

**St. Francis Youth Hockey Association
Board and Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2004**

Members Present:

Jim Herlofsky	Amy Poff	Amy Underwood	Doug Schuster
Jason Foesch	Keith Schwartz	Tim Olson	Bill Karas
Don Blankenship			

Members Absent: Harry Lahti Rob Erickson Rich Balk

Guest: None

Coaching/Team Advisors: Marty Dekanick was present and Joe Frederickson was absent.

The minutes from the November 2nd meeting were reviewed. Jason Foesch moved we accept the minutes as written. Bill Karas seconded the motion. Motion carries.

President Report: Jim Herlofsky would like to set up a separate board meeting date to discuss gambling. Now that Kathy Schmid is the gambling manager, there will need to changes made to our by-laws. Jim Herlofsky would like all board members present for this meeting. Doug Schuster talked with Ed (gambling manager for the Lyons) we would need to donate a percentage of our profit out. Unless, we are a 5013C then we don't need to donate a percentage out. Doug Schuster asked if we know of any parents that would be interested in doing any additional fundraising. Doug Schuster thought maybe they could go around to different organizations to ask for donations. Jim Herlofsky said we could look into finding someone who is interested in doing this.

Storage: Jim Herlofsky talked with the owners of the storage facility next to the arena. They have 24-hour security, very nice facility. The facility is open from 6:00am-10:00pm someone will be living on the property. Each person will have there own security code so that way it's monitored who's coming and out. Amy Underwood made a motion to rent the storage facility. Jason Foesch seconded. Motion passes. Amy Underwood will send the check. Jason Foesch, Amy Underwood, Jim Herlofsky, and Keith Schwartz will have keys and security codes.

Roster: Jim Herlofsky stated that all age directors need to make sure their rosters are into District 10 by January 1, 2005. Make sure all coaches have there coaching certificates and background checks. District 10 needs a copy of Squirts and 10U's entire game schedule. We need to make sure that our minor officials (parent volunteers) when working the scoreboard, penalty box are non-biased. Doug Schuster made a motion to purchase 8 sets of State High School Hockey Tournament tickets. Jason Foesch seconded. Motion passes. On Saturday, Dec. 18th the girls high school team would like to host a tailgating party in the arena's parking lot. Joe was asked to check with the board to see if this is ok since we run the concessions and it could take some business away from the concessions. They are trying to set an all time attendance record. Jim Herlofsky told Joe Fredrickson that was fine. Jim Herlofsky said that there would be more youth high hockey nights to come. Jim Herlofsky would like to try and get puck news out for the holidays please email any information to him and he will send it to Maureen. Jim Herlofsky talked about elections coming up in the spring. Don Blankenship would like to have age directors terms go from 1 year to 2-year positions. Jason Foesch mentioned he is interested in the Ace Coordinator position. Amy Underwood would like to have the Treasurer position be changed into a 2-person position. Jim Herlofsky talked about the passing away of Bill Johnson he was very instrumental in getting the arena built. Jim Herlofsky would like to somehow get a plaque in the arena honoring him. Keith Schwartz will write something about Bill Johnson for the puck news. People have discussed donating money to the association in honor of Bill Johnson. Amy Underwood will make a separate account for this. Jim Herlofsky would like to Thank all who helped put up the shooting station. Jim Herlofsky is going to talk with John Squire about a big picture frame for the arena.

Vice President Report: Keith Schwartz has all the mites rosters signed off. Keith Schwartz will be trying to meet with Phil Graber. If any teams have additional coaches to add their rosters please get them to Keith Schwartz and he will pass this on to Phil Graber.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Underwood passed out monthly income expense reports. Amy Underwood discovered that the C Squirts were allowed more ice time than they should have received. Jim Herlofsky said that the C Squirts will need to share there extra ice time with other teams. It was stated to Amy Underwood that A/B mites never received bills last season. Bill Karas said that they would and did get billed for last season.

Concessions: It was brought up about kids in the concessions and keeping it clean. No kids under the age of 7 are allowed in the concessions. It was mentioned about kids running around the arena doing things they aren't allowed to do. If board members see this they need to make sure they ask the kids to stop. Puck Shooter-Mites are not allowed to be down there unless they have parent supervision. 10 years and older can be down there shooting no hockey. Amy Underwood asked if we don't have workers show up for concessions should we close. Jim Herlofsky said yes.

Equipment Director Report: Jason Foesch informed the board that there was a bag of blue pucks taken from the arena so he went out and purchased more. Doug Schuster will try and get some lockers for the association to store equipment and concession products. It was mentioned getting some buckets to store the pucks in it's would be harder to walk off with a bucket than a bag. Jason Foesch will get some buckets for the pucks.

Ice Director Report: Rich Balk was absent

Traveling Director Report: Harry Lahti was absent

Girl's Program Director Report: Tim Olson informed the board that the St. Francis goalie skating with Champlin is on the top girls team in District 10. Both Blaine and St. Francis girls are learning a lot. Tim Olson and Bill Karas are going to try and put an 8U team together for next season out of the mite girl skaters from this season. The 10U girls took 3rd place in the Centennial tournament. The 12UA girls took consolation in the Super Rink tournament. Tim Olson stated that we now have 2 girls skating with the B2 Peewees.

Bantam Director Report: Doug Schuster asked Amy Underwood if she and John were working on the Thank yous for the sponsors of the golf tournament. Doug Schuster talked with Jason Novak and he said that the Bantams are starting to come together and learning a lot.

Pee wee Director Report: Doug Schuster said that the A Peewees are 5-5-1 they took consolation at the Mankato Tournament. Thank you Jason Foesch for the B2 Peewees jerseys.

Squirt Director Report: Don Blankenship and John Dreshar need 1st aid kids for the House Squirts and the B2 Squirts. Jason Foesch said we have some so he will get them. Don Blankenship is going to talk with Marty about setting up a date for a coaches meeting after the holidays. He is looking at a Sunday-1-hour ice time and 1-hour meeting time. This will be mandatory meeting for coaches unless they have a game. Jason Foesch will contact District 10 to get USA Hockey tapes for the meeting. The squirt teams are doing really good.

Mite Director Report: Bill Karas discussed about parent grumblings with the mite level of play when skating against North Branch/Princeton. Bill Karas stated that these teams are at the wrong level. Bill Karas emailed District 10 asking them what they thought about teams skating at the wrong level. Bill based his placing of our mites by how they skated last season. Bill Karas put together a Mite Message for mite parents discussing what is happening with the mites. Bill Karas was asked if Super Saints could get 6 more weeks of skating? Bill Karas talked with Rich Balk to see if he has ice time and Rich Balk said yes. The only issue is we would lose the High School skaters that have helped with the 1st session.

Bill Karas asked could we look at having coaches come out? Most of the skaters are able to skate without assistant. They could set up obstacles/games for these kids?

House Director Report: Rob Erickson was absent

Volunteer Coordinator: John Dreshar is going to try and get volunteers to come in clean out the meeting room to get the carpet down.

Continuing Business:

1. Charitable Gambling Update - table
2. Hockey Development – looking into having mtg. after the 1st of the year
3. Outdoor Rink – waiting on weather

New Business: none

Bill Karas moved we adjourn the meeting. Doug Schuster seconded the motion. Motion carries.

I hereby certify that the forgoing accurately reflects the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation held on Thursday, December 9, 2004.

Secretary

The next meeting will be Tuesday
February 2nd
@ 7:00 p.m.
@ East Bethel Ice Arena