

St. Francis Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Wednesday January 15th, 2007- 7:00 p.m. @ St. Francis Community Center

In Attendance:

Brad Kaehler
Kristie Wilmer

John Dreschar
Mark Brettschneider

Bill Karas
Jeanine Tasler

Karen Hartstrom
Don Blankenship

Absent:

Joe Fredrickson
Rob Erickson
Marty Dekanick

Kathy Schmid
John Huninghake

Doug Folk
Tina Mraz

Brian Besch
Cory Denny

Guests:

Jeff Henderson

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 needed. A motion was made to approve the minutes; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Presidents Report:

Ice bills: It has been decided that a "no pay, no play" policy will go into effect for players that have not paid their ice bills or made some sort of arrangement to. Age directors are to enforce this effective January 21st. Bill met with the City of St. Francis regarding building an arena near the high school in St. Francis. The city contributing a million dollars and the Association doing the same to build the arena. The City would want the funds back within 25 years at 5% interest. Possible sites included near Crossroads or across from the High School. This would cover 1 sheet of ice, although the City would like to see two eventually, as well as possibly a basketball court. Brad brought to our attention that there are approximately 18 bills in the senate and roughly 3 are to build ice rinks. We would need to go through Bonding and find someone to back this bill and get a recommendation for any of this to happen. Bill will propose a generic proposal for building an arena to the city council. Bill also wants the budget for next year done prior to the banquet so that it can be presented then.

MERGER: Jeff stated that it has seemed to be a positive year for North Branch with the merger. Our Association seems to be in agreement. John D mentioned that there were some complaint about tryouts. Bill proposed only merging Bantams as he felt that the other levels were shorted ice time due to the merger. Don B felt that we had the same amount of ice and has heard many positive things regarding the merger. Mark B, Kristie W, Jeanine, John D were all in agreement on that. North Branch is to break ground this spring on an arena. Site TBD. Question posed was would our parents drive to North Branch for ice time? This was tabled at this time.

Vice Presidents Report:

Registration is complete and electronically submitted to USA Hockey.

Treasures Report:

Absent, however, a complete report was submitted. Current account balance \$3622.97.

Gambling Manager:

Bill passed around gambling reports and financials, Kathy was working. A motion was made to approve \$36,000 for expenses, and will be voted on via email as we do not have enough present to vote. Calendar profits were approximately \$22,000, \$14,000 was already used to pay ice bills. Hunters Inn and Billy's are both potential new gambling sites. Gambling has already paid \$15000 in ice bills previous to this.

Equipment Director:

Absent

ACE Coordinator:

Mark heard lots of good feedback on Puck News. He is currently working on a coaching handbook. Mark asked that we take a look at Squirt level hours and games to make sure we are not over. Some frustration with the C Squirt team and the huge variance in play level. Mark also asked that we submit photos and such for the banquet. As far as awards for the banquet it was determined that team managers are to request them from District 10.

House Director:

Nothing to report.

Girls Director:

Absent.

Bantam Director:

Absent.

Pewee Director:

Nothing to report

Squirt Director:

Absent.

Mite Director:

Absent.

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Goalie Director:

Absent.

Ice Purchaser:

Nothing new to report

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Volunteer Coordinator:

We made approximately \$728 at the apparel sale. SKATE info to be out to everyone soon.

Continuing Business:

New Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned.