

**St. Francis Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 6th – 7:00pm @ St. Francis Community Center**

In attendance

John Squire	Dan King	John Dreshar
John Huninghake	Brad Kaehler	Karen Wagner
Rob Erickson	Cory Denney	Kathy Schmid
Bill Karas	Marty DeKanick	

Absent

Don Blankenship	Doug Folk	Tina Mraz	Guy Farah
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Guests

Ken Wagner	Brian Besch
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Minutes

Minutes from last board meeting were passed out and reviewed. Bill Karas asked that the board review the minutes and suggest any changes. Bill Karas shared that the association indicated in the C peewee waiver issue was Cambridge-Isanti and not North Branch. No other changes were necessary. Bill asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Brad Kaehler motioned to approve last month's minutes. Karen Wagner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Bill Karas introduced Brian Besch who was interested in filling the treasurer vacancy. Brian gave some background on himself. He is a criminal investigator for the federal government and used to be an auditor for the government. Bill gave some information on the position including what it entails, that it expires in April 2008 and that a \$600 ice credit is given to the person in that position. Brian indicated that he remained interested. Bill asked for a motion to approve Brian Besch as the interim treasurer. Kathy Schmid motioned, John Squire seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next, Bill passed out the proposed budget. He asked all board members to review it and a meeting to finalize the details was scheduled on March 16th at 6:30pm at Bill's residence.

Bill then indicated that he had inquired about merger possibilities with North Branch and with Cambridge but had not heard back from either at that point. Brad Kaehler, Dan King and Rob Erickson agreed to form a committee to pursue the possibility of a merger.

Candidates for the vacancies of next year's board are needed. Board members need to encourage others to step up.

Banquet—Karen Wagner indicated that the flier had been sent out. The ice arena will not be charging a facility fee. There will be a minimal fee for those attending. It is estimated that about \$400 will go for food and \$680 will go for portable furniture rental. Some of this money will be recovered by the fee. It was decided that Subway sandwiches would be provided again this year.

Bill shared that it was time to review the gambling director's salary. He suggested a \$200/month increase. He shared that Kathy Schmid is underpaid in comparison to other gambling managers in the area. A discussion took place regarding progress of gambling sites. Bill said we are making progress with Hunters Inn and should have a good chance at getting a site agreement with Billy's in St. Francis. At Fatboys, we are working with the wrestlers to come to an agreement on sharing the site. A meeting will be held on March 7th, regarding the most recent coop proposal, which was handed out to board members. At the end of the discussion, John Dreshar

motioned to raise Kathy's salary from \$1200/month to \$1400/month. Brad Kaehler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill then asked Dan King to speak regarding the Jeff Palmer clinics and a conversation he had with Jeff. Dan shared that Jeff had indicated to him in a conversation that he is not 100% sure that he will return next year as the HS coach. Jeff indicated that part of it depended on the commitment of the youth program. Some discussion was had about how to interpret this. Some board members were concerned that Palmer was looking to take advantage of us, but other board members, coaches included, shared that Palmer's knowledge was well worth the dollars spent. Bill agreed to contact Jeff to discuss next year's possibilities. Some ideas suggested were to have him run October clinics, when we have more ice, and to run Sunday clinics like the goalie clinics are held.

Vice President's Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report

Gambling Manager

Kathy Schmid said that \$3300 was paid in tax on the raffle calendars and that we will be getting \$5300 back from unsold pulltab tickets. We will go over \$500,000 in gross receipts next month. There will continue to be bingo on Wednesdays at Fatboys. A \$999 jackpot can possibly be won.

Secretary

Dan King gave an ice bill from Isanti Arena to Brian Besch. He spoke about online registration and that we cannot get it set up until the budget is set. Dan suggested we find out how much the website costs each year and what the credit card monthly fee is, total it and to get the sponsors on our site to cover these fees. In addition, Dan is posting drafts of minutes online so that members can get info more quickly. The banquet flier was emailed out to all members with active email addresses in our database. Brad Kaehler suggested connecting member account info to the website so families can get updates on money owed, credits, etc.

Ace Coordinator

Nothing to report

Girls Director

Absent

Bantam Director

Rob Erickson stated that we probably won't need a bantam director if we don't have a merger.

Peewee Director

Absent

Squirt Director

John Huninghake stated that there are a couple of squirt teams in the Showcase league. John will be coaching one and Bill Karas will be coaching the other.

Mite Director

Marty DeKanick shared that the mites only had the SLP jamboree left. There was one particular mismatch between the A Mites and Centennial—Centennial being the dominant team. Marty is considering contacting the jamboree directors to help them eliminate this in future jamborees.

Goalie Director

Nothing to report

House Director

Absent

Ice Purchaser

Brad Kaehler said that he had contacted about 10-12 organizations regarding fundraising. He felt that one promising one might be Great River Energy out of Elk River. He has completed applications with organizations regarding building a new arena and giving naming rights.

Volunteer Coordinator

Karen Wagner reiterated that the banquet is all set.

Continuing Business None

New Business None

Dan King motioned to adjourn meeting; Marty DeKanick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.