

NBAHA

Board Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2011

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

Board Members Present: Tim Cashill, Lisa Isaacson, Paige Lee, Cherie Turek, Scott Hanna, Ray Croal, Kerry Harvey

Members Present: Bruce Anderson

Bantam Level Discussion Update

Paige has drafted a letter and will be sent out to all the Bantam parents. Most parents know what is coming.

Board Member Job Descriptions

All board members are to review their job descriptions and send their updates to Lisa with changes. We can then define discussion items from the items that are to be removed or added to a specific job description where we don't know where certain things exist. Lisa will send an email to the board to look at their job descriptions and send their updates to her before the next board meeting. Tim will complete the time table.

Final Handbook Updates

Send out handbook to the board members as the final draft for the Handbook for any final changes before posting it online for the members. We will make any final changes at the next board meeting in July.

Cambridge Isanti Update – Dry-land and Goalie training

We are going to look at going with the shared goalie training with Cambridge using the GDI goalie clinic training. Cambridge is looking to move some of these practices from Sunday night to Wednesday night. Tim will connect with Cambridge to let them know that we will be participating in the GDI clinic at the Isanti Arena. Tim will also talk to them about their scheduling with the Build Your Game for the Dry-land and skater training. If we do select the Build Your Game we can look at doing some more dry-land training if we are unable to get as much ice time. Ray will pull together a group to do a site visit at the dry-land Build Your Game hockey clinic. Ray is going to tentatively schedule a visit for July 14th and will see who else is willing to come down to take a look at the training and the facility.

U10 Hockey Discussion

We need to keep options open for our U10 girls' hockey players. The coaches' committee has discussed the Forest Lake option with the U10 girls' parents and have decided that we will need to look at this further. There are currently 3 U10 eligible girls in the North Branch association. We could look at putting the girls together on the same team at a Squirt level. We will discuss this item again next month.

Fundraising Budget

Linda Chilstrom may be able to donate Wild tickets as part of the raffle. We can add this to the raffle and do not need to know the date of the game. Janelle will check with gambling control on whether or not we need to list a specific day and time for game tickets in a raffle situation.

Coaching Certification Information

Are there different level age certifications for coaches? Ray will look into this with USA hockey to make this clarification. Level 1 through 3 coaching certifications will expire this year and all coaches will need to take their certification again. When this has been defined, we will need to send out a full communication to all the coaches.

The association will need to name head coaches at the top levels. We will need to interview those wanting to take the head coach for the top level mite, pee-wee and Squirt teams. Need to interview everyone that wants to be a head coach at the top level Mite, PeeWee and Squirt level. We will only interview for coaches at the top level Mite team and we will not commit to coaches at the other Mite levels. We are asking for coaches and if they are interested in head or assistant positions. These coaches will need to get signed up for re-certification. If you are interviewing for a head coach level you will not be sitting in on the interviews even if you are a part of the Coaching committee.

Hunter Miska

Hunter Miska is going to the national development team and the association would like to provide a gift to Hunter for this exceptional success in his hockey career. The association would like to send him \$100 with a card as congratulations to Hunter on this success. Motion made by Paige Lee, seconded by Kerry Harvey. Motion Carried.

Dan Lee

Dan Lee has recently passed away. Dan's grandson plays with the association and Dan has worked on the Arena. Motion to send a \$50 memorial to Dan Lee's family and put an honorary puck on the puck wall at the new arena made by Lisa Isaacson, seconded by Janelle Olson. Motion Carried.

Mite and U8 Recruitment

Lisa is going to put together Mite and U8 recruitment flyers for the baseball and soccer fields. If you have ideas, please send this to Lisa. We may want to look at handing out flyers at the Brat stand and have Mite and U8 players handing out these flyers. Do we look at running a free clinic for the girls as another avenue for finding more players?

North Branch Hockey Shop

Paige thinks we need to meet with Nick to discuss what needs to be included on the website to begin selling more apparel from this site. We need to look at how we can eliminate the shipping issue. We will let him know we are evaluating options for selling North Branch apparel through the North Branch website as another alternative. We currently have the wrong products online and need to deal with the distribution and shipping issue. Paige will contact Nick and we will need to have a discussion with him before moving forward on another solution.

Online Training through Sports Engine

Coaching and Skater online training is around \$3.99 per player and \$.40 back run by Lance Picklar. This would be an additional \$4 fee at registration. Online training of stick handling, shooting, and other pieces that would allow all skaters and coaches online access to these training videos. This

would be included with every registered player. This was not included in the budget and will not be used this season. We can look at this as a potential option for next season. We may want to just look for videos online that may be just as good.

Motion to adjourn 9:55 pm. Motion made by Ray Croal, seconded by Janelle Olson. Motion Carried.