**MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**February 23, 2015**

**Attendees:** Jeremy Tandeski, Nathan Kirkeby, Dusty Jensen, Stacey Matter, Dean Bachmeier, Jeff Lockhart, Vicki Dawson, Jen Mastrud, Lance Freier, Steve Winter, Travis Kurtz, Jay Stibbe, Bob Bye

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

*Consent Agenda – Approve Minutes & Financials:* Minutes and financials were not provided for January, so these will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

*President:* Additional ice in Fargo continues to be a priority for the FYHA. There is still a possibility that Scheels arena is expanded by one sheet of ice, however, the time frame is uncertain at this time.

FYHA is exploring the position for an Executive Director of Hockey Operations.

Disciplinary issues within the organization. Currently, FYHA does not have a well-defined process and policy in place to deal with players, coaches, and parents that aren’t following our code of conduct policies. Jay would like the Programming Committee along with input from the Safe Sport Director and the Head of Coaching to draft a policy and procedure for dealing with discipline issues prior to the start of next season. Bob Bye along with Travis Kurtz gave the board an update to a couple of incidents that occurred over the weekend with the Jr Gold team. Bob Bye is to follow up with an action plan with the Jr Gold team.

Fargo Night in Fargo Update: The inaugural Hockey Night in Fargo fundraiser event scheduled for March 26, 2015 is coming together and hopes are high that the event will be profitable in year one. The event emcee will be Dana Mogck. Guest speaker is Tom Chorske. There will also be an auctioneer and live band at the event. Table sales are going well, as are the donated gift baskets for the auction. Everyone is encouraged to continue to get the word out about the event. The anticipation is that we have over 200 people attending the event.

*Operations/Facilities:* Jeff Lockhart was asked if the scoreboards at the area rink could be looked at for light bulb replacement. Jeff will look into options.

Teamsters Arena indoor air quality continues to be monitored. Jeff has opened up additional intake louvers and installed a fan for introducing fresh air into the building. Additional mechanical ventilation systems are available for installation. Nate Kirkeby is working with local contractors to get pricing for installing new mechanical ventilation systems.

*Safe Sport & Team Managers:* No report on Safe Sport. BOD would like a note to be sent out to all team managers reminding them about spreading the word about Hockey Night in Fargo.

For year-end banquets and team events, currently, the only level of hockey anticipated to hold a year-end banquet is the Bantam level. All other levels, year-end events will be coordinated at the team level. For those interested in doing an on-ice event, Teamsters arena may have ice available to do so. Contact Jeff Lockhart if interested.

*Recruiting:* There was a brief discussion about the forecasted hockey numbers that were shared with membership.

*Fundraising:* Raffle tickets are in the books and have wrapped up for the season. Lance acknowledge all those that have helped with that effort.

Lance also wanted to acknowledge those that have helped pull together the Hockey Night in Fargo event. A lot of long volunteer hours and hard work has been put into the event.

*Hockey Program:* March Mite/8U Madness is filling up and scheduled to run from March 9th through March 29th, with six games and six practices in between. Jerseys were ordered and billed to FYHA from Play-It-Again Sports for the event.

*NDAHA:* Proposals are due at March meeting for next season. There is some discussion at the District level to combine similar proposals into one for presentation to the State.

*Treasurer:* No report.

*Tournament Report:* The FYHA has hosted a tournament in Fargo every weekend (except February 7 and 8) since January 1, 2015. We are in the midst of our 3 week long Squirt International Tournament which concludes this weekend with the Squirt A division with 72 teams playing. Merchandising over the first two Squirt International weekends has been very successful and more of the same is expected this coming weekend. As the tournament continues to grow, so do the challenges. Additional challenges for next year will include finding replacements for two individuals that have been instrumental for many years to the success of the SI tournament, John Erickson and Al Hintz. Both have indicated that this will be their last year involved with this tournament in the capacity they have in the past. The two have almost 50 years of combined experience with this event. The Tournament Committee would like to acknowledge these two individuals for their efforts.

From the Squirt International C Tournament weekend, a “large” thank you card was presented to the Tournament Committee and signed by hundreds of the SI C Tourney players thanking the committee for giving them an opportunity to partake in the Squirt International experience. There were many praises and great, positive stories from many during and after the event.

The Tournament Committee wanted to send out a special thanks to Jeff Lockhart and all the FYHA staff that has went above and beyond to help make the tournament season another success here in Fargo.

*Marketing & PR:* Annual meeting is being planned for April. There are several open board positions coming up this season and the BOD is encouraged to seek out those interested in filling vacant BOD positions.

*Equipment:* No report.

*Secretary:* No report.

*Other items:*

Next meeting will be on March, 24 2015 at Eide Bailly at 8:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Bye, second by Bachmeier, meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.