

Fergus Falls Hockey Association

November 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Darren Krein, Tim Lill

Staff/Committee: Sarah Duffy, Jessica Karsnia, Pam Muxfeldt, Dave Umlauf

Other:

- I. **Call Meeting to order-** Cory Reinertson 6:33pm.
- II. **General membership open forum-** None
- III. **Approve November 2018 Agenda-** Eric Nelson made a motion to accept the November agenda Scott DeBrito seconded, motion passed.
- IV. **Approve October 2018 Meeting Minutes** - Ryan Welle made a motion to approve the October minutes, Eric Nelson seconded, motion passed.
- V. **Approve October 2018 Gambling Report-** Jess Karsnia. Nikki Richter made a motion to accept the October gambling report, Eric Nelson seconded, motion passed.
 - a. Discussion was held on cash shortages. Jess Karsnia explained that the errors we have been reporting are common. When the shortages are in our booth, we absorb them, when they are from bar jars, they come out of the rent charged to the business. The state allows for 2% of sales shortage.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **City Update-** Dave Umlauf - Locker room clocks have been ordered. Cory Reinertson shared that on December 10th there is a meeting with the city and the school to look at taking out the announcers table in the south arena to add 4 more rows. They will also discuss adding a heated observation area to the north rink.
 - b. **Safe Sport Coordinator-** Nikki Richter- There have been some issues at the squirt level. Nikki has been meeting with teams and coaches. Discussion was held on locker rooms being used for the mite level. The purpose of this is for safety as kids don't need sit on the floor to get ready for practice. Parents are present in the lock rooms because of the age, so having a monitor is not necessary.
 - c. **Discipline Committee-** Kevin Sonstebo - No report
 - d. **Concessions-** Pam Muxfeldt - The Coke rebate statement is in. Our prices with Coke are locked in for 3 years. People have been filling and completing hours. Plenty of hours will be available as the season goes on. Note that the arena schedule and concession hours go up at the same time.
 - e. **Promotions-** Sarah Casey - Current promotions include Meet the Otters, Try Hockey, and the Warriors game.
 - f. **Fundraising-** Darren Krein, Nikki Richter, Sarah Casey- The drawing is on November 16th at the Warriors game. There are still 2 booklets out that efforts are being made to collect.
 - g. **Equipment-** Ryan Welle - Jersey handout was well organized and is now complete. Squirt C has no manager, so they may need some assistance. The new socks run big, so the squirt and 10U won't be using them this year.
 - h. **Sponsorship-** Eric Nelson - We currently have one rink board and one wall banner available. Eric Nelson shared the idea of getting magnets to replace the stickers on the team sponsorship board. Jeff Young made a motion to purchase these, Ryan Welle seconded, motion passed. The Force is looking to have a team or teams in this weekend for their opener, this will be shared with the managers. Eric shared the idea of having a spot that gives contact information for advertising with us. Jeff Young made a motion to purchase this, Curt Proffit seconded, motion passed.

- i. Registration- Curt Proffit- There are 234 registered skaters, this does include those who have quit or are injured. This is the largest registration since 2004. We have had 18 join from Girlz Rock Boys Roll.
- j. Arena Scheduling- Pam Muxfeldt- Working on the December schedule.
- k. Game Scheduling- Mike Welde- If we cancel any home tournaments, we need to schedule that ice. time. Scott DeBrito made a motion to cancel the Peewee A and Squirt A home tournaments due to not enough teams, Ryan Welle seconded, motion passed. The Peewee A's have no home tournament now, so we would like to schedule them for a tournament in DL to take the place of it. The Squirt A tournament is also off the schedule. There is no replacement as of yet. Scott DeBrito made a motion to pay \$500 towards the DL tournament for the Peewee A's with the team paying the remainder. Jeff Young seconded, motion passed. Mike will work on an option for the Squirt A's. Mike Welde shared that the district 5 teams are charging us for half the ice and refs when we travel there. Discussion was held on not doing this in the future. Unless they will travel here and zero that cost out.
- l. Tournaments- Darren Krein- See above discussion.
- m. 2 and 2 Challenge- Niki Welde, Rebecca Cederberg- Try Hockey for Free is Saturday, November 10th. Rebecca will be phasing in to take this over for Niki.
- n. Website- Curt Proffit- It is up and running with some changes. Thank you to Cyndi for helping to make this transition.
- o. Hockey Treadmill- Pam Muxfeldt - Pam will be meeting with the hockey directors to discuss in season use. There was discussion held on the possibility of making this an optional thing offered on Sundays and Mondays.
- p. Summer Ice- Mike Donaghue, Laurissa Stigen, Niki Welde, Dave Stigen- Scott DeBrito found that nothing has been submitted to the state for inspection. Apparently there is a bit of confusion on if a city or a state engineer can complete this.
- 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 - Nikki Richter made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Eric Nelson seconded, motion passed. Fundraising is up right now, but that number will tighten up a bit, as we don't have dining out night money coming in this year. Jeff Young made a recommendation to remember to stick with businesses who sponsor us, when it comes to making association purchases.

VIII. President's report- Cory Reinertson-

- a. All parents are through the mandatory parent meeting information. It took multiple viewing opportunities to make this happen.

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

Mike Donaghue and Scott DeBrito

- Some final coaches are needed for approval. Peewee Bs Dan Bradow, Justin Heacox, and Dan Tonneson. 10UB Lisa Truax, Squirt A Mike Alt, Squirt C Curt Miller. Mike Donaghue made a motion to accept these coaches, Eric Nelson seconded, the motion passed.
- Mike Donaghue thanked Matt Koalska and Scott DeBrito for helping with boys evaluations. Scott DeBrito thanked Mike Donaghue for the same on the girls side.
- Discussion was held on the use of the reversible jerseys for practice. It was decided that we would look for other options to use for practice in order to keep these in good shape for tryouts.
- Teams are set. There was one squirt gone during tryouts, he will be placed.
- The Peewees will be splitting some ice time with ½ dryland, and ½ on ice.

X. New Business -

- a. Coats for our coaches- Curt Proffit - The idea was shared that we consider getting a coaches coat for each traveling coach, with the board paying for them the first year. Nikki Richter made a motion to purchase these on a one time basis for coaches of Squirt/10U and up, Sarah Casey Seconded, the motion passed. Nikki Richter and Sarah Casey will head this up.
- b. USA Hockey Model Association Program - Cyndi shared the application for this and the agreement.

- c. Handbook Updates - Cyndi Young - These changes will be shared on the website they include changes to the following areas: Skate sharpening, reserving rooms, travel game jersey instructions, travel game socks, impact testing, and travel tournament dates.
- d. 10K Puck Challenge Drawing - Mike Donaghue - The drawing will be held during MEet the Otters. Nikki Richter will draw.
- e. District 15 Meeting notes - Cyndi Young -
DISTRICT 15 OCTOBER MEETING UPDATES for FFHA Board Meeting

1. Play down- MN Hockey will keep June 30th as the deadline for moving up to the next level. If you have a player that is brand new to hockey. Example: PeeWee player that just started hockey and can't safely play at PeeWee level. Associations can petition to move this player to Squirts, but the player must play at the lowest level of Squirts. If moving from Bantam to PeeWee, same rule applies that player will move to the lowest level of PeeWee. If players move down a level as stated above, he/ she cannot play in District, Region or State tournaments.

2. Squirt Games: The limit is 35 games which includes games, scrimmages, and try-out scrimmages. District tournament games and Squirt international Tournament games do not count in the 35-game limit.

3. USA Hockey Model Association Program- some specifications for this program would be for the association to have all cross ice games for Mites, have a hockey director overseeing the ADM program, off ice training sessions for players, and appoint someone to follow through on this. All information is on USA Hockey website.

4. Squirt B tournaments Split North/ South (after declarations)-

a. North Bracket (Park Rapids)- Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead Black, Morris/ Benson Silver, and Park Rapids.

b. South Bracket (Long Prairie)- Brainerd, Little Falls, Moorhead Orange, Morris/ Benson Blue, Prairie Centre, and Wadena.

5. District 15 will now host PeeWee B1 (hosted by Morris) and PeeWee B2 (hosted by Sauk Centre) levels. PeeWee B2 level will not advance to the regional tournament. 9 teams declared as PeeWee B1 and 5 teams declared as PeeWee B2. In the PeeWee B1 level, seeds 1-8 will be in that tournament. Seeds 9-11 will participate in the PeeWee B2 District tournament.

a. Fergus Falls PWB1 team could play in B2 tournament based on seedings.

b. Fergus Falls PWB2 team WILL play in the B2 tournament in Sauk Centre.

XI. Old Business

- a. Warriors Game - Cory Reinertson - Mike VanVoorhis will give flag etiquette to our kids representing with flags. The VFW will pay for the refs. We need some help from the association in the following roles - Ticket takers, penalty box, and clock.

XIV. Next Board Meeting December 5th, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Community Ice Arena

XV. Adjourn- 9:13 meeting was adjourned.

Email vote November 13, 2018

I would like to present this idea to the board with the hopes of board approval thru email so that we could present it to the association shortly...let me know if you have any questions.

As I look at the registration numbers (which keep increasing) and it's hard to completely estimate how many concession hours will be available as we have now cancelled 2 tournaments in December.

Currently we are at 15 hours per child or 40 hours per family

I would like to propose that we consider this: 15 hours for the first child and 10 hours for the 2nd or 30 hours per family...If they elect to do a buyout/donation that remains at \$150 per child. I know this is a little more paperwork on my end but it can be done easily enough.

Let me know what you think?? I'd rather get this out now rather than later.... I've also attached the letter that I would send out to the association with the updated hours list if it is approved.

Pam Muxfeldt

Niki Welde made a motion to accept this, Mike Donaghue seconded, motion passed with the following yes votes:

Niki Welde

Mike Donaghue, Sarah Casey, Jeff Young, Darren Krein, Curt Proffit, Scott Samuelson, Tim Lil, Eric Nelson, Scott DeBrito, Ryan Welle.