

Date: May 2nd, 2018
 Time: 6:30p.m.
 Location: Otter Community
 Room, KSS

Fergus Falls Hockey Association May 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present Regular Mtg.: Sarah Casey, Mike Donaghue, Todd Hershner, Darren Krein, Tim Lill, Nikki Richter, Curt Proffit, Cory Reinertson, Scott Samuelson, Niki Welde, Ryan Welle, Cyndi Young, Jeff Young

Absent: Scott DeBrito, Tim Lill, Eric Nelson, Mike Welde,

Staff/Committee: Jessica Karsnia, Pam Muxfeldt

Other: Jeff Jacobs

- I. **Call Meeting to order-** Cory Reinertson 6:31pm. Cory gave a thank you to Cyndi Young for her 9 years of work for the association. After attending the MN Hockey Leadership Meetings, he saw that we are really organized and functioning well as an association in due to her work. Cory also read our mission statement as a reminder of what we meet for.
- II. **General membership open forum-** Darren Krein shared the Michael Schmidt Go Fund Me information. We will share this on our website, facebook, and email it to our families.
- III. **Approve May 2018 Agenda-** Scott Samuelson made a motion to accept the agenda, Jeff Young seconded, motion passed.
- IV. **Approve April 2018 Meeting Minutes, Annual Meeting Minutes, Special Meeting Minutes -** Darren Krein made a motion to approve the minutes from the April, Annual, and special meeting, Todd Hershner seconded, motion passed.
- V. **Approve April 2018 Gambling Report-** Jess Karsnia shared an update on the Hillbillies theft of pull tab funds from this past winter. The suspects are arrested for a separate crime, and until that is resolved, there won't be a police report. Once there is a police report, there can be follow up on this. Jess also reported that the Z103 is looking to add pull tabs at their business. This is a past location for us, they are under new management and would like to have us back. She is looking into the feasibility purchasing a booth, buying jars and the cost of hiring workers. Nikki Richter made a motion to accept the lawful purpose donation, Ryan Welle seconded, motion passed. Darren Krein made a motion to accept the April gambling report, Curt Proffit seconded, motion passed.
- VI. **Appointment of Association Committee Chair Positions -** Sarah Casey volunteered to head the promotions chair. This position will oversee promoting different events including registration and Girlz Rock. Cory Reinertson will contact a few people from the association to help create a committee for this. Mike Donaghue shared that some associations try to raise a certain percent of their fees each year as a goal in fundraising, His example was 15%.
- VII. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **City Update-** Mike Donaghue requested to get a quote from the city on what a month of ice in September would be. Pam Muxfeldt will look into this. Roller hockey is looking to use the rink at night. Building security is an issue.
 - b. **Safe Sport Coordinator-** Nikki Richter- No report
 - c. **Discipline Committee-** Kevin Sonstebo - Sarah Casey will be taking Cory Reinertson's place on this committee as the board representative.
 - d. **Concessions-** Pam Muxfeldt- We finished the year at \$35,085.57. Minus expenses a check for \$33,500.00 was issued to the association. This is up from last year. The new popcorn popper is being used out at Delagoon this Spring. Their club paid for the cost of the new outlet needed for this machine. We need to look at an incentive for Mite coaches volunteering. The idea of comping some concession hours for them was brought up.
 - e. **Promotions-** Sarah Casey- No Report
 - f. **Fundraising-** No Report
 - g. **Equipment-** Eric Nelson, Jeff Young, Ryan Welle- We are missing one Squirt B jersey, number 3 is missing. The quick release goalie gear is still on the way. Tryout jerseys will arrive next week. We may be looking at selling some of the old Mite jerseys possibly after

registration next year. We spent \$17,000 dollars on equipment this year which is more than the year before. The dividers for the South rink are a part of that total.

- h. Sponsorship- Nikki Richter- No report
- i. Registration- Curt Proffit- We are looking to encourage people to register early. The idea of offering a discount for registering by a certain date. It is tabled until June, Curt will look into the feasibility of doing this.
- j. Arena Scheduling- Pam Muxfeldt- The only movement towards next season is that the High School schedule is done.
- k. Game Scheduling- Mike Welde- No report
- l. Tournaments- Darren Krein- Darren Krein brought the idea of getting our tournaments into "Let's Try Hockey" earlier than in the past. Jeff Young made a motion that we add an extra month, splitting the cost with Visit Fergus Falls if they will, or just paying it outright if not, Ryan Welle seconded, motion passed. Darren is looking into dates in November for a possible Squirt A tournament. This is to keep away from Squirt International.
- m. Rookie Program/ 2 and 2 Challenge- Niki Welde- No report
- n. Website- Curt Proffit- No
- o. Hockey Treadmill- Pam Muxfeldt - The Spring session is up and running. 14 signed up. They are meeting on Monday nights with Dustin Wynn leading it. Pam is looking ahead to Summer sessions. She is working on finding trainers.
- p. Summer Ice- Mike Donaghue, Laurissa Stigen, Niki Welde, Dave Stigen- The piece of equipment that was donated is currently being worked on and is near inspection.
- q. HMI Camp - Cory Reinertson. Looking at October 6th and planning an off site event again this year. New Beginnings volunteered to help with dryland.
- r. Girlz Rock - Tim Lill and Todd Hershner- No report

VIII. Approve Treasurer's April 2018 Report- Darren Krein made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's report, Scott Samuelson seconded, motion passed.

IX. Hockey Directors Report- Mike Donaghue, Tim Lill & Todd Hershner

- a. Girls Hockey - No report
- b. Boys Hockey
 - Andy Shriver with MN Hockey will be holding monthly hockey committee meetings.
 - The leadership meetings were good, lots of fresh ideas. A common comment at these meetings was the need for dryland.
 - At the last hockey committee meeting they talked about having a member from each level. Devin Johnson will represent the Bantams, Greg Buckmeier the Pee Wees, and Eddie Hanson the Squirts. Still need a Mite representative. They will meet the last Wed of the month. Minutes from these meetings will be posted.
 - 10,000 puck challenge - They recommend keeping the format the same. Looking to add the month of May to this next year. There would need to be an adjustment to the number of pucks needed. Looking to do the drawing for the prizes on the Meet the Otters Night.
 - Bantams numbers for next year are coming in looking like 22 skaters and 2 goalies. Looking at having 2 teams. Looking to sit down with the Wahpeton High School coach to discuss the idea of welcoming their first year bantams to play a year in Fergus Falls.
 - The Hockey Committee is recommending ice in April and September as soon as it is a possibility.
 - Survey - Cyndi will work on a survey from this past season

X. New Business - Parade- Nikki Richter and Sarah Casey will head this up.

XI. Old Business

XII. President's report- Cory Reinertson- Cory shared his takeaways from the MN Hockey Leadership meetings.

- We are doing a great job as an association. We are really set up with good organization and programs.
- We don't need to be the best association in the state, we just need to be the best sports program in Fergus Falls. The numbers will follow.

- The retention rates for skaters beginning at ages 6-7 (Mites) is 89.9%. That percentage drops slightly as age increases. We need to look at getting those numbers on the ice at younger ages.
- Club Excellence through USA Hockey is a program that offers organizational pieces for our board. We will be able to create a portal on the USA Hockey website. Committees can use this portal to keep their reports on. Cory is looking to get this up and running.

XIV. Next Board Meeting June 6, 2018 at 6:30pm at Otter Community Room at KSS. July's meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27th to avoid the 4th of July.

Meeting Dates - June 6, 6:30 Otter Community Room, KSS
June 27, 6:30 Otter Community Room, KSS (In place of July 4)
August 1, 6:30 Otter Community Room, KSS
September 5, 6:30 Otter Community Room, KSS
October 3, 6:30 Community Ice Arena
November 7, 6:30 Community Ice Arena
December 5, 6:30 Community Ice Arena
January 2, 6:30 Community Ice Arena
February 6, 6:30 Community Ice Arena
March 6, 6:30 Community Ice Arena
April 3, 6:30 Otter Community Room, KSS

XV. Adjourn- Nikki Richter made a motion to adjourn, Darren Krein seconded, meeting was adjourned.