FYHA Board Agenda

Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 8 pm at Eide Bailly

Board Attendees: Jay Stibbe, Vicki Dawson, Scot Erickson, Dean Bachmeier, Lance Freier, Larry Bellerud, Dusty Jensen, Travis Kurtz, Nate Kirkeby, Nate Metcalf, Bob Bye, Lisa Maloy, Joe Antonoplos

Facility Manager: Jeff Lockhart

Members: Heather Westlund, Stephanie Astrup, Lindsay Amundson.

1. Consent Agenda

September Minutes –Motion made by Bachmeier to approve minutes. Second by Maloy. Approved.

October Minutes –Motion made by Erickson to approve minutes. Second by Maloy. Approved.

November Minutes –Motion made by Bachmeier to approve minutes, second by Jensen, Approved.

September Financials –Bellerud. Second by Bellerud. Approved.

October Financials –Motion to approve made by Kurtz. Second by Bye. Approved.

November Financials –Motion to approve by Antonoplos. Second by Jensen. Approved.

1. President’s Report - Jay Stibbe (7 min)

CO Incident. Sunday evening texts and calls started coming in regarding sick players. Jeff got to the rink at 10:15pm. Fargo Fire Dept there at 11pm. They took CO readings which were higher than they should be. Xcel came out and tested all gas burning appliances (suspended radiant heaters, water heater, suspended heater in shop). At 1:15am, we were down to 15 parts per million. Tested again at 7:30am Monday morning and reading was zero parts per million. It maintained that level for the rest of the day.

On Sunday, none of our detectors went off due to the high levels of CO.

We originally planned to leave the rink open and have business as usual. We later decided to err on the side of caution, even though we were cleared to be open, and cancel all practices for the evening.

At 4pm, Curt Harr, Nate Kirkeby, Vicki Dawson, Jay Stibbe and Jeff Lockhart conducted a walkthrough of the facility. Jeff had added several detectors to the building earlier in the day.

We spent the evening conducting resurfacing each hour as if there was practice with an attempt to mimic the issue. The Zamboni driver wore a CO monitor during resurfacing and also walked out on the ice afterwards with the monitor to check the levels.

Possible causes –Zamboni, Edger (which had not been run over the weekend), heaters, water heater, open louvre, weather. None of these was found to be the certain cause.

The weather was rather strange on Sunday with very heavy air and fog in Fargo during the day and early evening.

Action Items –more sensors have been added to the building including one on the player bench, two on the mezzanine, one by the Zamboni door, and one in the shop.

The Zamboni driver will wear a CO monitor during resurfacing and also walk out on the ice afterwards with the monitor to check the levels. Results will be documented.

We will adopt the MN rules for CO monitoring by hockey rinks. There are no regulations for ND. Only three states have regulations.

All of the sick players that we were told about have been followed up with and each is doing fine.

We determined that we could use a facilities committee.

We determined that we could use a media response team.

1. Fundraising Report – Lance Freier (7 min)

Lindsay Amundson and Stephanie Astrup presented the plans for the Fargo Hockey Night fundraiser. They have an email draft ready to send to our members regarding save-the-date and sponsorship opportunities.

Lance -All raffle tickets are out to the Squirt players. They will be collected at the end of January.

1. Hockey Program Report - Scot Erickson (7 min)

14U concerns –some families wanted to leave the 14U league due to much older players participating on other teams in the state. All are continuing on the team for the season.

Squirt In-house –a couple of improvements are needed such as shortening the season to three weeks. Overall it was very successful and helpful for proper placement of players.

Jr Gold –there was a fight during a home game on Dec 5th. Six players and a coach were ejected. Three of the players were Freeze players. Bob Bye and Scott addressed the team and shared with them the expectations of Freeze players. Travis made the suggestion to go to a four ref system. NDAHA would allow it for Jr. Gold. The expense of the fourth ref would be $40 per game for FYHA.

Mites –March Mite Madness will be offered again this spring to second year mites to help them transition to squirts. Projected cost of the program is $9000 for ice and refs. They anticipate 112 players with six practices and six games each. They charged $60 last year and propose $100 this year. They suggest we purchase jerseys the players would keep at a cost of $800-1000. They are working to cover all costs with player fees. Motion made by Nate Kirkeby to continue March Mite Madness this spring with a net cost to the organization of $0. Second by Kurtz. Approved.

1. NDAHA – Dean Bachmeier (7 min)

Nothing to report

1. Treasurer Report – Lisa Maloy (7 min)

We currently have $364,000 in the bank.

There are four or five families who have not paid facility fee and fall camp fee. Lisa will continue to work on collecting these.

Coaches were paid today for the first half of the season.

1. Operations/Facilities Report – Jeff Lockhart (7 min)

A great deal of discussion revolved around the Sunday December 14th incident at Teamster’s Arena where high carbon monoxide levels were detected after a number of reports of illness had struck skaters who played games at the teamsters that day. Here are the initial findings and remedies identified to maintain a safe environment while a full investigation and long-term solutions are being researched:

* Nate Kirkeby and Jeff Lockhart are researching long-term solutions to lessen the likelihood of a future carbon monoxide (CO) problem at the arena.
* Jeff L. purchased 6 additional commercially rated CO sensors and installed them throughout the rink.
* 3 hand held sensors were purchased and the rink staff will use the MN state regulations and reporting form to track CO levels in the arena until permanent solutions are implemented.
* Jeff L. and Nate K. will get an estimate of the cost to cut vents in the doors and provide better ventilation to our locker rooms.
* Initial estimates are in the range of $25,000 to install commercial grade sensors that will trigger an automated ventilation system on a schedule or when the CO level reaches a set number. This will be discussed a future board meeting.
* When long term solutions recommendations are ready we will discuss and vote on options at a future board meeting or via electronic vote.

1. Tournament Report – Bob Bye (7 min)

Tournaments are ready to roll. We had strong demand for our tournaments and most all are full aside from a few spots remaining.

First tournament is the Girls International the weekend of January 2 – 4. Tournament every weekend through March 3rd to follow EXCEPT president’s day weekend in February.

Going with a new company, Spectrum, for our new clothing orders and we will staff tables with Teamster’s staff plus DIBBS workers. Projecting a higher profit potential with this vendor.

Tournaments are using the new NGIN Tournament System this year.

Heather Westlund is helping to manage the DIBBS system for work assignments with team managers.

1. Recruiting Report – Vicki Dawson (7 min)

Nothing to report.

1. Marketing / PR Report – Stacy Matter (7 min)

Stacy not present. No report.

1. Safe Sport & Team Managers – Joe Antonopolos (7 min)

Standards for team website pages are in work and those guidelines will be given to team managers in the near future.

Locker room monitors – Coaches need to be in the locker room and/or within earshot distance. Heather W. noted that she had recently witnessed an instance with her team where the coaches were not present. She stepped in to monitor.

Joe discussed an incident that he has been investigating regarding a potential Bantam B Maroon team player bullying another player on the Bantam B Gray team.

We also discussed the background check reporting process that NDAHA has in place.

1. Equipment Report – Steve Winter (7 min)

Nothing to report.

1. Secretary Report – Tim Paustian (7 min)

Tim not present. No report.

1. Other (7 Min)

None.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bye. Second, Bachmeier.

Next Meeting – Tuesday January 27, 2015