

NBAHA

Board Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2012

Meeting called to order at: 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Bridget Pigman, Scott Hannah, Lisa Isaacson, Tom Garin, Kim LaValle, Tim Cashill, Cherie Turek, Janelle Olson, Keith Johnson

Members Present: None

Girls U8/U10 Discussion:

Majority of parents would like to keep the girls together as North Branch at the U8 level. There are some families that would not co-op with St. Francis, but would skate with the boys instead of playing at the U8 level. We need to work on coordinating with the Dance program so these girls can participate in both programs. We also need to look at recruiting more girls for our North Branch program. Many girls at this age level look at playing hockey as a social event and not as a competitive program.

The U8 girls will remain at North Branch and we will address the numbers issue as we do each season. We will discuss the option of creating a co-op at the U10 level and above with St. Francis so these girls have their own identity instead of just being waived to another association. Tim will follow up with Bruce to see if this is an option for our U10 girls.

Bantams:

Some parents are meeting with the High School coach on May 1st and we are hoping a decision will be made that will be brought to the board members as to what they decide going forward either play bantam level hockey or play High School JV.

2012/2013 Budget / Fees / Registration

If we setup monthly payments there would be back payments for those that register late. We are going to begin setting up the registration online with NGIN. A meeting has been setup with Kerry to get information on registration setup. We would like to have everyone paid up by the 1st part of October.

2012-2013 Fundraising

There was a fundraising committee meeting that took place last week. The meeting went over well. A number of things were cut from fundraising due to lack of participation over the years. Janelle feels that we need to cut out power play as it is not generating the revenue for the amount of work involved. We need to look at raising mandatory fundraising of \$250 in raffle tickets or raffle calendars. We will look to have the mandatory fundraising decided by next months meeting.

We could look at doing a pub crawl to raise additional money. We could look at having larger prizes as part of the mandatory fundraising. We have the golf tournament which has been a favorable fund raiser in the past. Do we look at having more family oriented events where the kids

can also be involved instead of having an adult event such as power play? We can still do silent auctions online as part of the fundraising efforts that were profitable as part of the power play event. We used to have a cash buy out for fundraising in that past. Forest Lake Skate and Cycle is still an option for making additional money for those that purchase equipment from this location. There were some other ideas about selling Heggies Pizzas. However, wrestling is already doing this and we do not want to overstep this program. Oak Inn is still looking for our help for fundraising and we need to keep the relationship as part of our charitable gambling site. Little Caesar's Pizza kit fundraising was also brought as another option.

- **Sponsorships** – We need someone to step up and run with this so this can be added to the new arena site. Paul is committed to finding 2 sponsorships for the upcoming season. He would like to be more involved in the coming years and would like to see the program grow. We do have some old pricing on advertisement options. We need to have sponsors lined up by July so we can include these on T-shirts or jerseys. If we can create the program, Paul is committed to meeting with Scott to push for these sponsorships. We would need to create a tri-fold brochure and then recruit some sales people to go out and sell these sponsorships. We need to begin looking at team level sponsorships as we begin looking more into sponsorships. Lisa, Scott, Tim, and Paul will pull together a meeting to discuss next steps for sponsorships this season.
- **Brat Stand** – The Brat stand is scheduled to be in place on July 20th (Friday – Saturday)
- **Concession Stands for Stacy** - Create a concession stand for the Ball Tournaments to raise money towards the association. We will need to make sure we have people available to fill these volunteer positions.

Summer President Meetings

These are meetings where Presidents talk about changes that are going on in the associations. If there are agenda items for these meetings, they will need to be addressed at this meeting. The presidents' then go back to the D10 board with their ideas. If anyone wants to attend these meetings, they are welcome to attend.

Stars and Strikes – Charitable Gambling

This new charitable gambling site will start pull tabs on May 1st. Bingo and Meat Raffles will start on May 17th.

Membership Survey

In past years we have sent out an email asking members what they are thinking either from mites or traveling as well. Maybe look at sending out a survey to the 1st year mite parents using an online tool such as survey monkey to find out how their season went and if they have suggestions for the upcoming season.

Volunteer Requirements

We will most likely leave the service requirements at 4 credits per family (8 hours of time). Service requirements for DIBS will require each family to register online before they will have access to DIBS.

Motion to adjourn – 9:00pm. Motion made by Tom Garin, seconded by Janelle Olson. Motion Carried.