

BHB Board Meeting  
Monday, October 12, 2015  
5:30pm, VFW Curling Room

**Members Present:** Ben Keup, Kristi Anderson-Schmidt, Craig Nelson, Jason Fetch, Sandy Stevahn, Jason Fischer, Suzzanne Fuchs, Steve Butts, Steve Churchill, Heather Davis, Melissa Long, Grant Mortenson, Joel Roloff, Sheldon Sime, Chris Gabel

**Members Absent:** Mike Odegaard

President Fetch called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Sheldon made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Melissa seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A SafeSport update was given. There were some questions about people needing to update their SafeSport. If they forward their USA Hockey number to Suzzanne, she can look up whether their SafeSport needs to be updated or not.

Sheldon will be going to the parent meetings to talk about SafeSport and getting certified.

Intro to Hockey is going well. There are about 190 kids registered for the program. Grant asked about the invoices for the equipment but those were on last year's P & L.

Jen Moore gave an update on DIBS. She talked about how we need to decide what we need volunteers for. Also, we need to decide whether or not this will be a requirement or if we will have the option of a buyout available to families.

Mike and Jen are working on getting this going. Right now it's a lot of trial and error.

Joel asked what Jen and Mike needed the Board and Tournament Committee to do. Craig is going to get a sample tournament sheet to Mike and Jen to plug in to DIBS and give it a try.

Joel will be the point person for DIBS and tournaments. Chris and Sandy will work with Jen on this.

Jason Fetch went over the regular season registration numbers and where each group stands so far. As of Monday afternoon, numbers are lower than last year and what we had projected for this year.

We talked about players not showing up on some of the lists that are being pulled and why this occurring.

We are registered for our away tournament and our home tournaments are on track. Sandy will try to get the tournament schedule posted about a month out.

Our first tournament is a Peewee tournament and we are expecting a full turn out.

The Schaumberg expansion was discussed. There is a rush to increase fundraising efforts. We have about \$2.1million for the project. We will be asking Parks & Rec for matching funds this week, on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Heather and Kristi gave us an update on jerseys. The Termite jerseys will be done through Duffy's. The Mite jerseys will go through Scheels.

We have 13 sponsors secured and 3 are in the works.

Once we have our numbers for the older groups, we will have Scheels order what we need. Craig and Kristi will work together on figuring out jerseys and what may be needed.

Joel asked about logo pucks and if the Board wants to go half in on them again. These are what we use at tournaments to hand out.

Joel and Heather are going to work together to create these pucks.

Suzanne is going to put together a list of who needed socks and forward that on to Kristi, so we can see what may be needed yet.

We are in the process of sending out invoices to those sponsors who are doing annual payments. There are just a handful that need to be sent out.

The Level Coordinators and team managers are going to work together to coordinate and hand out jerseys. One suggestion made is to make sure that we control the sizes the players can pick from.

There is an upcoming Officials clinic this weekend. Chris will be sending out an email to let the membership know about this if they are interested in being a ref.

We need to let the parents know that they need to respect the officials. This is part of our Code of Conduct.

BHB handbook is being updated with new try out and advancement policies. We are to let Chris know if there are any other changes.

Joel and Chris will be meeting to discuss their respective responsibilities for tournaments.

Jason Fetch had emailed the Board the Financial Reports for us to look at prior to the meeting. As of now, we don't have a lot on the expense side.

Jason had also updated the budget sheet and everything is looking like it should with that.

Our preseason had a better turnout than expected.

The Gun Raffle is going well. The dates to pick up or turn in tickets have been posted on the calendar.

As far as fundraising, we are still looking for three sponsors at the Mite level.

Heather is looking into creating an icebreaker/social event here at the beginning of the season. She wanted to know if the Board would want to put any money towards this. She said the Blarney Stone will let us use the space on a Thursday. We talked about selling tickets for this event and possibly putting \$500 towards food. The first event would be for our Pee wee and up groups. Then in January doing a Termites, Mites, and Squirts event. Heather will put together some details for the next board meeting.

Jason Fischer updated us on some of the on ice happenings. There was a coaching clinic that occurred here in town. There was also a goalie coaching clinic that happened. We are going to be asking David Hoff about having another Level 1 clinic again in Bismarck.

The Squirts have been split up. Ben has been working with Bill and Suzanne to create the Mite groups. We discussed the credentials needed for the coaches at the Mite and Termite levels.

This year we will only have one Bantam A team, which has led to an issue with Bantam A coaches. Jason Fetch talked about what these issues were.

We had to petition the State in July to ask to have just one Bantam A team. By the middle of August, we had no coaches expressing interest, so Jason Fischer reached out to a second year Bantam parent. We were then told by the State we could have just the one team. So parent coaches were selected. There were some people who felt this was not appropriate. Jason Fischer felt there wasn't anything inappropriate about the parents picked. The non-parent coaches don't feel this is the way to go. There was much discussion between the Board, parents, and coaches that were in attendance at the meeting.

It was decided that the past Bantam A coach, Casey, along with the two parent coaches selected, Jason Fischer, Joel, and Steve would sit down and discuss whether a compromise could be made.

Sandy said everything is on track for scheduling. She's working on getting everything on an Excel spreadsheet.

For Dryland we've gotten schedules from both places. So now we are working on getting a schedule that works with the ice schedule.

We are going through Scheels to order warm ups, if parents are interested.

We have an estore ready to go with Universal Athletic. It will be open for about a week.

Steve talked a little bit about Impact Testing. This will be discussed at the Bantam meetings. If the players haven't had this concussion testing, we will send to Sanford to have it done. This is a yearly test.

Chad Hanson, whose son is a Bantam goalie, is having a benefit due to medical expenses. Sheldon made a motion to waive the goalie fees for Tyler Hanson. Steve Churchill seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chris will send a letter out to the family to let them know.

Jason Fischer brought up a situation with a non-parent coach now becoming a parent coach. Jason Fischer made a motion to classify Nick Johnson as a non-parent coach with its benefits. Joel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

We are also going to look at giving some of our young college girl coaches' reimbursement prior to December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sheldon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joel seconded the motion.

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Following the meeting on Monday, the BHB Board held discussions via email about the Bantam A coach situation. Melissa made a motion to approve the list of coaches submitted by Jason Fischer for the 2015-2016 Pee wee, Bantam, and Girls season. Sheldon seconded the motion. There were 12 yes votes and one vote was an abstain.