

St. Francis Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes (FINAL)
Tuesday July 17th- 7:00 p.m. @ St. Francis Community Center

In Attendance:

Bill Karas	Karen Hartstrom	Don Blankenship	Jeanine Tasler
Tina Mraz	Brad Kaehler	Doug Folk	Kathy Schmid
Marty Dekanick	Corey Denny	John Huninghake	
John Dreshar	Mark Brettschneider	Kristie Wilmer	

Absent:

Joe Fredrickson	Jeff Palmer	Brian Besch	Rob Erickson
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Guests:

Rick Wind	Tom St. Marie	Wade Barck
John Wilmer	Steve Berg	Dan King

Minutes:

Minutes from last board meeting were passed out and reviewed. Bill Karas asked that the board review the minutes and suggest any changes. A couple of changes were necessary. Changes will be made for the final draft. A motion was made to approve the minutes; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Presidents Report:

Bill Karas opened with an opportunity for the guests to speak. 4 of our guests were at this meeting to discuss the option of their players moving up a level. All of the players were girls that the requests are for. There was some discussion on the current number of girls per level. Per Tina, it appears they will potentially have 12 8U girls, 16 10U girls, and 16 12U girls. There are also 3 possible new players and potentially some Supersaints that will advance. Due to the way that our By Laws currently read we will only take requests for move up's after tryouts. Bill requested that we table all of the move up requests until after tryouts. All were in favor.

Further from the Guests, there was a request that we ramp up the Supersaint program. The discussion included considering 12-15 weeks for the program. The big concern here is ice time. Jeanine will look into more potential ice time. There was also some discussion on starting the Supersaint and possibly even Mite programs earlier in the season to utilize some of the early season ice time. Also potentially considering running 2 separate sessions for the Supersaints. Will need to discuss this with North Branch as well. No final decisions were made at this time.

Dan King, also a guest, requested that all broadcast communication be directed to Kristie Wilmer vs. to him. Kristie is in the process of getting website passwords and updating all email addresses.

Next topic was the Co-Op with North Branch. It was determined at the Co-Op meeting that we would be utilizing all of the available ice hours this year, and would be checking to see if there were more hours available. We will be checking into some possible ice hours at Superrink as well. Due to the increased numbers with the Co-Op it is also apparent that we will have to do some shared ice time. Brad stated that we have approximately 195 hours of ice in September and October. Thoughts on utilizing that time productively including the Supersaints having an early session, possibly earlier Mite tryout times, conditioning camps, and fundamental training. Mark Brettschneider presented the information from the Co-Op meeting for Coaching Interviews. North Branch and St. Francis will hold joint coaching interviews at the St. Francis American Legion on July 30th, 2007. Due to the larger number of interviews, Mark and Marty will be changing the night for Mite interviews, to be announced. Mark handed out an example coaching interview form from the NB Association. Mark and Kristie will create a joint form for the interviews. Next on the list for the Co-Op concerns were the large numbers of players we will have on the ice for tryouts. It is estimated that we may have 66 Squirts and 44 PeeWees. Bill suggested that tryout times will have to be longer than the typical hour and kids will possibly advance to different levels. Mark is calling Anoka's Association to see how they handle tryouts as they have these kinds of numbers now. No final decision was made at this time. Mark also pointed out that the current \$400 that we budgeted may not be enough. Additionally, Doug is to inventory the tryout jerseys, we will request that NB do so as well,

and will determine if we have enough for tryouts. It was mutually decided that the socks were not a huge issue, however SF must wear SF colors and NB must wear NB colors, no “special” team colors allowed. John Huninghake suggested that we look into possibly purchasing new jerseys that are NBSF joint jerseys. The Co-Op will form a committee that will attempt to price some new jerseys. It will be a discussion at the next Co-Op meeting, more information to follow. 1st Co-Op meeting minutes are attached. Bill also met with Tony from Village Bank regarding the purchase of the Arena. A formal proposal was presented to the city. The city requested that we provide financials with the proposal. Bill will revise the proposal and attach the financials. The city appears to be anxious to sell the Arena.

Vice Presidents Report:

Registration dates at the Arena are set and on the website. July 18th, 6-8 p.m., September 11th, 6-8 p.m., and September 15th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Online pay system account is set up, and running now, actually have had some kids sign up already. Brad intends on having his lap top at registration for people to use.

Treasures Report:

Nothing to report.

Gambling Manager:

Kathy dropped off information for Bill regarding the Gambling and payroll, see attached. A motion was made to approve the expenses, seconded, and passed unanimously. The Ponds, and the Hydrant have signed on for pull tabs. We are close on Max’s and we still have the booth at Fatboys.

Equipment Director:

Doug will inventory jerseys for tryouts.

ACE Coordinator:

Mark discussed the possibility of a Co-Op D Mite team with North Branch, more information will follow after the next Co-Op meeting.

House Director:

Nothing to report.

Girls Director:

Nothing to report.

Bantam Director:

Nothing to report.

Peewee Director:

John is working on compiling the list of players for this year.

Squirt Director:

John will meet with Marty following the meeting to discuss how many potential Mites will move up to Squirts.

Mite Director:

Marty stated that East Bethel parade will be on July 21st. Line up at 10, parade is at 11. Jeanine offered her truck, trailer and music again, and Karen offered to help organize the kids. Candy and water have been purchased.

Goalie Director:

OK.

Ice Purchaser:

Jeanine will follow up with Superrink on any possible available ice times.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Karen had a parent ask if working at the Dome would cover volunteer hours for the season. It was decided that since they were getting paid at the Dome, it would not cover volunteer hours. Along with volunteer hours, Bill stated that we may have to contract out for workers for the pull tab booths and meat raffles as we are not getting volunteers for these events. This will dramatically decrease our profits. Kristie proposed that we make working these events mandatory. No final decisions were made at this time.

Continuing Business:

None.

New Business:

None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00, was seconded and passed.