

**St. Francis Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes (FINAL)**  
**Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00 p.m. @ St. Francis Community Center**

**In Attendance:**

Bill Karas	Don Blankenship	Guy Farah
Tina Mraz	Kathy Schmid	Brad Kaehler
John Squire	Jeff Palmer	Marty Dekanick
John Dreshar	Doug Folk	

**Absent:**

Corey Denny	John Huninghake	Dan King
Karen Wagner	Joe Fredrickson	Brian Besch
Rob Erickson		

**Guests:**

Kristie Wilmer	Mark Brettschneider	Jeanine Tasler
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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. No changes were necessary. A motion was made to approve the minutes; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Presidents Report:**

Bill Karas stated that there will be a meeting next week to finalize the budget. He stated that the budget will be posted early for parents to plan ahead. Hockey fees will now be charged monthly vs. quarterly, with the full amount due in January. There will be an online payment option as well. More details on this are coming.

Bill introduced the guests and the positions that they were nominated for. Bill asked for a motion to approve all new positions. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The new Board Members list is attached.

There was some discussion on the merger with Cambridge, Chisago, Princeton, North Branch and Spring Lake Park. Nothing definite has been decided.

Bill stated that the Gambling Manager salary will be decided by himself and the Vice President.

Bill stated that the goal for 2007 is to increase our number of hockey players. This will help to decrease the cost for each player. There was some discussion on possibly using some money from the budget, \$7000-8000 to help offset ice fees. Nothing was definite at this point.

Bill also discussed the need for another site for ice. In the next year or so there will need to be a committee to organize a budget and fundraising plan for this.

Bill also suggested posting goals for each individual skater this year. It would be similar to a report card for each player.

**Vice Presidents Report:**

John asked about paying the refs that had not been paid. Bill stated that they would be writing checks that night.

**Treasures Report:**

Nothing to report

**Gambling Manager:**

Kathy had handouts for everyone to review. She stated that the checkbook balance was \$19,000+.

Calendar winners have been paid through March. These are the allowable expenses:

Allowable Expenses:

Trudeau & co. approved 3000.00 for annual audit

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Fat Boys rent for Mar.-\$1300. est.  
3 Diamond for games ordered - 5000.00 est.  
St. Francis Foods for Apr. meat packages for meat raffles-1500.00 est.  
Payroll for employees for April \$8000.00 estimated  
Office supplies - 500.00 est.

Lawful Purpose expenses:  
City of East Bethel-Mar 3% tax-381.87 actual  
MN Revenue-unpaid Mar tax-300.00 estimated  
Combined Receipts tax for Mar-600 estimated

Documentation provided to board:  
Schedule A, Schedule B2's, Schedule E-now over 500,000, LG1010, distributor invoices, perpetual and physical audits for Mar., itemized bank statement and check book register for Mar., compliance review report, Apr. calendar winners, and all other required gambling reports.

A motion was made to approve these expenses, seconded and passed unanimously.

Kathy also discussed the VIP cards. We currently are the default charity for Fat Boys. Another 1500 cards were ordered.

**Equipment Director:**

Doug stated that there was still some equipment to be picked up.

**ACE Coordinator:**

Mark was looking for some information from the past coordinator John Dreshar. John was called and did come to the meeting late to discuss the position with Mark.

**House Director:**

The time sheets for the refs were handed in. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the refs.

**Girls Director:**

Tina stated that we would have U8, U10 and U12 teams next year.

**Bantam Director:**

Rob discussed the option of the merger again for Bantams. Approximately 6 players will move up to Bantam.

**Pewee Director:**

Nothing to Report

**Squirt Director:**

Absent

**Mite Director:**

Marty stated that we would be in 2 parades for sure this year, St. Francis and East Bethel. He estimates at this time that we will have 7 Mite teams.

**Goalie Director:**

Absent

**Ice Purchaser:**

Nothing to report

**Volunteer Coordinator:**

Absent

**Continuing Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Coaches Corner:**

Jeff Palmer attended the meeting as well. He will be running the Palmer clinics at the Super Rink again this year. He reported that there was great skill development through this clinic. Jeff has the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October open to run clinics at East Bethel if the Association desires to do so. He will also run a skill development session for the Squirts, Peewees and Bantams the first week of September.

Jeff passed out a manual for Mite Skill development. He has these manuals for all levels. The cost is generally \$2000 to receive these manuals; however he was willing to work with us on the cost. There was not a final decision made as to purchasing the manuals.

Jeff stated that he is doing his best to keep the high school teams off of the ice on weeknights to allow more time for the youth hockey program. He estimates there will be 5 high school boys' games on weeknight this upcoming season.

Jeff stated that we need to concentrate on recruiting Mites and Girls. He discussed the options of equipment packages to reduce the cost for families.

It is estimated that tryouts will be the first weekend of October for youth hockey. High school tryouts will be early to mid November. The high school needs 5 players for this season.

Jeff also discussed the need for another sheet of ice. He stated that it may be an option to add a "bubble" onto the existing rink, adding a sheet of ice and 6 locker rooms.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45, was seconded and passed.