

New Prague Hockey Association
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Location: NP Fire Department Meeting Room
Wednesday, February 12th, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

Tony made a motion to approve Jason absence Matt 2nd.

Tony made a motion to approve Amanda absence Brandy 2nd

NPHA Board

President	Tony Robles	Present – virtual
Vice President	Jason Olson	Absent
Secretary	Kristi Nelson	Present
Treasurer	Ben Jones	Present
Director of Operations	Mike Westing	Present
Communication Director	Amanda Will	Absent
Interim Board Member at Large	Matt Kaehler	Present
Interim Board Member at Large/Past Board Member	Daniel Sacco	Present
Interim Manager Director	Brandy Rife	Present

Coordinator Positions

Clothing & Apparel Coordinator	Sarah Hartman	Absent
Concession Stand Coordinator	Sarah Robertson	Present
Equipment Coordinator	Kristi Nelson	Present
Fundraising Coordinator	Kristina Dillon	Absent
Gambling Manager	Nate Borwege	Present
Gambling Manager Trainee	Jason Schlekewy	Present
HDC Coordinator	Joe Birkholz	Present
Girls HDC Coordinator	Matt Carnes	Present
Ice Time Coordinator	Tyler Kienow	Absent
Mite/8U Coordinator	Anthony Anderson	Absent
NPACC Manager	Justin Hauge	Absent
Outdoor Ice Coordinator	Marty Sticha	Absent
Recruitment & Retention Coord	VACANT	
Registrar	Miranda Vertnik	Present
Safe Sport Coordinator	Chelsea Casey	Absent
Sponsorship Coordinator	Timothy Bessette	Present
Tournament Coordinator	VACANT	
Volunteer Coordinator	Aimee Bombardo	Present
Website/Technology Coordinator	Dallas Akre	Absent

Others present: REPORTS

- 1. Secretary’s Report (Kristi Nelson):** Kristi shared the meeting minutes for January 2024 with the Board prior to this meeting and there were no suggested revisions or changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Mike to approve the January 2024 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Matt Kaehler. Motion carried 7-0 (with 2 Board members absent). Kristi will post the January 2024 Meeting Minutes to the NPHA website.

2. **Treasurer's Report (Ben Jones):** Bank account is good. \$537,630 revenue received as of today. Everything is looking good, no past due balances for families not returning. See gambling sheets for itemized budget. Not much for expenses the rest of the season or summer.
Mike made a motion to approve the December 2024 Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Matt. Motion carried 7-0 (with 2 Board members absent).

3. **Gambling Report (Nate Borwege/Jason Schlekewy):** Raffle calendar money went into the account on Monday. Will pay January's ice bill with this. Raffle calendar winners are starting to be posted on the website. Email to the state for gambling matters has been sent. Rusty Spoke: Meat raffles from now until spring Jason will be covering on Thursdays. Need someone to cover on March 27th if possible. Talking with Paulene to come up with other options: bingo? Etc. Will have someone to help him in the spring. Does anyone have interest in being a raffle/bingo coordinator for next season. Stress the importance of being accommodating to the places that want to hold these events. Quite a bit of revenue to be made at the Park Ballroom. Talked to the owner of Fish Tail. Very open to getting e-tabs there. Donation from clam? To do for a raffle or bingo. Jason has a friend that works for Markum that will also donate items. E-tabs averaging \$40,000 a month gross at Rusty Spoke. Watching City and County meeting minutes for new gambling permits pulled to talk to them to get us in there. Want us to have a small event there – a moms night out. Could I get \$100-\$125 for door prizes, probably on a Mon or Tues night. Are there any plans for an end of the year beer bash? Can we send an email to make a committee for this?

Kristi made a motion to approve the December 2024 Gambling Reports as well as the Pre-Approvals for Allowable Expenses and Lawful Purpose Expenditures, which was seconded by Tony. Motion carried 8-0 (with one Board members absent).

**will need to send out January's as they don't have them yet.

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. COORDINATOR UPDATES

1. President

- i. **NPACC Manager (Justin Hauge):** Requested ice payment. Down on the far end where the nets are, we moved the mite boards down because kids are climbing on them and jumping. If they are being used they need to get their early to move them and then please move them back when you are done. **SEND AN EMAIL!** We are redesigning an idea for a practice rink instead of another game sheet. Making another committee for this to raise money. Hoping in the future to plan for help from the association with a fundraiser or raffle to raise money for this. **Bill Leiske** – had a conversation with the city of NP about the hockey rink issues about building a new rink. Mayor seemed open to the discussion of getting the land into the associations name so that we could use the land towards a new rink. City does not have the money for new rink but they are willing to work with the association to make it happen. Worried more about getting the bench doors back where they need to be then painting the concrete under the ice. This summer when the ice is out we will work on fixing all the things and sealing gaps. Thinking of doing the landscaping out front, using the high school team to do the hard labor. Anything looks better than the dead plants out front.
- ii. **Gambling Coordinator (Nate Borwege/Jason Schlekewy):** N/A
- iii. **Safe Sport Coordinator (Chelsea Casey):** N/A

2. Vice President

- i. **HDC Coordinator (Joe Birkholz):** Playoffs start soon. HDC applications will start soon. Email to Kristi to send to all for summer shooting etc. Would like Fortis to come in to talk leadership and tryout processes. Miranda – Would hdc like to change anything on the application or can I just update it to meet the requirements now?
- ii. **Girls HDC Coordinator (Matt Carnes):** N/A

- iii. **Mite/8U Coordinator (Anthony Anderson): N/A**
 - iv. **Ice Time Coordinator (Tyler Kienow): N/A**
3. **Treasurer**
 - i. **Concession Stand Coordinator (Sarah Robertson): Per Ben:** Revenue is down \$5,500, this could be because there aren't as many home games for HS. Otherwise N/A
 - ii. **Fundraising Coordinator (Kristina Dillon): N/A**
 4. **Secretary**
 - i. **Registrar (Miranda Vertnik/ Erin):** Continuing training with Erin. Only 1 team has a patch request. Send an email to remind teams to submit these requests, Brandy did. Sent an email on the 24th about the Futures Training – Send this email out to families asap. Petition up down requests application process – do we need to tweak this at all? Launch in early march and it closes April 15th. When are bantam b done? Friday starts there district playoffs. 213 families paid the arena fee. \$10,650 due to the rink. No other applicants for girls subcommittee (SEND AN EMAIL).
 - ii. **Volunteer Coordinator (Aimee Bombardo):** Most people who need their last hours are getting them done. Enough hours have been posted everyone to fulfill their 22 hours. 4 people still have 0 hours. Working on finding high school helpers to help with D6 playoffs. Could entertain using next years dibs hours for beer bash.
 5. **Director of Operations**
 - i. **Equipment Coordinator (Kristi Nelson) : N/A**
 - ii. **Outdoor Ice Coordinator (Marty Sticha):** Outdoor ice is good to go. Teams can have practice be option if temps are cold.
 - iii. **Tournament Coordinator (VACANT):** still not filled. Board will have to take this on and maybe hand out dibs hours for help? Notes have all been emailed to board members. There was an ask if we can use dibs for next year to run the tournament. **Brandy made a motion to allow dibs hours for next year to be used for the D6 tournament. Dan 2nd. Passes 7-0 (2 members absent) (SEND AN EMAIL)**
 6. **Communications Director**
 - i. **Sponsorship Coordinator (Timothy Bessette):** Concerned with sponsorship banner. Haven't received it yet, plans to discount sponsors. Looking into a different person.
 - ii. **Website & Technology Coordinator (Dallas Akre): N/A**
 7. **Board Member at Large**
 - i. **Recruitment & Retention Coordinator (VACANT): N/A**
 8. **Past Board Member:**
 - i. **Clothing & Apparel Coordinator (Sarah Hartman): N/A**
 9. **Manager Director: N/A**

5. NEW BUSINESS

Bill Leiske – D6 President – complaints about gear. Mouth guards and neck guards are not being warned. Be prepared in playoffs to lose players as they will sit them for not wearing them. Changes are coming from USA and MN Hockey. Some changes are : fighting penalties 2nd fight is 30 day suspension, 3rd is rest of the season. NP has only had 2 D6 disciplinary hearing. Tony - ? – where are we at with the co op survey. Reviewed at the last meeting. Matt Carns is going to get a group and complete a feasibility study and need results by March meeting.

1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

1. **Interim Manager Director (Brandy Rife):** Sent out end of season email. Turn in all the things please. Silent auction baskets from every team. Date and time of beer bash is TBD. Will discuss with Kristi.

2. **Director of Operations (Mike Westing):** Liner for outdoor rink next year. Needs to talk to Ben to get 2 checks for Marty and Ben for finishing the outdoor rink. Need to pay for propane for the zam since the new one is electric. Liner will increase usage next season.
3. **Interim Board Member at Large (Matt Kaehler):** Per Joe - Training Haus not on Wednesdays please.
4. **Communications Director (Amanda Will):** N/A
5. **Interim Board Member at Large/Past Board Member (Daniel Sacco):** N/A
6. **Treasurer (Ben Jones):** N/A
7. **Secretary (Kristi Nelson):** N/A
8. **Vice President (Jason Olson):** N/A
9. **President (Tony Robles) :**N/A

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Brandy. Motion carried 6-1 (with 2 Board members absent). Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristi Nelson, NPHA Secretary

Closed meeting

- Email from Sara Westing