

St. Francis Youth Hockey
Board Meeting
May 3, 2005

In attendance

Rob Erickson	Joe Fredrickson	Bill Karas	Keith Schwartz
Amy Underwood	Brad Kearns	Karen Wagner	Doug Folk
Doug Schuster	Tim Olson	Marty DeKanick	Dan King
Rich Balk			

Absent

Jim Herlofsky Kathy Schmid

Guests

Terry Allen

Motions

Tim Olson moved to accept the new board members elected on April 16th, 2005. Motion carried.

President's Report

None

Vice President' Report

Bill made suggestions about communication improvements. He stated that email lists should be created, the web page will be updated, and that the association should update its members quarterly or monthly.

He also discussed the gaming issue. He indicated the board needs to consider how the money will be spent, whether or not the gaming manager should be paid, that we may want to consider a gaming review committee, and which gaming sites will be used. Doug Schuster indicated that Cyndy Sues may go in another direction with gaming if the association doesn't finalize gambling details soon. Bill said he would call Jim to clarify where the gambling paperwork is at. An emergency board meeting to address gambling issues will be called if necessary. In addition, he mentioned that the association will be receiving a check for \$1324.50 from the meat raffle which he would like to be used to increase mite registration and to ease first/second year mite fees.

Bill suggested that we look at the registration process and how to increase registration numbers, especially the numbers of girls participating. He wants the association to create a goal for registration. Suggestions to improve registration numbers included early registrants would pay less than those that pay at a later date (late registration fee), color coded forms, reduced mite fees, online registration, and setting registration dates sooner, registration tables at ISD 15 open houses, getting signs out earlier. Keith indicated that we should get returning players to register early for level-declaration purposes, that USA Hockey fees will be higher next year and that we should not set registration fees until a budget is determined and ice fees are determined. The board decided that registration dates cannot be set until budget/ice fees are determined.

An inventory of all equipment needs to be done. Doug Folk indicated that he would take care of this.

Treasurer's Report

Amy handed out an income/expense report and reported that we need to look at how we address those families who are not paying their ice bills. She suggested that we do not allow anyone to register before they pay outstanding balances.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Karen encourages board members to make suggestions to improve and expand volunteer participation.

Squirt Director's Report

None

ACE Coordinator's Report

None

Equipment Director's Report

None

Girls' Director's Report

None

Gambling Manager's Report

None

Bantam Director's Report

Doug Schuster shared that there is interest in continuing Acceleration Minnesota in the fall and that he has a tax ID document for those coaches who are running summer clinics. Joe suggested that we include Acceleration MN fees in registration. Another suggestion was to encourage teams to use Accel MN during the season and esp. in January when ice is hard to find. Lastly, he stated that he likely will not have enough time to organize the golf tournament in the fall due to other obligations.

Ice Purchaser's Report

Rich spoke about painting the inside of the arena. He asked if we will be having a clinic with Lance Pitlick this fall. It was suggested that someone talk to Jason Foesch to see if it was possible. He also asked Joe and Marty to create a list for the desired skill-progression for our players; they agreed.

Mite Director's Report

Marty shared that the association's application for participation in Pioneer Days, June 10th – June 12th, is in. He needs a check for water and candy.

House Director's Report

None

Girls' Advisor's Report

Joe indicated that there will be dryland this summer and 5-6 hours of ice at Fogerty. Also, he would like to know the registration dates so the HS girls can set up activities such as shot speed and accuracy during registration.

Guest's Report

Terry Allen stopped in and shared that it would likely be okay to paint inside of arena but thought the association should set up a liason between the association and him to finalize details and for future purposes. Doug Schuster volunteered to be the liason. Terry also shared that there will be a new security system in place soon with a card swipe access. The association will retain access privileges through this new system. He thought that the city would determine ice fees in the next two weeks.

Secretary's Report

Dan shared that there will soon be an electronic version of the Puck News. He would like directors, president, vice president to contribute to the monthly publication. He also asked that, during the season, teams declare a reporter for the puck news who could earn volunteer hours. It was suggested by Doug that we consider that a managerial duty and others agreed. Dan suggested a media release form so pictures could be part of the Puck News and it was suggested that we put a check off on the registration materials. Keith indicated that pictures can be used without a media release as long as there is no personal information included. Dan requested manager contacts to generate email lists for newsletter. Amy will provide Dan with what she has. John Dreshar offered emails from last year's volunteer database.

Dan also suggested that the banquet be revisited. Many others agreed that there are problems. It was suggested that this be continuing business.

Continuing Business

Goals for registration and gambling
Banquet

Rob Erickson motioned to adjourn. Don Blankenship seconded. Meeting adjourned.