

Bismarck Hockey Boosters Board Minutes

Monday, Aug 13, 2012

5:30 PM VFW Arena

Present: Chris Burns, Adam Hipp, Sam Foss, Bill Curl, Todd Flicek, Jason Fetch, TJ Stewart, Laurie Schaffer, Russ Smith, Bruce Kasper, Rob Deics, Joel Roloff, Scott Eide, Glenn Pladsen

Absent: Steve Grom

The meeting was called to order by Past President TJ Stewart at 5:42 p.m.

I. Old Business

a. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Jason Fetch made a motion to approve the June 11, 2012 board meeting minutes.

Second by Bill Curl. Motion carried.

II. New Business

a. Open board position

i. Bantam off-ice – Introduction of Sam Foss.

Russ Smith made a motion to elect Sam Foss to the Bantam off-ice position. Second by Todd Flicek. Motion carried.

III. Budget

a. Financial Report was presented by Bruce Kasper

b. 2012-2013 Registration

i. Skater's fees and goalie fees

Registration was discussed and based on the budget/financial position it was decided on the following:

First Year Mites - \$75

Mites/8U Girls - \$215

Squirts/10U Girls - \$450

Peewee/12U Girls - \$625

Bantam/19U Girls - \$625

Specific details regarding the increase in fees will be explained in the President's Letter. (no longer doing the cash raffle, increased referee expenses, etc).

TJ Stewart made a motion to proceed with the rate schedule above. Second by Scott Eide. Motion carried.

Goalie registration fees were discussed: It was decided that Peewee, Bantam, 12U and 19U goalies will have to pay \$300 if they commit to playing goalie for the full year.

Joel Roloff made a motion to proceed with goalie registration fees as presented above. Second by TJ Stewart. Motion carried.

ii. Pre-season hockey

Pre-Season – PW, 12U/19U, Bantam - 2 weeks 10/hours of time/level

(35/max/level – girls & bantam; 40/max - PW)

\$75

Preseason goalies are free – don't register in NGIN

Robbie Glantz – 16 hours total – (35 max/session)

Squirts, 10U/12U, PW, Bantam/19U

\$75

Jason Fetch made a motion to accept the preseason hockey fees as indicated above. Second by Russ Smith. Motion carried.

- c. Bruce Kasper resigned as the treasurer. Adam Hipp has agreed to take over the position.

Joel Roloff made a motion to accept Bruce's resignation. Second by Chris Burns. Motion carried.

Joel Roloff made a motion to elect Adam Hipp to fulfill the treasurer position. Second by Russ Smith. Motion carried.

IV. Fund Raising Committee

- a. Sponsorship update – Chris Burns shared information that Kupper Chevrolet is interested in being a sponsor. Chris will contact them with options.
- b. Need to find determine which sponsors are up for renewal. Chris will continue to research.
- c. Additional sponsorship opportunities will be researched. Scott Eide will bring signage pricing and information. TJ Stewart will contact Jim Peluso for information on the process.
- d. Gun Raffle Update – subcommittee for next year adjustments
No gun will be over \$1200 in next year's raffle to prevent having to file an I9.
Raffle tickets will be ready to be printed soon.
Gaming permit process is underway – should have permit number this week.

V. On-Ice Committee Update was provided

- a. Tournament registration fees will be increased by \$50/tournament. Gate fees will remain at \$300.
Joel Roloff made a motion to approve. Second by Russ Smith. Motion carried.

Glenn Pladsen will send bantam letter out regarding new tryout policy.

Rob Deics is contacting Mandan regarding Squirt league; sounds like they are interested. Minot, Dickinson, Hazen remain interested. Jamestown will not participate this year; Williston has shown some interest.

Coaches are still needed for travel teams. Please contact Tom Bushaw or refer to the employment section under the coaches tab on the BHB website.

BHB coaching manual is in the works, Coaches committee will meet throughout the season to share ideas, etc. Rob Deics shared Canadian Hockey examples of practices – will share with coaches.

Scheduling of league travel schedules has begun.

Tom Bushaw and Laurie Schaffer will attend the fall NDAHA meeting on September 15 meeting in Devils Lake.

It appears that the NDAHA has approved moving to a B1 and B league at the state level. Tom Bushaw will work with the coaching committee to make effective decisions on how the BHB teams will be structured at the travel level this season.

Girls levels – as of now there will be one 19U team, one 12U team and one 10U team, with the potential for two teams at the 10U level; depending on registrations.

Discussion was held on scheduling for Girls Tournament – only enough ice time for 12 teams for the weekend. Suggested to do two 6-team tournaments 10U and 12U and move 19U to another weekend. Jason Fetch will update Tom Bushaw.

- b. "Safe Sport Policy" -
Nadine Butts is interested in the position. Tom Bushaw will get more information to her.

VI. Off-Ice

- a. Website registration process
Glenn Pladsen, TJ Stewart, Bruce Kasper and Laurie Schaffer met with Lane Huber last week regarding the new website registration process. Glenn and Lane will get final information to NGIN during a conference call on Tuesday, August 14th. It takes five days to get the registration form set up. Regular season registration deadline for all levels, except first-year mites, will be September 10th.

VII. Miscellaneous

- a. Bobcat signage long term agreement
TJ Stewart and Scott Eide are working on this.
- b. "STOP" sign on jerseys
Joel Roloff will forward his research to board.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Jason Fetch – Who is responsible for cleaning up the rinks/locker rooms?

Todd Flicek – Chalkboards for locker room assignments for practices and games.

Glen Pladsen mentioned he's been Trying to get access to TVs to post information.

Rob Deics – HSD Summer Hockey Camp donated \$500 to be used for scholarships to help with registration fees. Camp went very well and will be coming back next year. Coaches were impressed with the skill level of our kids.

Scott Eide – Shared great comments on the HSD Hockey Camp. His kids loved it and said it will be the first one they want to sign up for.

Joel Roloff – won a fitted mouth guard and offered it to group. TJ Stewart will work with Joel on details.

Joel Roloff made a motion to adjourn. Second by Chris Burns. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Schaffer, Secretary

On Ice Committee:

1. Website updates (I have updated the following)
 - coaches tab
 - officials tab
 - all BHB teams and team pages
 - board members and contact info for those I had BHB information. If you would like something additional by your name, let me know and I can update it for you.
2. Tournament registrations have been sent with exception of one girls 12u tournament
3. I need to know what our tournament fees will be for this season. If possible please decide at this meeting.
4. Membership needs an email about new Bantam policy and registration as well as the pre season registration.
5. Rob and Scott have made contact with Mandan regarding inclusion in our squirt league. Jamestown has elected not to participate this year. Minot, Hazen, and Dickinson remain interested.
6. We are still in need of additional coaches at the travel levels. If you know of a candidate, please refer them to me or the employment section under the coaches tab of the BHB website.
7. I have begun working with the coaching committee on a BHB manual and curriculum. This is a long term process. I am also working with the coaching committee on our pre season camp. More to come following August meeting.
8. Scheduling of league travel schedules has begun.
9. Laurie will be attending the fall NDAHA meeting with me on the 15th of Sept.
10. It seems NDAHA has approved moving to a B1 and B league at the state Level. I will work with the coaching committee to make effective decisions on how BHB B teams will be structure at the travel level this season.
11. Through extensive planning and communication and without the introduction of future information that may change the plans, we will be having one 19u team, one 12u team, and one 10u team with a potential for two teams at the 10u level.
12. I have talked with Minot's director and our rink manager regarding the location of WDA. Minot thinks it is there, our rink manager thinks it is there, but planned for it to be here just in case. Last I knew the AD for BPS thought it was here. Information to come on this.

Gun Raffle Update – subcommittee for next year adjustments

- i. Create a document that is signed by the Pres./Board that states a definite hand in date. We would like to see some kind of late fee if it is their one, mandatory book of tickets. This hand in should be by their child's last game before state. If it is not turned in by then, their child doesn't play at state. Also should state that if they drop out of the program, the book of tickets must be turned in to us ASAP.
 1. I propose the late fee is half the cost of the remaining tickets not sold. If that is too much work accounting, then I would suggest \$50 late fee (just a number I pulled out). I agree with the last game before state hand in or the child doesn't play, and that is relayed through the team manager and coach to the parent and child. Also, do we want to say that we will hold off on registration for the following year if they do not settle prior to the following season? I feel like we have been making concessions for the few (versus the majority, which is good in some cases) these past years (bantam stuff and other things come to mind) and drawing a definite line in the sand with this issue seems to be the best way to run things for the program. It's not a hard thing to do, but the consequence should be something to make them think. The gun raffle is the biggest reason we are functioning the way we are and we need to make this as easy on the people that are doing the work as we can.
- ii. We need to print a list of do's and don'ts to go along with each of the first book of tickets to each family. This will help clear up a lot of the questions that people have about the raffle.
 1. Printing stuff off costs money and we are not sure if people will read, they may just throw away. I suggest we put a gun raffle area on the website and whoever does the meeting at the beginning of the year (off ice coordinators or Tom, I don't exactly remember how things were done last year) walks them through this area so everyone sees it and knows where to find the info if they have questions later. I have a projector that can be used if need be. This will also be a great time to remind membership how important the gun raffle is and how much their cooperation helps our program.
- iii. Need to put on the tickets "Must be 18 to win long guns / 21 to win pistols".
- iv. Decide what the board wants to do with the Bobcats allotment of tickets. Stay the same # or lower it for next year.
- v. Have the "No opt out" policy again next year and all following years. This raffle benefits everyone so everyone should have to participate.
- vi. Have no gun over \$1199. A W-2 has to be filled out for anything over that.
- vii. Someone on the gun raffle comm. should have access to the master email list and access to the web page to post things concerning the raffle so that we don't have to rely on Lane to get things out. This will help when we decide to do hand ins and such.