

NBAHA

Board Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2011

Meeting called to order at: 6:45 p.m.

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

Members Present: Lindsey Whiting

Mandatory Fundraising Options (Cash Calendars?)

The cash calendars are easy to sell and we do not need the money up front. The non-gambling option will be a buy-out of \$200. What have other associations done for the buy-out option? There has been no research done to see what others are doing at this time.

Motion to approve returning families having to sell 20 cash calendars at \$10 a piece or pay a \$200 buy-out. This will need to be approved online over email as there are not enough board members present to pass this motion.

Power Play Ticket Price

Motion to approve having returning families also purchase 2 power play tickets at \$20/piece. This will also need to be approved online over email as there are not enough board members present to pass this motion.

Ideas were brought up to also include another smaller ticket price for those coming to the Power Play event following the dinner later in the evening. We may look at selling tickets at \$10 a piece for those arriving after 7pm to this event.

We can look at handing out flyers to our new members to encourage these new families to attend our power play event as it will take place later in the season. We can look at having this information available at the mite committee meeting as well.

Unfilled Fundraising Requirements from last season

Janelle has 5 families that have not fulfilled their fundraising requirements from last season.

Do we want to look at getting the team managers involved with collecting the fundraising money? We can look at having a night for collecting fundraising material as another option. We have about 16 families that did not fulfill their entire service requirements. We were going to bill them for unfulfilled credits.

Do we draft letters to those that still need to fulfill service requirements and those that have unfilled fundraising requirements? Some of these letters will be drafted to negotiate a fee to make up for these unfulfilled requirements. Scott, Janelle, and Lisa will form some type of communication to

send to these families. We need the families to contact board members to work through these details. We can look at options such as rolling over service requirements to selling summer raffle tickets. Scott, Janelle and Lisa will come back to the board with their recommendation before the letters are sent out to these members.

Bantam Level Discussion

The NBAHA board had a bantam parent meeting around this time last season to talk about the intentions for our Bantam level players for the season. Tim feels that we will again not be able to put together a full Bantam team. There is such a variance in skill levels for the kids at this level. We need to contact all the Bantam parents to get their input on a decision for these players.

There were positive and negative comments last year with letting the players choose the association they wanted to waive to. We can talk to Cambridge Isanti again and see if there is a potential for a co-op with them at the Bantam level. We need to address this sooner than later. Some of these players are already looking at options for next season. There are 4 players moving up from the PeeWee level from last season. We need to be clear that this will be the last year we will need to waive kids at the Bantam level. Some of the players that were waived to other associations are looking to play High School hockey with that association. We need to try and keep the North Branch players in our association as we look at our own North Branch High School team.

We feel that we will have the numbers to field a Bantam team for the 2012-2013 hockey season. We need to make some phone calls to our Bantam level parents to let them know the situation for next season and get their input. We believe that we will not be able to field a Bantam team for next season. We should draft a letter and send it out and follow it up with a phone call. Paige will call and Lisa will draft a letter to these parents.

Squirt Coordinator Position and other Coordinator Positions

Chris stepped up and did interview for the coaching director position for this coming hockey season. Ray Croal was selected for this position because of his knowledge on ADM and relationships within the association. Chris was fine with this decision; he just wants to contribute to the association. We did decide to look at keeping Chris involved. There is also potential to have Chris be available as an assistant coaching director.

Do we look at having a Bantam level coordinator to keep in touch with our Bantam players playing for other associations for next season? Tim does not see a need at the PeeWee level for next season as many of the board members have kids at this level.

If we have level coordinator positions we should document the duties and this should be posted online for others to also apply for these positions. We will look at posting something on the website or newsletter for all of the potential coordinator positions. We need to set a window for making a selection for these positions.

If any board member is forming a committee, they need to send this information to Lisa to add it to the newsletter. This would include a brief description of what the committee is about and their contact information.

Website Advertising Spots

Last year we put together a sponsorship form. The arena pieces can be pulled out as this will be handled by the arena board. We need to give recognition to those working on the construction of the arena. Look at adding sponsorship to those that provide a large donation to the association. We can look at having these sponsorships rotating on the website. We need to set some rules around these donations such as a minimum dollar value.

Review Job Descriptions for board members

The HEP program should fall under the registration director duties. We also need to move mite trophy selection from Publicity to the Registrar position with the Secretary as the backup. The Vice President should currently be the liaison for the North Branch High School Hockey program.

Look at moving some of the publicity activities such as parade coordination to the Mite Director position or other positions. We are also going to start adding committee member names under the board member areas on the website.

All board members need to look over their Job Descriptions again and send changes to webmanager@northbranchhockey.com before the next board meeting.

Try-out Committee Member Approval (Ray Croal, Paige Lee, Tom Garin, Jess Richards, Linda Chilstrom, Donny Schmitt)

Lisa will post information on the coaching and try-out committee. We will look to see if anyone is interested in participating in these two committees. We want to open it up to all members of the association, however, it is still the responsibility of the board members to approve these committee members.

Suggestion made to look at having the coach select his player by jersey number and then only show the scores for these players and not include the jersey number for all of the other members in the meeting room.

We will hold off on approving the try-out committee until a later date. We will try and get this approved online in the next week following the posting going out to all members.

Website Domain Renewal Approval

Lisa received an email to renew our website domain. There is a percentage of savings with the number of years we select to renew for. This will need to be incorporated in the budget for next season to update with the 9 year renewal plan. Lisa will contact the vendor to look at renewing our contract with the 9 year plan.

- 1 year \$34.99
- 2 year \$65.98 save 5%
- 3 year \$86.97 save 17%
- 5 year \$114.95 save 34%
- 9 year \$161.91 save 48%

Review/Discuss Changes to NBAHA Handbook

We need to look at adding more committee information in the handbook. Cherie Turek will retype the handbook into a new format that will be easier to read. The format and information of the handbook will be reviewed by all board members at an added board meeting on May 18, 2011.

On/Off Ice Training – Lisa and Ray

Lisa asked Ray to look into the On/Off Ice training that Cambridge had last year. He is currently looking into Explode as another option. Before we get to our budget discussions we should follow up on this as an option and get some pricing information. The USA Hockey liability ends in April and does not start back up until the season starts up again. Kerry will check into this and get verification as we look at registration.

Budget Discussions

We need to setup the budget at the next meeting or even before. Tim has posted everything that was budgeted for last season. The board members need to come prepared next month for the budget recommendation. All board members should start looking at what Tim has already posted online.

Send all of our budget information to the treasurer so he can add another column to look at numbers for this year. We will begin discussing budget items at an added board meeting on May 18, 2011.

Meeting Dates

We will look at adding another meeting on May 18th at 6pm to start discussing the budget and begin looking at the handbook. We have decided to keep the membership meetings on Wednesday nights starting at 6pm. Cherie Turek will send out reminders to all board members to turn in their budget information to Scott and review the handbook before this meeting.

Project Schedule

We will be posting Referee Clinics in early June 2011. They will need to be of age 12 and older to take this training. We will look at our registration list and send out a communication to those players that fall into this age range. Tim will update the project schedule and then dump it into a spreadsheet format and send out to board members to review and send comments.

Gambling Disbursement Letters

The Early Childhood Coalition and Youth Service Bureau have sent us thank you letters for the \$200 donation sent to them from the association gambling disbursements.

Impact Testing

The impact testing costs about \$10 per skater. Do we want to look at including this as part of the fees or make it optional? The testing is only open to skaters 11 years of age and up. We should strongly encourage this to be done, but not make it mandatory. This will need to be discussed further at our next meeting.

Motion to adjourn – 9:20pm. Motion made by Tom Garin, seconded by Kerry Harvey. Motion Carried.