

**St. Francis Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Tuesday August 7th- 7:00 p.m. @ St. Francis Community Center**

In Attendance:

Bill Karas	Karen Hartstrom	Kristie Wilmer	Rob Erickson
Brad Kaehler	Doug Folk	Brian Besch	Mark Brettschneider
Marty Dekanick	Corey Denny	John Dreshar	

Absent:

Joe Fredrickson	Jeff Palmer	Jeanine Tasler	John Huninghake
Tina Mraz	Don Blankenship	Kathy Schmid	

Guests:

North Branch Association:

Jeff Henderson	Tom Garin	Craig Moline	Ben Fairbanks
Jen Fairbanks	Lynda Chilstrom	Paige Lee	Kristi White
Lisa Issacson			

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:

Bill Karas opened with a welcome to the North Branch Association, as well as a thank you for coming to the meeting. Bill attended a Presidents meeting with District 10 to discuss the D Mite teams. Some of the Presidents expressed a desire to eliminate D Mite teams due to the extreme pressure from the parents. One of the Pros expressed by Bill is that this might create 2 equal C Mite teams for us. Bill is concerned that at D Mite level they concentrate too much on games and not enough on skills. John Dreshar was concerned that by eliminating D level we may lose some of those players to other associations. He was also concerned that this would create more petitions for Mites to move up to Squirts. The discussion was tabled for everyone to think further and voted on at the end of the meeting. In the end it was decided that our Association would vote to keep D Mites, whether or not we have a D Mite team this year. Bill asked that we change the night of our Board Meeting to another night. It was decided that the 1st Wednesday of each month would be the new day. Brad checked to see if the City Conference room was available that night, it was not and the meetings will now be the 2nd Wednesday of each month. As far as the contract to purchase the Arena, Bill gave a copy to North Branch to review. The city has accepted our proposal and it will be presented to the City Council next. The City of St. Francis has approved our Pull Tab booths at the Ponds and Maxs.

Vice Presidents Report:

Early Registration brought in about 25 families, as well as about 30 registering online. Brad expressed a desire to have the Co-Op posted on our website. Kristie will call Dan King. Jeff Henderson expressed a desire to have more information in black and white before we give out too much information. The key to success between these 2 Associations is communication.

Treasures Report:

Brian stated that he is up and running. There is \$10,771 in our account now. This does not include registration fees so far. Brian handed out the list of outstanding ice bills that he is in the process of collecting on. Accounts receivable stands at \$8,603.25. Some of these folks have made arrangements with Brian already.

Gambling Manager:

Absent

Equipment Director:

Doug has inventoried jerseys and will purchase the missing numbers. The Co-Op has decided to purchase new jerseys this year for all of the players that they will keep. Per Mark B, we should all try to get bids on these jerseys. Ben from NBAHA stated that they should have enough jerseys for tryouts as well.

ACE Coordinator:

Mark discussed the coaching interviews that were held jointly with North Branch and his counterpart Ben Fairbanks. Mark and Ben felt that there were many good candidates. They had decided their recommendations for the Bantam, PeeWee, and Girls so far. The Mite interviews were just held the previous evening. Mark and Ben also needed to get the Squirt recommendations finished. Mark and Ben need to set up a night for 3 people from each Board to hear the recommendations. It was decided that Bill Karas, Brad Kaehler and Brian Besch attend for SFYHA. It was later decided that the meeting will be on August 13th. There was quite a bit of discussion on what to pay the judges for tryouts this year. It was decided that for all 3 nights we will pay each judge \$300 and buy a couple of dinners. Mark discussed the Co-Op meetings that are being held each Wednesday and what things have been accomplished. Mark presented a new Code of Conduct form for Coaches, Players and Parents that he would like implemented. The form was reviewed. It is standard verbiage from District 10 and will be used now by our Association. If we need to revise this form it will be next year. Mark asked that the Board prepay for the coaches needing their CEP cards. Mark will contact and coordinate this with all of the coaches needing them. A motion was made to spend up to \$45 per coach for the CEP cards, was seconded and passed unanimously.

House Director:

Absent

Girls Director:

Absent

Bantam Director:

Nothing to report.

PeeWee Director:

John is concerned about an A level Goalie. North Branch stated that they have one.

Squirt Director:

Absent

Mite Director:

Nothing to report

Goalie Director:

OK.

Ice Purchaser:

Absent

Volunteer Coordinator:

Karen reminded all of the Golf Tournament on August 11th. She also told us that picture day will be November 13th at Cedar Creek.

Continuing Business:

None.

New Business:

None

Side Note... Roger Anderson, a former President of SFYHA for many years has passed away. Bill requested that the Association send flowers. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.