

Fergus Falls Hockey Association

December 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present Regular Mtg.: Rebecca Cederberg, Scott DeBrito, Mike Donaghue, Darren Krein, Eric Nelson, Nikki Richter, Curt Proffit, Cory Reinertson, Scott Samuelson, Mike Welde, Niki Welde, Ryan Welle, Jeff Young

Absent: Sarah Casey, Tim Lill, Cyndi Young

Staff/Committee: Jim Fish, Pam Muxfeldt, Kevin Sonstebo, Dave Umlauf

Other: Pat Shol

- I. **Call Meeting to order-** Cory Reinertson 6:38pm.
- II. **General membership open forum-** Pat Shol - With the board cancelling our home tournament due to lack of teams, we have signed on for a second travel tournament in DL. There is no requirement to stay over, but the team is expected to take on the expense of \$600 for the registration fee for this tournament. In doing so, the parents of the Peewee As ask the board to cover the gate fees for any post season tournament play. Scott DeBrito made a motion to pay the gate fees for any post season tournament play for the Peewee As, Darren Krein seconded, motion passed.
- III. **Approve December 2018 Agenda-** Eric Nelson made a motion to accept the November agenda Scott Samuelson seconded, motion passed.
- IV. **Approve November 2018 Meeting Minutes** - Ryan Welle made a motion to approve the November minutes, Darren Krein seconded, motion passed.
- V. **Approve November 2018 Gambling Report-** Jess Karsnia was absent, Darren Krein read the report for Jessica. A \$22,000 check will be cut to the association for the raffle this past Fall. Ryan Welle made a motion to accept the gambling report, Nikki Richter seconded, motion passed. Eric Nelson made a motion to approve the lawful purpose donation, Ryan Welle seconded, motion was passed.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **City Update-** Dave Umlauf - There was a question about our rinks having wet, soft ice that is slow to set. The park and rec has tried different solutions. The arena was cooled down during the day of the last home high school game, and that seemed to help. There was a bus that got stuck this past week leaving the circle drive. The entrance and exit to the circle drive can't be changed. City engineers have looked into this. A solution is that buses can drop off and pick up at the South lot. There is a new speaker over the high topped tables in the warm area. There have been some locker room issues. The Bantams had been leaving messes, and the use of stickhandling balls in the locker rooms by Peewees have both been addressed. The association should look at replacing the flooring in the shooting room. The corners are chipping up. The new clocks do not tie into the game clocks. That was a misunderstanding. There is a possibility of tying the buzzer into the locker room. It was shared with Dave that we need to look at the cord on the microphone in the North arena. Jim Fish announced that Tom Rufer will be taking over as the city council liaison.
 - b. **Safe Sport Coordinator-** Nikki Richter- Some Safe Sport issues have been handled lately concerning inappropriate locker room behavior and parent conduct. As a reminder the process starts with filling out a complaint form. The issue will then be steered towards in the correct direction from there. There will be a line added to the form for contact information for the person filing the complaint.
 - c. **Discipline Committee-** Kevin Sonstebo - See Safe Sport report.
 - d. **Concessions-** Pam Muxfeldt - \$795.50 was paid for additional help. Big events we have hosted include the Warriors game, 10U tournament, 17 youth games and 4 high school games.

- e. Promotions- Sarah Casey - No report.
- f. Fundraising- Darren Krein, Nikki Richter, Sarah Casey- The committee will be meeting to talk about an event for next year.
- g. Equipment- Ryan Welle - Ryan is looking into getting a small set of left handed goalie blocker and glove. Right now the Otter/Gophers have 2 sets of yellow team jerseys. Eric Nelson will look into sponsors and jersey cost to correct this.
- h. Sponsorship- Eric Nelson - The South rink boards are full. The North rink has a new sponsor being added.
- i. Registration- Curt Proffit- Player Registration: We had a couple more join hockey in November, putting our total now at 238, actively playing kids. Highest number dating back to 2003 (That is how far back my records go) 49 of those are new to the program this year. The GRBR program brought 20 players to the FFHA program (13 Boys/7 Girls) 4 players are no longer in the program. 2 quit, 1 injury and will be moving to Learn to Skate, 1 player moved to High school. Still chasing birth certificates. This is nothing new from year to year. 2 Families owe registration/past due balances
Both families have until 12/31 to pay in full. They were given until 12/31 because we offer payment plans for everyone else up until then
 - Family A – Registered their child as first year and did not get charged. (\$410 due)
 - They have been notified via PowerPay, email from registrar and talked to at the arena. They stated it would be paid.
 - Family B – Registered as Mite should have been Sqt (\$200 due). Owes for two children concession hours for 2017-2018 (\$300 due)
 - They have been notified via PowerPay, email from registrar and talked to during parent meeting makeup.

I think a letter and/or conversation from the President needs to be done before the deadline. Need to decide the next plan of action if not paid.

Coaches Registration: Coaches Registration Needs (As of 11/26)

Bantam: Cole Heifort – Needs Level 2 clinic, PW: Greg Buckmeier – Needs Level 3 refresher, Ryan Tungseth – Needs Level 3 refresher. SQ: Nate Kuhn – Needs Level 1 clinic, Clinton Mannie – Needs Level 1 clinic. Gopher/Otter: Parker Donley – Needs Level 1 clinic. 12U: Wade Jyrkas – Needs Level 3 clinic (Scheduled). 10U: Kile Bergren – Needs Level 2 clinic, Josh Shol – Needs Level 2 clinic. 8U: Dan Hill – Needs Level 1 clinic, Jeff Jacobs – Needs Level 1 clinic

Need to discuss next steps if they do not complete their requirements as they will be redlined by USA Hockey and removed from the roster. Remember there are implications that will come if anyone questions a coach that is on the bench and is not rostered.

- j. Arena Scheduling- Pam Muxfeldt- Working to solidify the January schedule before the holidays.
- k. Game Scheduling- Mike Welde- There have been changes due to cancellations, and rescheduling. Working still to schedule with Moorhead for the Bantams. The VFW district has been changed to be divided into A and AA.
- l. Tournaments- Darren Krein- One more team is needed for the 12U tournament. Darren is working with Bemidji and Crookston. Jeff Young made a motion to approve the 12U going to Crookston for no fee with parents approval, Scott DeBrito seconded, motion was passed. The idea was floated to consider hosting only 3-4 home tournaments next year. This would allow for increasing the number of teams coming with a 4 game guarantee and a possibility of a 5th. This would also free up other weekends for more home games.
- m. 2 and 2 Challenge- Niki Welde, Rebecca Cederberg- No report.
- n. Website- Curt Proffit- Would like to see more team managers involvement with updating their teams stats/games etc. Would be happy to “train” them next year during managers meeting. The redesign/revamp of website is on hold until registration settles down. Looking at Spring/Summer months to focus on that. Would like to collect some action shot pictures etc to incorporate into background of the page. If you have any or take any, send to Curt or Sarah Casey.
- o. Hockey Treadmill- Pam Muxfeldt - 6 kids are signed up for the Monday session. .

- p. Summer Ice- Mike Donaghue, Laurissa Stigen, Niki Welde, Dave Stigen- Guy Taylor has reported that We are in line at the state for approval.
- q. HMI Camp - No report
- r. Girlz Rock and Boyz Roll- Rebecca Cederberg, Carrie Brimhall- No report

VII. Approve Treasurer's October 2018 Report- Jeff Young - This year's report continues to run similar to last year. Scott DeBrito made a motion to accept the report, Darren Krein seconded, motion passed.

VIII. President's report- Cory Reinertson-

- a. Coaches jackets are being worked on.
- b. The Warrior Game attendance was 285. We are looking at doing this every year
- c. Cory brought the idea of donating the \$1200 from the Warriors game to the Warriors. Jeff Young made a motion to donate the warriors proceeds back to the Warriors, Scott DeBrito seconded, motion passed.

IX. Hockey Directors Report- Mike Donaghue, Scott DeBrito .

Mike Donaghue

- Jay Lunde is asking to send the Mites to a Jamboree in Brainerd on December 29-30. The games are half ice. The parents would split the \$450 cost. This will be an optional event for Olympic Mites only. Jeff Young made a motion to allow the Mites to attend this jamboree, Scott DeBrito seconded, motion passed.
- We need black pucks for the shooting room. There are really only blue pucks in there now.
- There are some issues at the Bantam level. Mike Donaghue is working with the coaches to find solutions. We need to work to make sure we have both development and retention. Cory Reinertson will contact Jason Loftquist concerning a Bantam Refing issue.
- A question from a parent was asked. Why are there no team practices at the squirt level. Mike Donaghue shared that the Squirt ocaches want shared ice time with split ice for team practices.

Scott DeBrito

- A 12U skater who was brand new to skating has moved from 12U to the Learn to Skate program. (She had been previously injured in a school skating event at the rink.)
- Concern was shared that there are some non rostered parents opening the doors at games. A reminder will be shared with the coaches concerning this.

X. New Business

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XIV. Next Board Meeting January 2nd, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Community Ice Arena

XV. Adjourn- 9:09pm meeting was adjourned.

Emergency Board Meeting, December 12, 8:30pm - Community Ice Arena

Members Present: Sarah Casey, Scott DeBrito, Mike Donaghue, Darren Krein, Eric Nelson, Curt Proffit, Cory Reinertson, Nikki Richter, Mike Welde, Niki Welde, Ryan Welle, Cyndi Young, Jeff Young

Meeting was called to order at 8:32pm by Cory Reinertson.

This meeting was called to hear a Hockey Committee recommendation and take action on this recommendation concerning issues at the Bantam level.

The Hockey Committee recommended the following amendment to the Rules and Regulations:

Proposed Revision to Coaches Code of Ethics on page 12 of FFHA Handbook

Playing Time: FFHA coaches will not sacrifice player development for a win at the Squirt / 10U/ PeeWee B, B2 or C / 12UB, B2 or C / Bantam B, B2 or C levels. Exceptions can be made if a player is not giving full effort, is not abiding by the coaches team policies or during regular season district games and in play-off games.

At "A" levels for 12U, PW, 14U, 15U and Bantams, it is to be expected by players and parents that the coaches will make efforts to field a competitive team and that playing time may not be equal.

Mike Donaghue made a motion to amend the language on equal play time in the Rules and Regulations using the language brought by the Hockey Committee, Jeff Young seconded, motion passed with all present voting yes.

There will be a Bantam parent meeting on December 13th at the Community Ice Arena.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18