

Bismarck Hockey Boosters Board Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
Capital Ice Complex

Board Members Present:

Brad Thompson
Ian McDonald
Kyle Leftwich
Joe Gusaas
Layne Sedevie
Joel Roloff
Jackie Ressler

Other Members Present:

Mikayla Jablonski-Jahner
Kaine Martell
Jamie Nelson

Call to order

1) Parks and Rec Update – Dylan Thiem

- a) Wachter is the only sheet for summer and the schedule is full.
- b) Ice Contract:
 - i) Determining 1- or 2-year contracts
- c) Opening conversations with the Figure Skaters to see if we can each be assigned a rink (VFW or CIC) primarily.
- d) Concessions Contract:
 - i) The contract was brought to the park board and approved
 - ii) Open for Bid.
- e) VFW3 Timeline:
 - i) Steel is supposed to go up this week to frame it in
 - ii) No development on change of opening date.
 - iii) No trending supply chain delays
 - iv) VFW2 will be open for the season.
 - (1) 3 locker rooms will be available when VFW3 is ready.
- f) Scheduling Options:
 - i) 1.5 hour blocks (PeeWee and Bantams) and 1.25 hour (Termites and Mites)
 - (1) Staggering time blocks to avoid double or triple zams.
 - ii) Working with Bobcats and High School schedules now. Blank schedule should be sent to Mikayla soon. July is when it was received last year.

2) Old Business

- i) No Old Business

3) Program Updates

- a) Executive Director – Mikayla Jablonski Jahner
 - i) State Meeting:
 - (1) USA Hockey is going to do an initiative for the culture of sports
 - (2) USA Hockey will be deciding on full ice for 8U, then each state can decide.
 - (a) Discussion around this topic was had.
 - (b) Mikayla will let our representative know that our board supports it.
 - (3) Board members may need to do SafeSport and Background checks going forward
 - (4) Girls – eliminated 14U
 - (5) David Hoff will do all levels of training again (in person)
 - (6) SafeSport – everything needs to be reported.
 - (7) Equal Team/Snake Draft if in the same league.
 - (8) Discussions around State Tournaments:

- (a) Discussion Points/Suggestions:
 - (i) Top 8 teams go to state based on standings
 - (ii) Break down into districts and play to see who makes it
 - 1. Could a pilot program be done with Bantam AA and A
- (b) Rationale is that everyone wants to host a state tournament (small towns)
- (c) Discussions of the board of their thoughts on the suggestions.
- (d) We will wait to see the proposals in writing before we determine the boards stance on it.
- (9) Super Tournaments are no longer allowed.
- ii) Gaming:
 - (1) As of today, we lost Lucky's as a gaming location.
 - (a) This was a \$600,000 loss
 - (b) The scrutinization by our membership of their donation requests is what frustrated the owner and ultimately why he decided to give his gaming to another organization.
 - (2) Our Gaming professionals and accountant say we need to buy, open, or build our own bar.
 - (a) Minot hockey has ownership in 3 bars.
 - (3) We still have the Pier, but if the sale goes through, we will lose it. The agreements are 1 year unless the ownership of the bar changes.
 - (4) Committee:
 - (a) No policy is in place for what we will approve for donation requests as of now, so all requests have been sitting.
 - (5) Opportunity:
 - (a) West Fargo Bar – Bismarck Owner.
 - (i) Our Gaming Manager does not have runners in other locations, so this will increase our costs.
 - (ii) We could start with Etabs.
- iii) Gun Raffle:
 - (1) Suggestions moving forward:
 - (a) Electronic raffle tickets for 2025.
 - (b) Increase the number of tickets in each book
 - (c) Lock box at the rink for collection
 - (d) Updated policy as to when and where they can be dropped off.
- iv) DIBS:
 - (1) 1900 shifts were input which covered 250 families.
 - (2) Incentives were lower this past season.
- v) Ian is working on the contingency plan
- vi) Discussed Proposed Changes to Documents (handbook, bi-laws, refund policy, DIBS, Committee Incentives, Fundraising)
 - (1) Motions Made:
 - (a) Bi-Laws
 - (i) Joel motions to approve the bilaws as sent out to membership
 - (ii) Joe seconds the motion
 - (iii) No discussion
 - (iv) Motion passes
 - (b) DIBS:
 - (i) Joel motions that Locker Room Monitors should not have to do any additional DIBs.
 - (ii) Joe seconds the motion
 - (iii) No discussion
 - (iv) Motion passes
- vii) Level Coordinator Discussion:
 - (1) Need for 2 for termites, 2 for mites and 1-2 for squirts.
 - (2) Advertise to club members
 - (a) Joe motions to advertise to club members for the level coordinators (5) with incentives.
 - (b) Joel seconds the motion
 - (c) No discussion
 - (d) Motion passes
- viii) Powerskating
 - (1) Lane has someone who would do powerskating for the teams, he will check on availability and pay.

- b) Hockey Director – Kaine Martell
 - i) Team Numbers:
 - (1) Bantams 71 skaters (7 goalies)
 - (2) Peewees 120 skaters (14 goalies)
 - (3) Squirts 106 skaters (5 goalies)
 - (a) Need more goalies
 - (4) 15 U 30 skaters (2 goalies)
 - (5) 12 U 32 skaters (1 goalie)
 - (6) 10 U 30 skaters (2 goalies)
 - (7) Mites 116 boys and 49 girls
 - (a) Potential for 8U girls' teams
 - (8) Termites 102 boys and 28 girls
 - ii) Discussion on Team Placement
 - (1) Should we have AA and A or just two A teams for Bantams and Peewees
 - (a) We will declare this change to the state.
 - iii) Golf Tournament Location – Kaine will call Prairie West to see if they have dates available.
- c) Treasurer Update: Ian McDonald
 - i) Met with Dean Last week
 - (1) Dean had recommendations on what amount we stay under for investment
 - (2) We can combine our operating and gaming accounts to save \$150
 - (3) CD is an option for Trust Funds
 - (4) An RFP should be prepared for the Money Market and CD
 - (a) \$200,000 into a CD from the trust and \$800,000 in a Money Market.
 - d) Public Comment:
 - i) Two Coaches reached out about the USA Hockey Conference/Clinic and asked if they could go with BHB covering some expenses.
 - (1) Details: June 22-24 at the University of Michigan and it is \$600 to attend.
 - (2) Discussion was held on if this was appropriate
 - (3) Kaine will look into the speakers and what they will speak on.
 - e) Rink Committee – Kyle Leftwich
 - i) Background: We have 6 acres in Northwest Bismarck, and it is ready to go to engineering which will cost \$100-200k. This will not be owned by BHB, but by private investors.
 - ii) Will be reaching out to Steve Scheels to see if they want to have a small store inside and have the naming rights.
- 4) **New Business**
 - a) No New Business
- 5) **Adjourn**
 - a) Joel motions to adjourn the meeting
 - b) Ian seconds the motion
 - c) Motion passes

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