

**BHB Board Meeting
Monday December 8th, 2014
5:30pm, VFW Curling Room**

Members Present: Sheldon Sime, Mike Odegaard, Suzzanne Fuchs, Jason Fischer, Jason Frank, Jason Fetch, Joel Roloff, Steve Churchill, Sandy Stevahn, Craig Nelson, Kristi Anderson-Schmidt, Bill Curl

Members Absent: Adam Hipp, Melissa Long

Jason Fetch called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Jason Frank made a motion to approve the November minutes. Sheldon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Justin Theel and John Evanson were at the Board meeting to talk about the new rink. They asked us to start promoting this to the membership and to pass a resolution as a Board stating that we are on board with the plans.

Jason Fetch went over some of the background on how the New Rink Committee got to this point with the Schaumberg expansion. This has been in the works for over two years. The actual fundraising started two to three months ago.

Justin said that we need a 100% buy in from everyone, Bismarck Hockey, Adult League, BFSC, etc. His biggest fear is if we don't get something done now, we'll have an issue like Minot did 8 years ago. There wasn't enough ice time and so parents started to pull out their kids.

Parks and Rec bought in to a Statewide Feasibility Study that showed that Bismarck was in need of one to one and a half sheets of ice now.

The question was asked about working with other clubs like the Figure Skaters or the Adult Hockey League. Is there going to be a marketing plan so that we are all on the same page? Other questions asked were if we should be sending out emails or handing out pamphlets.

The New Rink Fundraising committee is trying to get the big donations first so they can have some traction. Once you have bigger donors on board, others will start making donations. As of right now, there hasn't been good luck with the big donors.

The Board is being asked to give a letter of intent of support and to talk with the BHB membership to make sure that everyone is on board. We need to hear both sides of the argument and hash things out with the membership so we know where everyone stands. Hopefully this can be done by Christmas. We know that the membership is aware of the problem just not educated on how everything got to this point.

At some point, there is the expectation that BHB will make a financial commitment. An example would be \$500,000 over 10 years, which would be \$50,000/year. The Board also needs to understand that there will be a new capital campaign sometime down the road when a two rink expansion is looked at.

Parks and Rec and the City of Bismarck are in support of this plan for the Schaumberg expansion.

We discussed the option of selling boards for advertising down at Schaumberg.

The Board talked again about getting the information out there about the Schaumberg expansion out there and contact information for those involved in the process, so that we can find out how the membership feels. We also need to set a meeting for the entire club to attend on this topic.

Joel made a motion to support the Schaumberg Rink Development Expansion. Kristi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

We now need to look at BHB having a meeting to talk, comment, etc. on the Schaumberg Expansion. Jason Fetch will draft up an email with information from the website and organize a meeting for the membership.

Bill Curl calculated how many teams we will have through 2019, so that we can see what we need for ice time for all of these teams.

Jason Fetch may ask some of us for help getting information out.

Kristi gave us a jersey update. Everything is going much better now. At first people were upset about the sizes but we did some shuffling to get them right. The new socks are repairable with fabric glue. It may also help to put the heavier socks underneath so that the skates don't cut through as easily. We will watch how the socks hold up over the year. Also, we do have smaller jerseys coming in.

Jason Frank gave us another update on the Dryland Program. He talked about expanding the program. Parents have been calling Gold's Gym to see if they can have their kids join. Anyone who wants to join now that weren't in the Pilot Program won't have the cost supplemented by the Board.

Aaron wanted to know if we'd be willing to send out an email to contact him if people are interested in doing a Dryland Program. If we do send this out, we need to make sure that we include all the places in town that provide the same type of training.

Jason mentioned that he hasn't had any negative feedback from the Squirt parents and players. The trainers are impressed with the groups that are coming in.

Aaron has asked where we are going with the program for next year. He needs to have more time to prepare. Also, he's looking at a facility that would just hold us for this program.

The Board needs to start looking at this now and letting all these companies know since this would be a large amount of kids participating.

The question was asked why BHB doesn't look at getting a facility themselves to do this training.

Also, a comment was made that the kids should be out on the ice not indoors doing sprints, etc.

The rebuttal back was we are building athletes who is what hockey players are, so shouldn't we be building athletes.

The action item for this is to come up with a request for a proposal to send out to all of these facilities.

There was a request to support other levels as they go to other facilities. There are whole teams who are doing Dryland at an additional.

It was mentioned that we should support this since it is in lieu of ice time. However, at this time, we aren't financially going to help.

SafeSport was discussed. Suzanne talked about the proper procedure/protocol in requesting the SafeSport reports. The State had called and asked that we make sure we are following the proper channels.

Jason Fetch will contact the Off Ice Coordinators to get the list of official volunteers at each level. Suzanne will need USA Hockey numbers to input so that we can run the report to see who has or has not completed SafeSport.

Bill Curl suggested having people input their numbers on a Google Doc instead of flooding us with emails.

Jason Fetch will look into Google Docs.

LiveScoring is being tried this year. NDAHA has purchased an iPad and the app for LiveScore for each hockey program. We are supposed to LiveScore League Home Games. There's a link you can click so you can follow the game. You can only do one game per iPad. If you don't get the game on before the game starts then you can't get it. We haven't been able to do LiveScore yet because it hasn't been uploaded when we needed.

We are unsure what the plan is. What's on our site doesn't transfer/feed to the State. So for now we are gathering our score sheets and sending them in. We are going to need at least one extra person to help with this. We discussed buying Team Managers the App or even getting a couple more iPad.

NDAHA Rep Joel will check on this and see what is going on.

Jason Fischer, Bill Curl, and Jason Frank came up with some proposals for Coaches' pay and what we could do. We discussed all the options that they presented. At the end of our discussions, we decided the proposals weren't quite ready.

The Nonparent Coach numbers are going down.

The best idea is \$1,000 for parents and \$2,000 for NP.

We need a formal proposal on this. We need to do something for the PW and Bantams and we will discuss Squirts later

Some don't feel we should pay the Squirts. Whatever we do for Girls 10u, we need to do for boys. We tabled the discussion for next month. There needs to be a consensus for Squirts.

The president elect position is still open. Jason Fetch had been asked by a couple Board members to stay on and be President again next year. After much thought, Jason let us know that he will stay on again next year as President.

There was no Financial Report as Adam was not at the meeting.

The Gun Raffle Committee says things are going well. All the books have been given out and some are starting to be turned back in.

The Board needs to start looking at other Gaming options, especially if we are going to financially back the Schaumberg expansion.

The question was asked if we know what the ice contract will look like for the new facility.

The Budget forecast that Jason Fetch has made up didn't take into account the NGIN fees. He's reworking these estimates.

Kristi gave us an update on Sponsorships. She's going to start working on the Spring Meltdown. The question was asked how the Bobcats and ND Sportsman's are invoiced or how does their money come in.

Sponsorships that come in now for the most part will go in to the general pot. We need to start thinking about next year and sponsors.

We need to utilize the webpage for listing our sponsors. Also, it was suggested getting a sign to put on the cage at Schaumberg.

Jason Fetch will update the website with the sponsors.

Joel has talked about doing Tourney pucks (one side BHB logo, sponsor on other side).

Joel proposed if BHB splits the cost, he'll pay for half of the logos on the pucks. Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Kristi also updated us with how the estores went over. With the merchandise we've sold, BHB has made around \$2,000. We are looking at having another store after the holidays.

The question was asked if we needed a bigger order placed for the next tournament. We are only doing Pre Order for the Squirt tournament. Mike will communicate with Kristi about the tournament store.

There have been some parents asking about warm ups for Termites and Mites. Is there a style we recommend?

Our Trademark Agreement is \$200/year for businesses. Jason Fetch is taking a look at this document. We are working with Universal Athletic to come to an agreement on how many screens to print for a cost.

On Ice Report was given by Jason Fischer.

We gave us an update on ice utilization and the hours/times we've been on the ice. We are well ahead of last year. Some of this is because we got things done earlier and we are doing more pairing. Now we are looking at making sure we are being equitable amongst the groups.

Pat and Ryan stepped up for the Breakfast Club. They have had a decent turnout.

A scheduling review is being set up to look at areas that need to be tweaked.

10uB is not comparable to the Squirts. We are looking at having them play against Group 1 Mites. Group 2 Mites may go to Mandan on Saturday mornings to play their Mites. Suzzanne will need to Roster them if this does take place.

An email needs to be sent out about reminding coaches to wear helmets on the ice. This needs to be sent out at all levels. Jason Fischer will work on getting this sent out.

No scheduler update other than what Jason Fischer mentioned. We will discuss using outdoor ice.

Joel gave us a report on the PW Tournament. Melissa did a good job. We are looking into why the fifth place team didn't get medals.

Joel and Mike need to meet about the Squirt Tournament.

NGIN willing to do tournament. They have a one time trial fee.

We were also asked if it was standard not to give a trophy to the first place team. It had been decided to go with medals then got trophy just for the pictures.

It was mentioned that there was a three second delay on the VFW 1 clock.

There was no NDAHA report.

Parks and Rec got our new half ice boards. Dennis said the bumpers should be delivered this week sometime. He'll also let us know when the outdoor ice is ready.

Sandy and Dennis are working on schedules. The high schools have a set schedule, which is why the Locker Rooms sometimes may be doubled up.

There were questions about the apparel for Mites and Termites. Who do we classify as a coach?

It was decided that we would go through the estore with select items for Team Managers and Coaches at the Termite and Mite Levels.

Jason Fischer and Kristi will get a list of Squirts and up coaches to Scheels. Those coaches will be able to go in for measurements so they can get their coats. The more business we bring them the more willing they are to work with us.

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Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mike seconded the motion.