

Bismarck Hockey Boosters
Monday, February 9th, 2015
5:30pm VFW Arena

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Jason Fetch.

Members Present: Jason Fetch, Jason Frank, Jason Fischer, Mike Odegaard, Sheldon Sime, Sandy Stevahn, Adam Hipp, Suzzanne Fuchs, Kristi Anderson-Schmidt, Melissa Long, Bill Curl, Steve Churchill, Joel Roloff, Craig Nelson

Melissa made a motion to approve the January minutes. Jason Frank seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SafeSport Update

Sheldon mentioned a SafeSport issue. Jason Fetch went into detail about the incident that occurred in December 20th, 2014 with our Bantam B team. He felt a thorough job was done by the Disciplinary Committee. Moorhead accepted the results and the matter has been settled.

We need to figure out what is actual harassment/bullying. It's that time of the year where more complaints seem to be coming in. We have had a few informal meetings where coaches and parents have met to discuss what is happening. If people choose not to come to these informal meetings, then it's a code of conduct violation and a disciplinary committee will be formed.

Jason Fischer mentioned there are some issues with parents turning on coaches. Some of this comes down to perceptions. Each person perceives things differently, so at times hard to deal with.

There has to be a way to back the coaches, keep parents in line, and how to handle these issues as they arise.

A possibility is to have a mid season parent meeting again to go over expectations and roles.

Dry Land Program

The RFPs are due on Friday.

By-law change proposal

Instead of a maximum of one year, we are changing to a maximum of two year. This would be an option and not a requirement.

The question was raised about having a maximum term and maybe leaving it more open ended. Joel answered the question saying he could check with the lawyer to see if we can change it. He recommended that we stick with what we have and if we need to change the by law again then do it at that time.

Joel made a motion to approve the language on the by-law change as worded. Sheldon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Jason Fetch will post this to the membership.

19u State Tournament (March 6-8)

We are cohosting this tournament with Mandan. Craig gave us the details. We would host the top bracket (8teams). Mandan would host the other 7 teams. There would be 4 games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for each of the two brackets.

We have to take money at the door. There are some scheduling issues we have to work through. We said we would help out but hadn't realized we would need to be hosting a whole bracket. This will affect all levels. Sandy is trying to make it work.

Craig and Sandy will be working together to figure out the schedule for this upcoming tournament. Craig will check to see if we can get refs earlier than 1pm on Friday. Sandy or Craig will check with Mandan to see if they have any slots open that we could possibly use.

Open Staff Positions

Jason Fetch feels strongly that the Program Manager is something we should try to do. Mike talked with someone from University of Mary about this position. He wanted to know if we are thinking about looking at a college graduate or what exactly are we looking for. There is a consensus that we should have someone with some hockey background. The issue with a younger or new college graduate is that will they be able to handle the heat of this particular job. This position is more administrative than hockey. They would deal with more day to day things. Person would need to have good communication skills and highly organized. Also, what type of support would the Board give them especially when the Board changes.

By the next meeting, Jason Fetch will work on looking at who may be a good fit for a subcommittee to look in to this position. We will probably want to have some Board members and some non-Board members on this committee.

DIBS Implementation

Mike is wondering who should get permissions/access to run this program. One could be the overall keeper of the information but could go all the way down to the managers. You can create the DIBS tasks when you create the schedule. Mike proposes giving access to the Level Directors and at some point eventually Team Managers may do this.

Jason Frank talked a little bit about how DIBS worked in Fargo.

Mike would like us to start this right away next fall. He will keep working on putting together information to show us how this works and what we could do to implement.

AAA Hockey

Mike wanted to know if we can put the information out there. Jason Fetch puts the camps up on a page on our website and then sends out a member wide email telling the membership to check out the page. Robbie Glanz would like to come this summer. He needs to handle the program himself and contact Parks & Rec.

Jason Fischer has talked with Sherry Nies about a possible BHB camp. Adam would be the lead guy with this and Nancy Bertch is willing to subsidize the program. We have access to the equipment and could be a money maker. Adam and Jason Fischer will work on a proposal.

Financial Report

Adam and Jason Fetch need to meet to discuss financials. There are some coaches that have not been paid yet. Also, not all the Gun Raffle deposits have been recorded. We will need to transfer money between our accounts.

Budgeting

Jason Fetch updated the 5 year projection. Most things should figure themselves out. There is a discrepancy with Registration that needs to be looked at. Also, there's a difference with the jersey sponsorships and tournaments. Otherwise, everything seems to be tracking well. Jason did take into consideration some inflation and fee increases.

Fund Raising

They had a final turn in. There are about 20 people who haven't turned in their tickets and haven't made contact with the committee.

There was a Meltdown meeting. They are going to reach out to the Team Managers for donations. Each team has to go out and get something that can be donated.

Amy Flicek is going to get a wheel to use for the Meltdown.

Kristi is telling people to go to Universal Athletics for products. She is also working with Scheels to have stuff on hand with our logo. There have been complaints about the e-stores.

Spectrum has a check to get to us for royalties.

On Ice Update

There are a few coats left to get out to the coaches.

On Ice Personnel

Tanner is leaving BHB due to a move. Sheldon asked the Board for \$50 to put towards a plaque for Tanner and all of his hard work. He recommends that one person does not take care of both Termites and Mites.

Scheduler Update

No updates at this time.

Jason asked Sandy to send him instructions that can be posted on the website on how changes should be handled.

Tournament Committee/NDAHA

No updates this time.

Greg is taking care of the 19u tourney.

No information on the Spring NDAHA meeting.

Preston Keller

We were asked if we could offer a scholarship to his child when he comes of age. Preston has terminal cancer and played/coached for BHB. We discussed if we would be setting a precedent by offering this lifetime scholarship.

Bill made a motion to offer Preston Keller's son a lifetime scholarship to play hockey for BHB if he chooses to play. Jason Frank seconded the motion. All were in favor so the motion passed. Bill will make up a certificate to give to the family.

Bill also started a website for donations for the family. Bill will send out an email to the membership about giving a donation.

New Rink Funding

There is over a million dollars raised so far for the new rink with a possible couple hundred coming in yet. It's a slow process but we are moving forward. Eventually we will go to the club asking for donations. The goal is by the end of March having all the corporate sponsors exhausted.

Parks & Rec

Craig wanted to know about Wi-Fi so that we can do our LiveScore, which is going to be required for next year.

Apparel

Coaches have received their jackets.

The question was brought up about doing gifts for the Team Managers.

Mike brought in some bags that we can have made by recycling old jerseys. White jerseys don't go over well. Mike proposes letting his wife put together an order form and going around the arenas seeing if anyone is interested in purchasing.

Jason Frank talked about some type of storage facility/container for our equipment at the rinks. We need to do something so we don't have to replace things as often.

Joel will get some little tires for Schaumberg.

Sheldon needs help putting up a rack to hang the jerseys instead of storing them in boxes. He also brought up the photographer and not having pictures done yet. Plus he mentioned the zam went out on the ice with kids still out there.

Mike brought up the quality of the ice in VFW 2. There was mention that it is too warm in the arena which is part of the problem.

Jason Fischer thanked the Board members for helping with the Bantam B roster.

Bill has medals ordered for Termites and Mites. He also ordered the 10,000 puck banners. Bill said it's the best Board he's been on.

Jason Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joel seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm