as the High School Hockey coach next season. The North Branch School District will be sending out a notice looking for a new High School hockey coach. They are looking to form a committee to find a good person to fill this role. They would like to get a coach in place by May 1st to look at a summer program.

Treasurer Report:

January Checkbook Balances

\$12,270.50	–	Associated Bank
\$67,990.73	–	Peoples Bank (arena fund)
\$0	–	Equitrust – funds moved into Peoples account
\$11,224.90	–	Outstanding Balance
\$255,242.85	–	Stacy Arena Fund

Motion to approve treasurer report made by Linda Chilstrom , seconded by Paige Lee. Motion carried.

Gambling Report:

The gambling report from last month and several of the previous months have all been posted online.

Organization	Gross Receipts	Prizes Paid	Net Receipts	Shortages/Overages
Wild River	11897	9158	2739	-22 shortage
Pizza Pub	13649	11722	1755	-172 shortage
Oak Inn	18187	14464	3723	5 overage
JJs Bar	11141	9010	2131	-21 shortage
JJs Booth	16588	13300	3288	-35 shorage

Motion to approve gambling manager's report. Ray Croal motioned, Brian Kerchner seconded. Motion carried.

Allowable Expenditures for Gambling

JJ's Rent	\$300.00
Oak Inn Rent	\$700.00
Wild River Rent	\$700.00
Pizza Pub Rent	\$700.00
Poste Haste for Office Supplies and Copies	\$75.00
Postage	\$10.00
John Trudeau CPA	\$1000.00
MegaBingo	\$250.00
Payroll	\$3500
Meat Raffle Purchases	\$350.00
GM Bond	\$300.00
Computer for GM	\$600.00
GM License	\$100.00
3Diamond for Games	\$3000
Supplies for Storage Locker	\$300.00
Storage Locker	\$260.00
Raffle Prizes	\$300.00

The bond is an annual cost. Lisa Henderson is moving on as our gambling manager. We have identified a new gambling manager as Janelle Olson. She is also the fundraising director and these two roles are a good match. Having one (1) person owning and controlling this information is a good thing. Janelle has been going through a transition phase with Lisa for the last 5 months.

Motion to approve the allowable expenditures for gambling. Linda Chilstrom motioned, Janelle Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Gambling Disbursements

In the February board meeting we identified the following organizations to donate the funds to. We will give 10% of our overall disbursements to each of the following groups equally. The remainder would go to the City of Stacy

Camp Sunrise	\$200
City of Stacy (arena fund)	\$22800
Early Childhood Coalition	\$200
NB Music Booster Club	\$200
North Branch Library	\$200
North Branch LIONS	\$200
Ruby's Pantry Food Shelf	\$200
Senior All Night Party	\$200
Trinity Christian School	\$200
Youth Service Bureau	\$200
Blue Line Club	\$200
Pheasants Forever	\$200

Motion to approve gambling disbursements made by Ray Croal, seconded by Tom Garin. Motion carried.

MITE DIRECTOR REPORT

We had 2 Bmite teams this season. The schedule was changed and we did play all of the D10 teams to see where the program is going. Both B level teams faired very well. The C mites played a northern schedule. C Mites also had a very good year. The U8 girls (2nd year) formed our 2nd year C-mite team. The girls played 2 other U8 teams in the season and a U8 jamboree at the end of the year.

The new Girl's coordinator for next season is Bruce Anderson. He will look at recruiting more girls into our hockey program next season.

The D Mites were fun to watch and have grown over the hockey season. We decided to not have an initiation program this year, but instead put them into a D-level hockey team. All kids were off walkers within the 1st couple of weeks.

We initiated the HEP times for the mites all across the board from D-B mite players. There were some good and negative responses to this process. This process is done to help us see where the skaters' needs are and what the coaches need to improve upon. The skills improvement drills help to identify what our coaches need to work on with our players. There were some communication issues in the beginning of the season. The year-end went very smooth.

The Mite Committee was started by Craig Moline. The board encourages parents to participate on this committee. There was a recommendation to look at scheduling this meeting differently. Instead of scheduling it to take place on the same night, select random nights during the week.

We had 106 mites in our association hockey. We need to work at keeping these mite numbers as they move through the association. We have more mites compared to other associations that have their own arena.

FUNDRAISING

EVENT	AMOUNT RAISED	
Groundbreaking	\$1,008.33	
Golf Tournament	\$1,385.35	
Brat Stand	\$540.02	\$434.10 at stand \$105.92 in donations
Power Play	\$5,496.20	Arena Fund
Powe Play	\$ 550.00	Gambling Acct
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 13,612.00	\$16480 in sales, \$2868 in prizes
Non-Gambling Option	\$2,200.00	Mandatory Fundraiser
TOTAL	\$ 24,791.90	

Upcoming Events

There is a flyer posted on website for the Golf Tournament and DIBS assignments will also be updated. We are also looking at a junior tournament as well.

We are going to look at doing \$1 raffle tickets for the booths. We will also look at having a cash prize. We will look at getting the prizes donated.

We are going to look at having the Power Play take place later in the season. This will give the D mites an opportunity to attend this event as well. We hope to have a better turn out in March. We will look at forming a strong committee for to coordinate this event.

APRIL

- Adopt a Highway – TBD

MAY

- Golf Tournament at Falcon Ridget – May 21st (1:00 shotgun start)

JUNE

- Midsummer Day Parade – June 19th at 2:00pm

JULY

- County Market Brat Stand Fundraiser – TBD

AUGUST

- Stacy Days Booth – August 6th
- Almelund Threshing Show – August 13th and 14th

SEPTEMBER

- Hay Days – September 10th and 11th
- Adopt a Highway – TBD
- Fall Harvest Festival – September 24th
- Raffle Drawing

MARCH 2012

- Power Play Fundraiser - TBD

PUBLICITY

We added DIBS to post volunteer hours online. Online registration was done for the 1st time this year. Mike Whiting has accepted the position as web manager for our upcoming season. We are sill looking for someone to fill the service manager role. The service manager position will be working with members on the DIBS site and tracking who has or has not full filled their credits. The 2011-2012 service requirements are located on the volunteers tab. The service requirement will include 4 service credits starting April 1st 2011 through next year. Coaches requirement would be full filled by being a coach, but will still be needed at learn to skate and evaluations. Manager coordinator positions will automatically have their service requirements full filled. Team managers will have 1 service credit full filled. You can also get service credits full filled by being actively involved in one of our committees.

We will also keep track of those that help out at the Stacy Sports complex building process. The Pepsi Grant process did give us a lot of publicity. We also did sign boards for the Mites registration last season. We may want to look at charging a small amount for the learn to skate along with food donations for next season.

ICE DIRECTOR

There were some additional weekend ice hours given to the mite players this season. We will look again at trying to keep our ice locations nearby and limit practices at rinks like Schwann's and Princeton.

REGISTRAION DIRECTOR

There were 156 registered skaters this season and 38 new families. Online registration did start this year. Will soon open online registration for next season when fees are set.

NEW BUSINESS

JJ's Bar and Booth – We are losing money by staffing the pull tab booth. We thought we could potentially lose this bar if we pull the pull tab booth at this location. We let the bar owner know that we would discontinue the pull tab booth at these locations. The bar owner was looking for someone else to fill the pull tab booth to replace the NBAHA pull tabs booth at this location. This does take us into a lower tax bracket for gambling.

Approval for new Gambling Manager

There is a per site salary of \$300 and the \$15 for site manager duties. This includes \$10 for bingo. Motion to approve recommendation made by Lisa Isaacson, seconded Paige Lee. Motion Carried.

Co-op Cmte Squirt Team – We had a player that loves to skate and scored often for his team, but as a second year skater, he took a step back last season and is now moving to the PeeWee level next year. There are often preferences made for 2nd year skaters. The parent of this skater hopes that this can be addressed better next season and going forward. The communication piece with the numbers situation also needs to be addressed for all levels next season. Try-out committee members do need to keep this information confidential. If a committee member or the board members son/daughter is included in the decision making process, do we look at having them excluded from the decision making process next season? The board needs to keep engaged with the other co-op teams.

Would it make sense to have a possible co-op manager to check in on the players that are participating in a co-op team? We need to make sure that these kids are also developing. We may look at getting Dave Perry to work with our Squirt and PeeWee players. We will also need to look at more communication and guidelines for having players attend practices and games.

Election Results

Listed below are the election results from the 2011 North Branch Area Hockey Association Annual Meeting for the board positions listed below.

- Vice President – Paige Lee
- Treasurer – Scott Hanna
- Registrar – Kerry Harvey
- Publicity Director – Lisa Isaacson
- Fundraising Director – Janelle Olson
- Ice Director – Tom Garin
- Coaching Director – Ray Croal
- Mite Director – Brian Kerchner

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Ray Croal motioned, Tom Garin seconded. Motion carried.