

Bismarck Hockey Booster Meeting
January 11, 2010
5:30 pm
VFW #1 Curling Room

Members Present: Gardell Jochim, Peggy Hill, Kirsten Farnsworth, Ken Bischof, Brian Beehler, Don Johnson, Pat Irely, Randy Renner, T.J. Stewart, Kurt Schmidt, Dan Ruff, Blain Luck

I OLD BUSINESS

Approval of previous minutes: It was moved and seconded that the minutes for December 2009 be approved. Farnsworth/Ruff. Motion passed unanimously.

II NEW BUSINESS

Committee Assignments

1. Budget:

a. Financial Statement

Kurt Schmidt discussed our financial information. We have not received checks from Bismarck Parks and Recreation, Tharaldson Properties, and the Bobcats. Gardell Jochim will be meeting with Thom Brigl of the Bobcats. Gardell will also be setting up a meeting to meet with Bismarck Parks and Recreation.

2. Fund Raising Committee/Jersey Committee:

a. Gun Raffle

The Bobcats will start selling raffle tickets at the concession stands. So far we have deposited \$9,320.00 into our raffle account. It was suggested to give every team 2 books to sell. Scheels said we could set up a table. Give gun raffle checks go to John Evenson at Dakota Community Bank. We need to work on promoting sales of the raffle tickets.

Peggy Hill will set up a meeting to give team managers 2 books of tickets per team to sell. Kirsten Farnsworth will set up volunteers for the table at Scheels.

b. Sponsors

Blain Luck reported that the sponsor checks are in. We are in the process of sending out thank you letters.

c. Raffle

Will be collecting raffle tickets in March.

d. HH 2010

The Hockey Happening name is being changed to Spring Meltdown. Split Lickety Band will be our entertainment. The team managers need to let the parents know about the Spring Meltdown tickets. Blain Luck reported that the committee is in the process of getting auction items. Jamie Irey will handle all the drinks. We are looking for bids on the food. The auctioneer is Byron Hanson, 1st Class Auctioneers. He will do the job for \$50.00. We are looking for an emcee for the event.

3. On-Ice Committee:

Joe Belo, PeeWee A Blade's coach attended the meeting. He said that there was survey put out by a parent manager to 2 PeeWee A teams asking how things are going and if there are any problems. Joe said the other PeeWee coach decided not to participate in the survey and was going to meet with his team regarding this. Joe said he was the only coach in this evaluation and felt like he was singled out. He stated he has no problem with being evaluated if the entire club is included. Gardell Jochim said that he was approached regarding this but asked to see what the survey questions were. He said he did not get to see the questions before it was sent out. The Board stated that they support Joe as a coach and agreed that the survey should not have been sent out to a limited or exclusive set of teams. T.J. Stewart did get the survey results from the parent manager and the players and parents were happy with the coaching. The complaints were primarily on the schedules and that Joe was the only coach. These are not things Joe has control of.

a. Tournaments

The Squirt Tournament went well. There was only one complaint. Rob Reister did a great job organizing the tournament.

The State Bantam A tournament is in Bismarck this year. We need to have a committee meeting to sell advertising for the State Tournament because there is no entrance fee. They will start with a parent meeting.

b. Kids in Score Box

People need to control the kids in the score box.

c. Background Check Forms

Peggy Hill reported that the Background Check forms have been sent in to NDAHA.

d. Player Ice Times

e. USA Coaches Registration

Daren Koste is the new Bantam B coach.

4. Off-Ice Committees:

a. Team Managers Gifts

Discussion occurred regarding purchasing gifts for the team manager and manager coordinators. Peggy Hill will order hoodie sweatshirts. A motion was made by Ken Bischof to spend up to \$1500.00 for team manager and team manager coordinator gifts. Second by Brian Beehler. Motion approved unanimously.

b. Out Door Rinks

Discussed playing/practicing outdoors. Talked about designating a rink to use. We will talk to Bismarck Parks & Rec. about ideas we have.

c. Tournament Gate Fees

There have been complaints from visiting teams regarding the gate fees. This is clearly printed on the Tournament Registration Form. We will try to get the word out better.

d. Concussions

We have had concussions this year. Fargo required a doctor's consent to go back on the ice. Will look at USA Hockey Guidelines regarding concussions.

e. Bismarck Hockey Day

There were problems with rink scheduling. Pat Irely discussed having a cross-ice hockey day in the near future.

5. Miscellaneous

a. April Elections – Absentee Voting Options?

It was suggested to change the Bylaws to have non-parent Board members. Positions up for reelection are:

President Elect
1st Vice President
Secretary
4 Off-Ice Coordinators

Blain Luck made a motion to work on changing the Bylaws to state that the On-Ice Coordinator to be a paid position, and to have a non-parent member on the board. Second by T.J. Stewart.

If need to order replacement jersey, order a new one. Talk to Mike Heitkamp to reorder.

6. Parks & Recreation

Gardell will talk to Parks and Recreation regarding the scheduling and the registrar positions.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

We need to start working on finding coaches for next season.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business came before the Board, meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. Johnson/Renner. Unanimous decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Hill, Secretary