

Date: April 4th, 2018

Time: 5:30p.m.

Location: Otter Tail Community

Room

Fergus Falls Hockey Association

April 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present Regular Mtg.: Mike Donaghue, Todd Hershner, Darren Krein, Tim Lill, Eric Nelson, Nikki Richter, Curt Proffit, Susan Rohde, Cory Reinertson, Laurissa Stigen, Mike Welde, Niki Welde, Ryan Welle, Cyndi Young, Jeff Young

Absent:

Staff/Committee: Jim Fish, Jessica Karsnia, Pam Muxfeldt, Pat Shol, Dave Umlauf

Other: Scott Samuelson

- I. **Call Meeting to order-** 5:30pm by Cyndi Young.
- II. **General membership open forum-** None
- III. **Approve April 2018 Agenda-** Motion to approve the April 2018 agenda was given by Jeff Young, seconded by Darren Krein, motion carried.
- IV. **Approve March 2018 Meeting Minutes-** Motion to approve the March 2018 meeting minutes was given by Jeff Young, seconded by Darren Krein, motion carried.
- V. **Approve April 2018 Gambling Report** - Laurissa Stigen made a motion to approve the Lawful Purpose Donation, Tim Lill seconded, motion carried. Nikki Richter made a motion to approve the April 2018 gambling report, Laurissa Stigen seconded, motion carried.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **City Update-**Dave Umlauf- There is work being done to improve the outlets at the scoring tables in the arenas to handle a heater. Painting and clean up around the rink are being completed. The new mesh overlays came out of the ice successfully for use again next year. Locker rooms will be open next season for Mite, 8U, and Rookie practices. This will be done for safety while getting skates on. People are currently having kids sit on the floor to change and that could be dangerous as kids are walking around in their skates. We need to work on this with safe sport to find out what needs to be considered for locker room monitors. There is a plan to clean the boards in the North Rink as they are marked up. Dashboards will also be replaced. Looking for a new edger for the North Rink.
 - b. **Safe Sport Coordinator-** Nikki Richter- No report
 - c. **Concessions-** Pam Muxfeldt- The checkbook balance is at \$35,000. She is currently wrapping up with Coke, post prom bought pretzels, and baseball is buying the leftover candy. A bit more than \$4,000 was paid out for workers needed in the concession stand to fill in open spots. People with concession hours not completed will be receiving a letter for payment.
 - d. **Promotions/Fundraising-** Susan Rohde, Brady Manteufel- The dining out nights are complete. We are \$500 over last years numbers.
 - e. **Equipment-** Eric Nelson, Jeff Young, Ryan Welle- Collecting a few jerseys still. We need to have a more solid system for collecting jerseys, more consistency. There are still 4 sets of equipment to collect. 6 sets of quick change goalie gear have been ordered.
 - f. **Sponsorship-** Pat Shol- Pat shared a thank you that will be shared with our sponsors. There is still some signage to be filled. We are looking into the idea of adding sponsorship onto the ice. Also looking at the possibility of adding to the Zamboni signage. Thank you, Pat, for your years of service in this position.
 - g. **Registration-** Curt Proffit & Laurissa Stigen- Curt looked into the need to add the code of conduct to our registration, we do not need to due to the USA Hockey Code of Conduct already being there.
 - h. **Arena-** Pam Muxfeldt- See city update.
 - i. **Games-**Mike Welde- No report
 - j. **Tournaments-** Darren Krein- Will be looking at scheduling earlier. Looking to improve 12U and Squirt A tournaments to fill them. May need to look at date changes for them.

- k. Rookie Program/ 2 and 2 Challenge- Niki Welde- See annual meeting minutes for report.
- l. Website- Cyndi Young-No Report
- m. Hockey Treadmill- Pam Muxfeldt, Niki Welde, and Laurissa Stigen- A Spring 5 week session is starting soon.
- n. Summer Ice- Mike Donaghue, Niki Welde, Laurissa Stigen, Dave Stigen- Meeting with Mark Masten on March 23, 2018. Chiller Background: The current chiller has the capacity for ice October through March. There is not enough capacity to keep KSS cool the remaining months and also have ice. KSS shuts down parts of the building in the summer to help even without ice. The June we had ice happened to be a very humid month which did not help and there were items ruined in the orchestra dept. There is the option to expand the chiller capacity and that is were Bert Overland comes in. He received an absorption chiller (runs on heat vs electricity) from the County Government Services Building. That building was not producing enough heat to make it work appropriately. The school has two big boilers producing heat that should easily make it work. This chiller will produce 170 tons more chilling capacity and each arena needs 40 tons of capacity during the winter months. The school itself needs 200 tons of capacity. The current chiller produces 265 tons of capacity. The absorption chiller should actually be beneficial in the hot, humid summer months and should allow us to have good ice.
Chiller update: Bert found that both pumps in the absorption chiller needed work and the heat exchanger needed to be replace. The necessary parts arrived in late Feb/early March and have been replaced. The next step is to bring everything into his shop and fire it up for state inspection. Then it can be moved to the arena, installed, and tested.
Both the school and city had kept the need to for extra capacity in their minds from the beginning and created a pot of money to cover expenses from extra sales tax. Going the route with Bert was \$200,000 vs \$800,000 to go with another vendor and chiller. The absorption chiller will be owned by the School District and they will send a bill to the city for the energy "rent" just as they do during the hockey season.
As frustrating as it is to wait longer, we don't have a better option at this point. We asked Mark if there was anything FFHA could do to help things move along and it sounds like there isn't. We are at the mercy of Bert's schedule. Mark was optimistic that things should move forward in the upcoming months.
- o. Girlz Rock - Tim Lill and Todd Hershner- No report.

VII. Approve Treasurer's January 2018 Report- Balances are coming out to be similar to last year. Curt Proffit made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Ryan Welle seconded, motion carried.

VIII. Hockey Directors Report- Mike Donaghue, Tim Lill & Todd Hershner

Tim Lill - Looking to establish a girls hockey committee.

- a. DL requested combining for a 12U. They only have 3 players so they would need to come our way if they wanted that.
- b. It is projected that there will be 24, 10U. Looking to make 2 teams. Looking to get 13 players on each.
- c. The idea of a 15U team came up, the numbers just are not there yet.
- d. Girlz Rock will be moved up 2 weeks. This will help with registration and open ice time.
- e. Looking at ways to keep encouraging girls to play on the girls team. The idea came up for a 6U, the numbers make that still a reach.
- f. Discussion held on keeping 10U in house league. The committee sees this as a positive.
- g. Looking at Thursday night stickhandling.
- h. This committee would look to meet every 2 months on the first Thursday.

Mike Donaghue- Mike is currently visiting with coaches. 3 on 3 went well. Good participation. The idea of having a 3 on 3 Fall league in September was brought up. If the chiller gets completed, we would look to extend ice into April and start in September.

IX. New Business None

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- XI. President's report-** Cyndi Young- This is the final night of Cyndi's term. She will still be around to help. The board thanks Cyndi for her 9 plus years of volunteer service to the association.
- XII. Motion to resume April Board Meeting after the annual meeting** - Curt made a motion to resume following the annual meeting, Darren Krein seconded, motion passed. 6:37.
- XIII. Appointment of Association Board Positions**
1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Treasurer
 4. Secretary
- XIV. Next Board Meeting May, 2018 at 6:30pm at Otter Tail Community Rooms**
- XV. Adjourn-** Motion to adjourn was given by and seconded by. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.