

Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/26/2019

Time: Meeting Called to order by Phil at 5:00 pm

Location: Moonlight Bay, Crosslake

Board members present:

Dan Yantes	Marissa Raushel
Travis Tjaden	Jennifer Rikala
Matt Balmer	Jill Haugene
Mike Paulbeck	Michael Olsen
Phil Martin	Katie Berg
Trevor John	Chad Rau

Board members absent:

None

Non Voting Members:

John Engstrom – Gambling Manager

Guests:

Chris Crutcher – Head Coach, Breezy Point North Stars

Open Session:

1. Public Comment:

- a. Chris Crutcher introduced himself and indicated his desire to have the North Stars become more active with our youth program than in the past. Chris will have players that will be able to help with practices, especially mites. Chris will work to have player presence at the east side mite practices too.

2. Meeting Minutes (Matt)

- a. Minutes from July 23rd, 2019 meeting were discussed.
- b. Motion to approve July 23rd, 2019 minutes by Mike Olsen, second by Travis Tjaden. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Hockey Committee Report (Mike)

- a. Mites – The Hockey Committee discussed the Quinton Rikala move up request and the suggestion was to table it until closer to registration closing so squirt quantities could be viewed prior to making a decision.
- b. Squirts - Zac Pierce is unable to attend tryouts as his Dad is being deployed that weekend – Motion was made by Mike Olsen to watch Zac at fall skills sessions

so that proper team placement could be made. 2nd by Jen Rikala. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. PeeWee – Anticipated PeeWee numbers are now 21 - 17 skaters and 4 goalies.
- d. Bantams -
 - i. Chris Boelter unable to attend tryouts.
 - ii. Logan Verville will not be able to attend tryouts as he is having surgery.
- e. 8U/10U/12U
 - i. Mercedes Engstrom is no longer with the association. Attending school at Forrest View and skating Brainerd. No waiver was signed due to her school transfer.
 - ii. Kiana Landt from Walker looking for a place to play. Park Rapids Walker has folded their girls program. Dennis Bushy of D15 has all but signed off on it. Doesn't want to spend time formalizing it until we do. This is a large team already, but the committee felt we should provide her a place to play. Travis will be looking into this further and talking with the family.
 - iii. Natalie Stueven has submitted a move up request as she is Grade appropriate to play 12U and would like to stick with her classmates. This has not been discussed at the hockey committee level yet. It will be discussed at the next HC meeting
 - iv. Coach recommendations from the Hockey Committee as follows: 12u- Jayme Storzinger and Jay Hopia recommended to co coach. 10U Stephane Degrote recommended as head coach. 8U Diondra Putnum. Motion to approve coaches as recommended by the Hockey Committee by Dan Yantes, Second by Jen Rikala. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. Tryouts
 - i. Mike reported the HC consensus was to try and schedule SQ PW B in house this year. Each level coordinator would recruit their own opponent. JD Scheduler has ice time blocked if in the appropriate amounts by level. If we end up going that route.
- g. Fall Skills
 - i. Working on getting a bio from both Matt Miller and Ryan Millonvich to help "sell" the fall skills, as of right now we have not publicized who's running fall skills.
 - ii. Discussion regarding the cost of fall skills and whether we should reduce the cost for mites to make it more in line per hour with the older groups. Motion made by Mike Paulbeck to move the Mite Fall Skills cost to \$125. 2nd by Marissa. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Gambling Report (Dan)

- a. General site update
- b. Dan Yantes made motion to approve \$65,385 in allowable expenses and lawful purposes expenditures of 35,000 for September. Second by Michael Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Fundraising Report (Jen)

- a. Possible Game and Grub with North Stars.
- b. Jen is checking in with coordinators for wreaths and pizzas.

6. Equipment Report (Travis)

- a. Travis reported we are ready for equipment exchange.

7. Communication Report (Jill)

- a. Belinda Reier and Rachel Sullivan have agreed to partner on the SKATE program. Jill made a motion to approve \$2,500 for the SKATE program in addition to the \$250 registration fee to use towards the rewards program for that event and was seconded by Katie. Motion passed.
- b. Communications going out via email, Facebook and Twitter regarding registration, fall skills, raffle ticket return, bus driver job, sniper club, key dates, etc.

8. SafeSport Report

- a. No Report

9. Registration (Marissa)

- a. Need to keep pushing registration - at about 50%.
- b. The board needs to register as volunteers and go through the background check and SafeSport requirements - those that coach will do that through that process. If you are not a coach, you need to register a volunteer.

10. Recruiting & Retention (Travis)

- a. Recruitment Recap
 - i. Travis reported the committee had a meeting last week and main discussion was about the school open houses and who is going to be at them. Having difficulty finding anyone to do the C-I open house.
 - ii. Travis reported they have gotten the towels that are going to be given away to all kids in K-4 grades at all schools, late September we will be rolling the towels with the Come Try Hockey fliers, this will probably be done a Billy's during fall skills. Talked with Crosslake School and they don't want us to bring the towels to them this year but, we will have a table at their open house this week, and will be giving them out at that time. Crosslake is open to sending an email to all students before the Come Try Hockey dates.
 - iii. Girls Night Out, this is being planned and will be happening on October 4 at Breezy.
- b. Retention Recap
 - i. Going to be sending out emails to kids/families that did CTH last year but did not sign up.
 - ii. Our next meeting will be when we are putting towels and fliers together, this meeting will be about the CTH dates.
 - iii. Travis showed the towel being used for hand-outs at schools.

11. Finance Report (Katie)

- a. Katie reported financials are looking good and are tracking per budget.

12. Other Business

- a. Busses (Jill/Phil) – Final invoice came in around \$700-800 more than the estimate. Ran into some unexpected issues.
- b. Camp Scholarships (Phil) – No report.
- c. Windorski Request (Phil) – Dan made a motion to approve the ticket sale transfer of raffle ticket sales from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020 for Gabe Windorski. Gabe sold all tickets last season and did not end up playing and wants to return this season. The motion was seconded by Jill. Motion passed.
- d. Ryan Henry – It was discussed to have Ryan Henry schedule all Hallett referees

again this year for the same compensation package is last season. Motion made by Mike Paulbeck, 2nd by Katie Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Hallett Outdoor Ice Discussion (Phil) - Discussed possibility of making improvements to the outdoor ice in Crosby since we've invested in Breezy. Also discussed the Aitkin ice rink project.
- f. Brandon Anderson Dryland Facility (Matt) – Matt and Brandon have been playing phone tag and Matt will provide update as soon as he and Brandon connect.

The next meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on September 25th, 2019 at Dockside in Breezy Point.

Motion by Marissa Raushel to adjourn. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.