

# **NBAHA**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **July 27, 2011**

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

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

**Members Present:** Tim Hink

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#### **Board Member Job Descriptions**

If the board member approves the job description it will not be changed. There were a couple of things to be added to the Registrar and Fundraising directors. The Publicity Director will take the parade responsibility to find someone that can coordinate these events. The Mite Director will be responsible for training and overseeing the mite level team managers. The traveling level directors will be responsible for training and overseeing the traveling team managers. The website training will be provided at the team manager meeting and will be done by the person holding the web manager role. The Registrar role will be responsible for the trophy selection.

The ACE Coordinator position is responsible for the coaching education. This role is currently under the coaching director. The ACE coordinator is also the district contact point for all the coaches that also include the coaching development and education.

#### **Final Handbook Updates**

Motion to approve the 2011-2012 handbook has been made by Ray Croal, seconded by Brian Kerchner. Handbook for the 2011-2012 season has been approved. Cherie will send the final handbook copy to Janelle and all board members to be printed. We will print out a copy for each board member with additional copies to total 25 copies with binding. Lisa will add a section to the newsletter to reference the Handbook on the NBAHA website.

#### **Build Your Game – Onsite Evaluation**

The onsite evaluation did not take place as there was no participation. We need to figure out how we can get this scheduled with their weekday ice. Do we want to look at having more dry-land training than on-ice training if we are unable to make the ice hours fit into the schedule? Are we as a board committed to this training with the known fact that we will need to identify the dry-land to on-ice ratio and possible co-op with Cambridge. The fees are already included in the overall budget for each player. We believe that the top-mite team players, U10 girls and traveling players would be included in the count for participating in the Build Your Game skill development.

Motion to approve utilizing Build your Game for the coming season for skater development.  
Motion made by Kerry Harvey, seconded by Lisa Isaacson. Motion carried.

**Head Coaching Selection Approval:**

The coaching committee is responsible for determining the head coaching possibilities. The coaching committee selected Tim Cashill for the role of the head PeeWee coach. The board voted on this selection by the coaching committee which resulted in a majority approval with one vote against this selection made by Paige Lee. Motion to approve Tim Cashill as head coach at the PeeWee level made by Ray Croal, seconded by Kerry Harvey. Motion carried.

The coaching committee is still seeking applicants for all Squirt level coaches.

The coaching committee selected Brian Kerchner for the head coach of the top-level Mite team. Motion to approve Brian Kerchner as the head coach for the top-level Mite team made by Ray Croal, seconded by Kerry Harvey. Motion carried.

**Co-Op Discussion**

There is a large disparity of talent with our Squirt level players and Cambridge Isanti only has 18 players. With the numbers and level of play, it may make sense to co-op at this level. We need to look at skating as a North Branch association and look at having other kids waived into our association. Keeping all North Branch teams would be the best case scenario with the building of the new arena this season. This limits our level of play, but does it make sense to skate as North Branch as we look to prepare our kids for High School hockey? The board has agreed that it is too late in the season to pursue a co-op with CI at this time. We are okay with having CI players waived over to our association if needed. We will leave the option of a co-op on the table.

**Traveling Try-out Packet**

The traveling try-out packet was sent out to all board members this week. The try-out committee discussed who would be in the room during team selections. This would include the try-out committee, board, and head coach for that level. When there is a conflict of interest (player falls into the bubble list), it would be recommended that the board or committee member step out of the room during the selection process.

The board members discussed another option of not letting anyone know the jersey numbers except for the coach and the person at the computer and just have the scores and ranking. No one would see the jersey numbers or names during the discussion process. If the coach selects a player outside of the bubble range we may need to identify the player number to decide the selection.

We need to have 4 evaluators instead of 3 as we had last year. We are going to look to Andover and then White Bear to see who is available. We are going to add a skills section to the PeeWee level try-outs this season. Paige will send out a note to remind board members to review the packet and then approve the changes in the next week. Brian is going to create the Mite try-out packet and will be bringing this to the try-out committee.

Discussion on the location for the traveling pre-skates and try-outs has been brought up as Chisago is not an option for us this season. The final decks are October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Isanti does have 120 hours of ice, Chisago has no ice time left, Princeton is not an option and Pine City is not putting there ice in until late October.

If we selected the Isanti Ice Arena, we could do 1 week-day and then have only 1 session on Saturday. Another option would be to have two (2) sessions in one day and have the final try-out

take place Sunday evening. If the final try-out is late on Sunday, the board will meet on Monday night and skaters will be notified after that meeting. Tom is looking to get ice schedules from the Super Rink. The Super-Rink does have a meeting room that would be available for the board to meet following the try-outs. Lisa will send out a communication to members that ice will be tight again this year.

#### **Past Due Fees (what we want to do with these families this year?)**

Families with past due accounts must be a member in good standing in order to register. We will not allow skaters to skate if they are not a member in good standing. Scott will contact families that still have past due fees.

#### **Bantam Letter**

Paige sent letters to all Bantam families regarding the upcoming season. Tim does not believe waivers are available yet. We will follow up with phone calls to all of the bantam families if they do not hear from them by 8/1/2011.

#### **Mite Night Information and Scheduling**

We are waiting to hear from the FireHall to confirm the location of the two Mite Nights. The current dates selected are September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Watch the website for the final location of these Mite Night events.

#### **Fall Learn to Skate Information and Scheduling**

There are four (4) sessions setup for Learn to Skate at the Isanti Ice Arena. Brian will send out an email looking for coaches to assist in these LTS sessions.

September 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM

September 30<sup>th</sup> – 5:50PM

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:40AM

October 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM

#### **Online Registration – USA Hockey Registrar Update**

There has not been a D10 registrar meeting to date. Kerry is working on getting all the information to open registration. There is a possibility of the 1<sup>st</sup> payment just being the registration fee and then have 1<sup>st</sup> payment/installment later so we can get an idea of numbers at each level. It takes about a week to get the online registration setup. Registration should be closed by September 1, 2011 so we can figure out the numbers. There is a \$40 USA Hockey fee and \$40 for our registration fee. Then payments on 10/15, 11/15, 12/15, 1/15 for Squirrels, PeeWees, and Bantams would be a \$300 registration fee.

All board members, coaches and managers need to do electronic screening on-line. Kerry will send out a link to the board. Kerry and Ray will get in contact with coaches and managers.

#### **Girl Scout Skating Party**

Do we still want to have a girl scout skating party this year? Do we want to open this up to the boy scouts? The Girl's coordinator, Bruce, would be a good candidate for taking the lead on scheduling and setting up this party. It demonstrates good community service and shows we are trying to recruit girls to grow our girls program. Ray will contact Bruce to see if he would be willing to take this on and Bruce can then be in contact with Tom to schedule a date and ice time.

**Goalie Gear**

Steve Lee ordered the following sets of goalie gear from Dave's Sports. Steve upgraded the gloves because the other ones were too stiff and got 25% off retail. The total came to \$4050.00. Also purchased new goalie bags at \$30 each. This should last 5-6 years and we can try and sell our older gear.

Two (2) sets – 26 inch and 28 inch

Two (2) sets – 24 inch

Two (2) sets – 22 inch

**Nick Miller**

Nick has some in inventory that is not on the web store and could put these items on the website or we could do a brochure for the association and have an open and close date so he can order in bulk. We can also bring items to evaluations and try to sell them there as well. Nick will come to the next meeting. We could then dissolve the web store. We need to figure out if we try to sell his products this way that we will get a percentage for the arena. The board will decide on roughly 7 items to sell.

**Equipment Manager**

Paige will be meeting with the potential Equipment Manager.

**Jersey and Socks**

The two (2) upper mite teams will need two (2) jerseys per player.

The other mite teams will need (1) jersey per player.

The D-level mites will need to have four (4) different colors.

Paige will get the numbers on the jerseys and printed on the (degree) jerseys. Everyone will get a new jersey and socks at the mite levels.

Sock colors for the Upper Mite and traveling teams

PeeWee – White Buffalo

Squirt – White Chicago

Upper-Mite – Youth Black Chicago

**Additional Information**

- Paige applied for a grant to increase our numbers (Grow your Game) and got \$500 from USA Hockey
- Thank you notes received from Senior All Night Party and Hunter Miska.
- Paige Lee has resigned from the Vice-President position on the NBAHA board.

**Motion to adjourn 11:15 pm.** Motion made by Ray Croal, seconded by Tom Garin. Motion Carried.