

**St. Francis Youth Hockey Association
Emergency Board Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Monday July 9th, 7:00 p.m. @ The Hydrant**

In Attendance:

Bill Karas	Mark Brettschneider	Don Blankenship
Brad Kaehler	Kristie Wilmer	Rob Erickson
John Huninghake	Jeanine Tasler	John Dreshar

Absent:

Tina Mraz	Brian Besch	Marth DeKanick
Cory Denny	Doug Folk	Karen Hartstrom
	Jeff Palmer	Joe Fredrickson

Guest: Dan King

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Bill Karas. Bill started with a Thank you to those members that were able to attend the meeting. The meeting was called to discuss the merger with the Andover Association at the Bantam level that was voted on and passed at the June meeting. The Andover Association had “jumped the gun” in approaching our Association for this merger, and did not have unanimous support from their Board. Upon their Board vote, they rescinded the decision to merge our Bantam level players. There was some discussion as to if this was a final decision by Andover, or if they may decide at the next meeting to further discuss this possibility. Due to the time constraints, our Board felt it was in our best interests to move forward and rescind our Board vote. A motion was made by Kristie Wilmer to rescind the vote to merge with the Andover Association at the Bantam level. Vote was seconded by Don Blankenship and passed unanimously.

Discussion then moved to the possibility of a Co-Op with North Branch. Brad Kaehler has had numerous conversations with the North Branch Association. Currently they are looking for increased ice hours and someone to form a Co-Op with. They have approximately 5 mite teams (120 or so) kids that they do not wish to merge. They wish to Co-Op the Bantams (approximately 22 kids), Peewees (approximately 25 kids), squirts (approximately 20 kids). This would yield our Co-Op roughly the following: 2 Bantam Teams, 4 Peewee Teams, and 4 S squirt Teams. We would also add the 5 Mite Teams. They currently have no girls teams.

The “Pro’s” of this Co-Op were discussed. The Board feels that this would give our players a very competitive level of play. There was also some discussion on what this would do for ice hours. There was also some discussion on the possibility of some disgruntled parents. A motion was made by Don Blankenship to move forward with the Co-Op with North Branch, was seconded by Brad Kaehler, and passed unanimously.

A Committee was formed to work with the North Branch Association to formulate a plan for this merger. The Committee chair is Mark Brettschneider, other members are Jeanine Tasler, Dan King and Kristie Wilmer.

It was agreed that we move forward with the Purchase of the East Bethel Arena.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by John Huninghake, and seconded by Kristie Wilmer.