

# **NBAHA**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **November 29, 2011**

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**Meeting called to order at: 7:10 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Tim Cashill, Lisa Isaacson, Cherie Turek, Scott Hannah, Kerry Harvey, Janelle Olson, Brian Kerchner, Tom Garin

**Members Present:** Chris Ferderer, Mike Jinks

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**Additional Assistant Coach for U8 Team** – The head coach of the Girls' U8 team, Bruce Anderson, would like to add Rich Ohmann as one of his assistant coaches. Motion to approve Rich Ohmann as an additional assistant coach on the U8 Girls' team made by Ray Croal, seconded by Tom Garin via email. Motion carried.

#### **Pack the Arena – January 26<sup>th</sup> Youth Night**

There are currently no games scheduled on January 26<sup>th</sup>. We need to see if we can reschedule any practices that may be taking place that night. Jen Fairbanks and the Blue Line Club would like to have youth night on January 26<sup>th</sup> during a High School hockey game. Chisago Lakes has already agreed to donate the proceeds, from this event, to the pancreatic cancer association. They may also have a mite game between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period of that game. The High School coach would like to get as much support as possible at this event. The youth hockey players would then get free admission to this game.

#### **Chuck a Puck at High School Games**

The Blue Line Club is wondering if we wanted to take Chuck a Puck back and find volunteers through the association. From a fundraising perspective, there may be some legal requirements behind "Chuck a Puck". Janelle will check on this and see if this is even something we can do. This is not a large money maker for the amount of volunteers needed to fill these positions.

#### **NBAAA Youth Recreation Night**

The first Youth Recreation Night went very well. Background checks are required for this event through the North Branch Area School District. Minnesota Hockey has not responded on what kind of proof is actually needed. Kerry will check and see who may already be approved to participate in these types of events at the school district.

The remaining Youth Recreation Nights are December 9<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup>, January 27<sup>th</sup>, and February 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CMite Sock Order**

Looking for Socks ordered for the CMite Red teams. Janelle will pick them up on Friday and get them to the CMite Red head coach, Chris Ferderer.

### **Open Board Positions**

The VP position needs to be filled by a person that plans to stay with the association and move into the role of President. The board is looking at having Scott Hannah step into the VP role for the remainder of the term. Scott has kids skating in the association and also plays a critical role as the treasurer this season. He is a dedicated member of the board and has an interest in learning all areas of the board from ice director to registrar and would like to contribute as a leader in the association. Scott loves the sport of hockey and has younger kids in the community and would like to see the hockey association grow. Scott has talked to another member of the association about filling his current role as treasurer for the remainder of this season.

Motion to move Scott into an interim VP role to fill the vacated position. He would need to continue his role as treasurer as well until we can find another member to fill this role through the end of the term and will vote in a new treasurer. Motion made by Tom Garin, seconded by Brian Kerchner. Motion carried. Lisa will continue to attend the athletic association meetings.

The coaching director position needs to be filled soon. Chris Ferderer has been asked to fill this role, but does not have the time to fulfill this commitment currently. The coaching director needs to attend some of the High School Hockey programs and bring information back to our coaches. We need to keep looking for someone to fill this role in the association. We may be able to have several people work together and fill this role until we find someone that will step up and take on this role and responsibilities.

### **Student Coaches**

We need to make sure we collect student coach forms from all teams. Who are the student coaches? Do they have everything (all necessary paperwork) completed? We need to know who can be on the ice or not at this point. The Blue Line Club needs to find out if they are willing to help pay for student coach fees. We agreed to pay for 2 student coaches per team. Jared Axberg, Eric Chilstrom, Zack Fairbanks are currently registered with USA Hockey. Student Coaches need to be working with the kids not goofing off. They must have helmets with full masks on them when on the ice with our youth hockey skaters. What does D10 policy say regarding full equipment for student coaches?

Who can be on the ice to help as far as kids to help on other teams? They must be at least one level higher than the team you are helping per our handbook. And you must be helping the coach by demonstrating drills, etc.

### **Outdoor Ice Shack**

Steve Lee will be talking to Will Turek to see if he is willing to help flood again this year. We will need to find out if Will Turek is willing to provide maintenance for the shack again this year? Brian will do a drive by and let Tim Cashill know what all needs to be done to prepare for the coming outdoor season of hockey.

### **Winter Learn to Skate**

Brian will take charge of Learn to Skate this season. Brian will talk to Mike, the High School Hockey Coach, to see what options we have for the High School players helping out during these events. We may be able to cosponsor with North Branch Community Ed or the Blue Line Club.

**Past Due Fee Collection**

We are making progress on collecting past due hockey fees.

**Team Sponsors**

Dairy Queen will be sponsoring our U8 team by providing a \$500 donation. Lisa met with Paul Edoff to discuss how he could help us get sponsors for additional teams this year.

**Webstore**

This is currently on hold. We may look at working with Lee's Pro Shop at some point and have them completely handle all aspects and get a kickback.

**U8 Goalie Helmet**

Team requested being able to airbrush the goalie helmet for the U8 team. Someone volunteered to do it for free. Board agreed.

**Jerseys for U8 (3 on 3) Tourney**

Last year we provided them jerseys. Board recommended the kids just wear the jersey they were given. Need to look into this tournament and see if it would be considered an association function. Tim Cashill will look into this. This is not a USA Hockey sponsored event.

**Anonymous Santa**

Send an email to all Team managers to pass on emails to their players' families to pass on the word that the Anonymous Santa program is looking for additional help on handing out packages and clean-up.

**High School Program**

We need to provide 8 ½ x 11 advertisement in color . Check with Post Haste to see if they can design this for us.

**Dryland Training at North Branch Schools**

Checking into using the school gymnasium for dryland training. Scott is getting an insurance policy for community ed. It is okay for teams to work with Community Ed to schedule times for use of the gym.

**Policy on Tournaments**

Make sure and let members know the policy is in the NBAHA Handbook.

**December Membership Meeting**

Will be moving the December member meeting up a week to before Christmas. We will need to include an audio conference bridge for a quorum needed on gambling disbursement and bylaw change.

**Sports University**

Attended by Scott Hannah and Lisa Isaacson.

A lot of information was received in a really quick format. Speakers weren't selling anything just providing information. Insurance – associations need insurance as well. Insurance for arena – food poisoning at concession stand. Renters insurance. Scott will look into insurance. Positive coaching alliance head speaker had great information. Lisa will pass on more information to the board.

**Nominating Committee**

We need to put a nominating committee together as we look to fill board positions for next season.

We need to understand what positions will be open and need to be filled for next season

- Mite Director
- Secretary?
- Treasurer – Will need to be filled
- Coaching Director – Currently open
- Ice Director?
- Registrar
- Publicity?

Need succession planning.

**Motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm.** Motion made by Kerry Harvey, seconded by Janelle Olson. Motion Carried.