

**St. Francis Youth Hockey Association
Board and Membership Meeting
Wednesday October 20, 2004**

Members Present:

Jim Herlofsky	Amy Poff	Amy Underwood	Keith Schwartz
Doug Schuster	Rob Erickson	Jason Foesch	Rich Balk
Tim Olson	Don Blankenship	Bill Kara	Harry Lahti

Members Absent:

The minutes from the Tuesday, October 5 meeting were reviewed. Bill Karas moved we accept the minutes as written. Jason Foesch seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Guest: Chad Johnson, John Barton, Darin Humann, Tammy Kotowicz, Amy Kahle, Tim Retrum, Danette Retrum, Marueen Vandal, Natalie Johnson these parents were present to discuss the Blaine St. Francis 12U merger. Amy Kahle asked if this was a done deal. Tim Olson responded that the board has not voted yet to make it final. The Blaine association approved it and so has District 10. There are concerns about the girls skating with the Blaine association. Could the girls possible come back up and skate with the St. Francis association and skate as a U12A and U12B team? Some of the concerns with the girls skating with Blaine are loss of identification, possibly skills level difference between the girls, and drive time. With having the girls come back, we would need to go to District 10 and ask them to reschedule the games. We could be penalized for doing this. Jim Herlofsky said if we were to skate here the girls would not be able to skate A. With having the girls combine with Blaine it will be more competitive for them and they could skate A. We had 7 girls make the U12A team, 5 girls make the U12B team, 1 girl made the U10A team for Blaine, 1 girl made the U14A team, and 1 goalie that is skating with Champlin Park. Amy Underwood asked if we had 7 A skaters why we could not have a U12A team with St. Francis. They would not be strong enough to carry the team. Keith Schwartz said unfortunately the communication was lacking. We did not have anything in the June, July, and August minutes. They had a parents meeting during the summer and some parents were not notified, and nothing was ever posted on the Web page. Keith Schwartz asked if there was a vote ever made by the board to move forward with this. Jim Herlofsky said no the board never did vote on it officially yes so with that we were wrong. Regarding the minutes Amy Poff was gone over the summer so one of the other board members had to step up and take minutes so in that respect things don't always get handled the same but Jim Herlofsky does have documentation of discussions regarding the girls. Why did Blaine not come up to St. Francis since we have more skaters? Financially it made more sense for St. Francis to skate with Blaine. They have Charitable Gambling, which helps cover some costs that our association cannot offer right now. Skating in Blaine the girls will get more ice time than they would at East Bethel. Tim Olson did say that he was going to try to get ice time at East Bethel since he does know that parents are frustrated about the drive time. Jim Herlofsky feels personal opinion that the girls are skating the level they should be.

Coaching/Team Advisors: Marty Dekanick was present. Joe Frederickson was absent.

President Report: Jim Herlofsky talked with Kathy Schmid about becoming the gambling manager. Kathy Schmid will look into taking the necessary gambling classes. Jason Foesch made a motion to accept Kathy Schmid as the gambling manager. Amy Underwood seconded. Motion passes.

Fat Boys will talk with us more about switching over once the association has their license. Arena improvements Jim Herlofsky talked with Jason Hehir about moving the display

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case and the skate sharpener in the meeting room. We did get some paint so Jim Herlofsky would like John Dreshar to get some volunteers to come in and paint the meeting room and lobby. Jim Herlofsky would like to purchase 2 12-foot tables for the meeting room.

Harry Lahti made a motion to purchase 2 12-foot tables. Doug Schuster seconded. Motion passes.

Tim Olson contacted Economy Canvas the shooting station will cost the association \$342.65. Tim Olson talked with Jim Herlofsky and they ordered it. Tim Olson's brother will install it. Tim Olson talked with Jason Hehir about where we would like it put up in the back left corner of the arena and Jason Hehir will need help cleaning up the area. Jim Herlofsky informed the board that coaches sheets for traveling need to be filled out and faxed in by Saturday, October 23rd. Jim Herlofsky would like to have the calendars due December 15th. Jim Herlofsky talked with Todd Haas about reserving outside ice in Andover. Tim Olson will talk with Doug Schuster and have Doug talk with Dave Benick about this since he has reserved it before. Pictures will be Monday, November 1st.

Vice President Report: Keith Schwartz needs everyone on the board and coaches to fill out a background check form. He also needs all traveling teams' rosters by the weekend. We had 188 skaters last year we have 207 this year. This number does not include Super Saints.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Underwood handed out a document of players not eligible to play due to delinquent payments. Players are not allowed to skate until the bills are paid off. They will be pulled off the ice or will not be allowed to skate in the 1st game. Copies of these bills were mailed to the players homes. The other report was a cash flow report from 1/1/04-10/19/04. Jim Herlofsky received a phone call from the Wild stating there will not be a game this season for the tickets we purchased so he will get the associations money back. Amy Underwood is looking into keeping the concession stand open all year. She is also going to over the contract with Terry. Amy Underwood would like to get a pizza oven for the concessions.

Equipment Director Report: Jason Foesch has the socks. He has started giving teams their jerseys. Doug Schuster would like to get the A Peewee team new jerseys the ones they have are in awful shape.

Rob Erickson made a motion to purchase the A Peewees 15 New jerseys plus 2-goalie jersey equaling 17 jerseys with the St. Francis Angel logo on them. Jason Foesch seconded. Motion passes.

Ice Director Report: Rich Balk has all games scheduled except the mites and house teams. We will be doing the drawing again this season but we will only be bidding on one month at a time.

Traveling Director Report: Harry Lahti will get volunteer hours from parents who helped during tryouts to Amy Underwood.

Girl's Program Director Report: The board voted on the 12U Blaine merger.

Tim Olson made a motion to accept the merger of all 12U girls and 1-10U, 1-14U, 1-12U goalie at Champlin, and 1 girl skating with the Peewees. Playing at the level, they made. Jason Foesch seconded for the 2004/05 season only. Motion passes 8 to 4.

Bantam Director Report:

Peewee Director Report: Doug Schuster had a parent ask if his kid could skate with both _____ and the A Peewees. The reason that in the event that one skater is injured he could fill in. We cannot allow that legally through USA hockey rules.

Squirt Director Report:

Mite Director Report: Bill Karas said on November 7th @ Fogerty at 5:00 game scheduling will be for mites. Will we have Puck news in the concession stands? Mite evaluations are still going on Bill Kara will be having a coaches meeting on Monday @ 6:30. Bill Karas is going to have the B1 mites move up to share ice with the C's and move the Red mites up to skate with the B2 mites. Bill Karas would like to suggest color-coded registration forms for next year.

House Director Report: Rob Erickson is scheduling refs. There are no House C's now.

Volunteer Coordinator: John Dreshar would like time to come up to paint the meeting room he is looking at 4 to 5 people help. He would like to try to put the T.V. up on Saturday.

Continuing Business:

1. Charitable Gambling Update
2. Storage
3. Hockey Development

New Business:

- Running pants and Jackets- \$56.00 for adults and \$45.00 for the kids.
- Wild hat Fundraiser- Information in Lets play hockey someone willing to run this.

Rich Balk moved we adjourn the meeting. Doug Schuster seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The next meeting will be Tuesday
November 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.
@ East Bethel Ice Arena