

# Fergus Falls Hockey Association

## March 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

**Absent:** Tim Lill, Nikki Richter, Mike Welde, Cyndi Young

**Staff/Committee:** Karoline Gustafson, Jessica Karsnia, Pam Muxfeldt, Dave Umlauf

**Other:**

- I. **Call Meeting to Order-** Cory Reinertson 6:36pm. Welcome to Karoline Gustafson as our new City Council Representative to the board.
- II. **General membership open forum-** None
- III. **Approve March 2019 Agenda-** Darren Krein made a motion to accept the April agenda Scott DeBrito seconded, motion passed.
- IV. **Approve February 2019 Meeting Minutes** - Darren Krein made a motion to approve the March minutes, Scott Samuelson seconded, motion passed.
- V. **Approve March 2019 Gambling Report-** Jess Karsnia - Discussion was held on moving the savings balance (CDs) to a better earning program. Scott DeBrito will pursue this. Jess shared that we will not be starting pull tab sales at the Z103. They are planning a remodel and have pulled out of the plan. We had a booth made for this at a cost of about \$2500. We will look at selling it to recoup the cost. Scott DeBrito made a motion to accept the April 2019 gambling report, Ryan Welle seconded, motion passed.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **City Update-** Dave Umlauf - April ice is being planned. There was a break in that occurred in the concession stand. See Pam Muxfeldt's report for more information. A1 lock came and fixed the problem with the latch on that door. Please keep the workers updated on problems that arise like drips on the ice. The 8 units for climate control were checked and tweaked. There are some chips in the plexiglass on the south side of the south rink boards. Dave will look into that.
  - b. **Safe Sport Coordinator-** Nikki Richter- No report.
  - c. **Discipline Committee-** Kevin Sonstebo - Kevin is recommending restructuring the discipline committee so that the Safe Sport coordinator will take over lead. The Discipline committee would be made up of a 3 person panel that will cover appeals. We may need to consider having a Safe Sport committee. The recommendation will be brought to the April meeting. Our Rules and Regs will need to be updated to meet the needs of this new plan.
  - d. **Concessions-** Pam Muxfeldt - Sales are very close to where they were last year. We are currently at \$31,257.46. We have spent \$3,800 for additional help this season. This is close to our average. On March 7th 4 young men got into the concession stand after trying to break into the Park and Rec offices. There was a plate on the lock that was offset. It has been corrected. The city workers that evening saw them on camera, leaving the concession stand. They had about \$30 from the donation box, and product in their pockets. The police came and watched the cameras. They were able to identify the intruders and they were arrested. The concession stand will close on March 31.
  - e. **Promotions-** Sarah Casey - Most of the work this month has been on the girls hockey team going to state, Try Hockey, and the 10U girls MN Motors commercial. There was also a promo run asking parents to share pictures from districts.
  - f. **Fundraising-** Darren Krein, Nikki Richter, Sarah Casey- They have met and are looking into possible fundraising opportunities at the race track.
  - g. **Equipment-** Ryan Welle - Travel and house league jerseys are coming in. Ryan has a goal to be done at the end of the month. It is getting a little messy with bags being turned in. Some bags have no identification on them. These bags must be checked in and not just

left. Ryan is not running again for the board, but he is willing to stay on over the summer to assist the new equipment manager.

- h. Sponsorship- Eric Nelson - No report.
- i. Registration- Curt Proffit- We ended the season the 240 registered skaters. There were 51 first year skaters. Curt will run again, but he is looking for a co-registrar. This person does not need to be a board member. The application for board members will be sent out.
- j. Arena Scheduling- Pam Muxfeldt- Ideas for a plan in April are being worked on.
- k. Game Scheduling- Mike Welde- No report.
- l. Tournaments- Darren Krein- The money brought in from our tournaments are close to what we brought in last year. Darren wants to look for weekends to consider for having 3 large tournaments.
- m. 2 and 2 Challenge- Rebecca Cederberg- 24 kids came to Try Hockey. Contact will be made with these families going into next season. Thank you to all who helped that day.
- n. Website- Curt Proffit- Curt will be looking into Team Snap for the website.
- o. Hockey Treadmill- Pam Muxfeldt - Work is being done on Summer sessions.
- p. Summer Ice- Scott DeBrito - We are waiting for the state to get back to us.
- q. HMI Camp - Cory Reinertson - Looking at the first weekend in October. It would be helpful if the South rink could be ready first. Cory will stay on as the chair for this committee, and also help with the wounded warrior program. Cory led 3 chapels this season with the 10U and squirt.
- r. Girlz Rock and Boyz Roll- No Report.

**VII. Approve Treasurer's March 2019 Report- Jeff Young -**

- Referee payments are done. Coaches and paid positions should be done this week.
- There will be money coming from the district for hosting district tournaments. The amount is based on the amount of games played.
- We requested \$10,000 from gambling to cover the 544 foundation payment. This will cover it until Rod Berger sends money for this.
- There are still some old sponsor bills out that need to be covered. We may need to change some boards out if these don't come through.
- The report shows the increase in the City Lease payment. On January 1st it will match up again on the report.
- Jeff Young will be done with his position in April.
- Scott DeBrito made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Eric Nelson seconded, motion passed.

**VIII. President's report- Cory Reinertson-**

- a. Usage reports were shared. We are a bit under where we were last year. 1,240 hours is the requirement that we must use.
- b. The application for new board members will be coming out.

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

- a. 144 kids signed up for March Madness.
- b. April ice is being finalized. It is looking to be for 10U/SQ and up.
- c. 20 signed up for HP training. Matt Larson, Jason Loftquist, and Greg Buckmeier are helping.
- d. In order to offset the cost of April ice we will be asking participants to pay \$40.
- e. Goalies - 9 of 17 made it to goalie clinics 80% of the time or better. They will receive half of their registration back unless they are using association equipment.
- f. Scott DeBrito made a motion to pay HP coaches \$20/session that they are at. They will submit in writing (or email) to Jeff how many session they coached - to pay Matt Koalska \$250 for doing the evening power skating sessions with Mike Donaghue - to ask for a \$40 fee for those youth players taking part in our April ice sessions to recoup costs of extra ice. Levels would be as follows: NY Squirts, NY 10U/20U, NY PW, NY Bantam/HSB, Darren Krein seconded, motion passed.
- g. Curt Proffit shared that if we will be collecting money, it would be easier to set it up through SportsEngine right away, rather than creating a registration through Google Docs and then a separate invoice through sports engine. But it would be similar to the

Google Doc plan. SportsEngine now allows webmasters to do this without the need for their team to take more than a week to set it up.

**X. New Business**

- a. Ryan Welle - Ryan brought discussion on what our plan will be for a survey this year. Sarah Casey said she will create a survey.

**XI. Old Business**

- a. Scott DeBrito - Training facility.
  - The location has shifted a bit to move closer to the SW corner of the South rink, due to available space.
  - Estimated costs to construct (not including equipment) is \$342,000. Erik Ahlgren has started working with the school district to draft a ground lease between FFHA and ISD 544 and will also start on an agreement between FFHA and the City for the building connection. Darren Krein has been working on getting a list of equipment together and pricing it out. The next step in the process is to engage a structural engineer to draft the specs so we can get bids from subcontractors. Jeff Jennen has estimated the cost of the structural engineer at \$4,200.
  - Scott DeBrito made a motion for the FFHA to commit \$100,000 towards the project, an estimated \$4,200 to hire a structural engineer, and form a fundraising committee, Eric Nelson seconded, motion passed. Cory Reinertson, Sarah Casey, Robin and Jim Andrews have agreed to serve on the fundraising committee so far.
  - There is a goal of having this ready to go this coming fall. The School Board and the City Council are both supportive of of this project. Comstock Construction has been assisting in the process.
  - There would be summer access to this space with it having access on its own and not only through the arena.
- b. Ryan Welle - Discussion fo Bantam issues from this past season. Ryan shared articles and from MN hockey that address some of the issues we saw. He is asking that we consider the issues that arose this past season as we plan for the upcoming one. Playing time being a major issue.

**XIV. Next Board Meeting April 3rd , 2019 at 6:00pm VFW Post 612**

**XV. Adjourn-** 10:12pm meeting was adjourned.