North Stars Youth Hockey Association
BOD Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 2022
7:00pm-Grafton

I. Call to Order @ 7:04 pm by Scott Kraft

II. Roll Call

A. Present -Scott Kraft, Kristi Olson, John Suda, Jennifer Thompson, Jesse Irvine, Dean Thompson, Richie Sherlock,

B. Absent -Jason Meyer, Matt Peschong, Jay Thompson

C. Guests- None

III. Approval of Previous Minutes-August Meeting

A. Motion J. Suda, 2nd K. Olson- approved

IV. Approval of Agenda

A. Motion K. Olson, 2nd R. Sherlock- approved

V. Guests

A. _____

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion J. Suda, 2nd K. Olson-approved

VII. Old Business

A. Team Genius Software

a. Kraft shared NSYH is ready to activate, we are able to purchase licenses by groups of 25. 75 would cover Bantams and Peewee teams but we would need 100 if Squirts were added in. Board discussion lead to an agreement to trial the software with the two older groups. R. Sherlock motioned to purchase 75 licenses for Bantam and Peewees of NSYH at $8 a license, K. Olson 2nd-approved

B. CMA Update

a. D. Thompson viewed unapproved minutes from County Commissioners and Brad Brummond had shared construction will start on the 1st. Park River Hockey Boosters are covering items in concession stand that need replacement.

C. Finalize Coaches

a. Board discussed coaches seem to be well set except for at the Mite level. Some phone calls will be made by Irvine on some potential coaches. All coaches on the ice need to hold coaching certificates.

D. Jersey Inventory/Tryout Jerseys

a. Termites are in need of a second set of jerseys, white, since we have moved to in house tournaments, pennies are not working so well. Jerseys are $60 a piece and will last around 8-10 years. R. Sherlock motioned to purchase a white set of jerseys for the termite level, J. Suda 2nd-approved

b. Irvine shared connecting with D's Designs has been difficult to get a cost due to her being so busy. NSYH does own different colored pennies and Irvine will be in touch with NVCTC about having Joey Demers put numbers on them.

E. Scorebot/Pixellot
    a. Kraft shared Geddes came in and ran lines in the CC, Scorebot subscription in $699/yr as of June quote and allows for updates and replacements of broken equipment. J. Suda motioned for NSYH to purchase a one-year subscription of Scorebot, R. Sherlock 2nd-approved
    b. Kraft continues to work on getting Pixellot system running, the Oct 1st date for running he gave the company is fast approaching but since the ownership change customer service has been challenging to work with and troubleshoot to solutions.
    c. This season YouTube will be available for 1st game of the day but not guaranteed for the following games.

VIII. New Business

A. Tryouts-Start date/Evaluators
    a. October 24th will be the start date for tryouts. The first week will be practice like and get legs going with evaluations coming the following week. Irvine and Kraft will begin to connect with potential evaluators.
B. Try Hockey Free
    a. This will run Nov 5th at both rinks. We will promote on social media and with a flyer at schools asking HS players to deliver flyers to elementary classrooms. Irvine shared an interesting piece he watched on hosting girls only Try Hockey for Free. Olson shared it could bring good awareness to the opportunity especially as we are not able to field a girl's team due to numbers this year. The Board agrees we will work an hour or two following try hockey for free to girls only at one rink. Irvine will connect with Crookston as they were able to field a full girl's team at the Mite level last year, find out what is working for them to draw in girls
C. High School Volunteers
    a. Park brought up this idea and Olson reached out to some area counselors who shared there is an expectation at some schools for students to complete volunteer hours. Olson will bring up the idea at Grafton Park Board next week to see what GPR would be open to having HS students help with for hours at the rink.
D. Rink Committee
    a. Suda shared that the Architecture bill has come in and the committee is wondering if NSYH board is open to helping pay the bill or assist in the payment. The committee is getting confirmation to see if the current ice plant can support another rink. The school would like to have green space for snow removal and wanting to see footprints before committing donation of any land. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
E. Dibs Deposit & Concessions Committee Dibs
    a. The concession committee suggested raising the $250 deposit to $500 as we need DIBS shifts to get filled, K. Olson motioned to raise the deposit to $500 per NSYH family, J. Suda 2nd-approved
    b. Concession committee asked if they could earn 12 Dibs hours as part of being on the committee instead of current hours as they spend a lot of time in the stand. R.

Sherlock motioned to raise the concessions committee's Dibs hours to 12 for a part of the committee, J. Suda 2nd-approved

F. Park River Figure Skaters
   a. Irvine met with Jodi and Jen as the Park River Figure Skating Program is growing and in need of more ice time. Irvine was not willing to give up any weeknight time but did shift some times on Sundays, 3:15-6:00 in both Park River and Grafton. Irvine will schedule games around this and can communicate with figure skaters should he need to take that time for a game.

IX. NSYH Executive Session

X. Return to NSYH Board Meeting

Motion to Adjourn

   a. Motion R. Sherlock, 2nd K. Olson- approved @ 8: 19 PM

Next Meeting - October in Grafton, meeting date not yet set