

# **NBAHA**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **March 26, 2012**

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**Meeting called to order at: 9:25 p.m.**

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

**Members Present:** Kim LaValle, Keith Johnson, Bridget Pigman

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#### **Girls U8/U10 Discussion:**

There have been discussions with St. Francis to find a home for 6-7 U10 girls next year. There are 2 girls from North Branch that played with Forest Lake that will also join this group. St. Francis presented the opportunity to combine the girls' program. Practice hours would be where it makes the most sense. They could look at sending flyers out to get new skaters. St. Francis has the numbers and would like to see more like talent skating together. There could be possibly 3 U10 teams next year at different levels. There would be no association name, but have a separate name for these girl's teams.

St. Francis U8 fees are \$800. There are many other fundraising opportunities available to help pay these fees. North Branch does not have the numbers to support our girl's program.

St. Francis encourages the idea of having a North Branch coach on each team. There is one person on St. Francis that runs the girls program. The fees and decisions would fall under the St. Francis hockey association board. The Girls' director, Joel, would like to build a great girl's hockey program where they can grow and develop.

There was some talk about having lower fees at a U6 team level for more of the 1<sup>st</sup> year skaters. There is a benefit for girls to play with other girls their own age. We should look at having a special session with these girls and their parents to discuss the option with St. Francis. We will then have a follow up board meeting following this parent meeting. We would ask Joel to come in and speak towards what his thoughts and ideas are around a co-op girl's program. There needs to be some type of co-op agreement between both of these associations if we look at this as a solution. There needs to be a documented solution on a co-op agreement.

#### **Bantams:**

There have been a couple of conversations on the bantams. We have about 14 potential players with no goalie. There are only about 4 that are 2<sup>nd</sup> year Bantams. Cambridge Isanti has about 15 Bantams and are going to push for an A level team. They were looking at an A or B2 level team if our associations skate together. The only option would be to tryout all of the kids together and the top 15 would make the upper level team. The HS would like to see these kids stay as an all North Branch team. He says that the JV level is about the same as a B1 Bantam level team. We could skate our kids at a B2 level, however, there is still no goalie at this level.

The next step is to talk to the parents at a Bantam/Parent meeting. Mike would like to come and talk to the parents at this meeting. Size is going to be a big concern if these 2<sup>nd</sup> year peewees move into a JV team. Mike is looking at putting together a hockey clinic with a focus on checking. There are 70 hours of practice ice at JV and have the same amount of games as the Bantam players. We would then either skate JV or look at making a North Branch B2 Bantam level team.

Tim is waiting for Mike to get back to him to schedule this Bantam/Parent meeting. Tim will send another follow-up email to Mike tomorrow to get this meeting scheduled on the calendar.

**Registration:**

We need to look at our numbers and figure out how many kids we think are going to come back at each level. We can look at this year's budget, look at the actuals, can we cut out items such as goalie gear as these were replaced last season. We are not looking to cut any of the ice hours.

We need to look at actuals to see if \$40 does cover the cost of even patches, etc...

Do we look at including \$25 as part of the fee to cover the rental equipment for wear and tear? A couple of board members will look at each of the levels and then the entire board will have a meeting for Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Tim and Lisa will work on the Bantam numbers, Tom will take the PeeWees, Kerry and Brian will work on the Squirt numbers, and Brian and Keith will work together on the Mite numbers. We do need to build in money to replace some of the Squirt level jerseys.

**Treasurer Position:** Scott is accepting the VP role in the association. That leaves the position of treasurer vacated. We will need to appoint a new treasurer. Motion to appoint Bridget Pigman as the new treasurer was made by Lisa Isaacson, seconded by Janelle Olson. Motion carried.

Lisa will need email addresses from each of the new board members so they can be setup to receive board member emails. The website will also be updated.

**Motion to adjourn – 10:41 pm.** Motion made by Tom Garin, seconded by Brian Kerchner. Motion Carried.