

New Prague Hockey Association
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Location: NP Fire Department Meeting Room
Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

NPHA Board

President	Tony Robles	Present
Vice President	Jason Olson	Absent
Secretary	Kristi Nelson	Present
Treasurer	Ben Jones	Absent
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	Absent
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	Absent
HDC Coordinator	Joe Birkholz	Present
Girls HDC Coordinator	Matt Carnes	Absent
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
Incoming Registrar	Erin	Present
Safe Sport Coordinator	Chelsea Casey	Absent
Sponsorship Coordinator	Timothy Bessette	Present
Tournament Coordinator	VACANT	
Volunteer Coordinator	Aimee Bombardo	Absent
Website/Technology Coordinator	Dallas Akre	Absent

Others present: Bill Leiske, Aaron , Eric Brever

ADDITION/DELETION TO AGENDA : Fortis will not be presenting tonight. Eric Brever is presenting about a second rink. Notes:

- Powerpoint presentation on why/how to make a second rink happen.
- Gambling issue: Create a committee of the managers to be the gambling control board to vote on gambling items. Must meet 1 time a year and vote on something – using the manager meeting is correct. Draft up a resolution to say we created this and is in existence. Chair of the committee is the gambling manager. Wait until March for the bylaw change to make it official. Eric sent an email to the state gambling person and is waiting for a response.

REPORTS

1. **Secretary's Report (Kristi Nelson):** Kristi shared the meeting minutes for November 2024 with the Board prior to this meeting and there were no suggested revisions or changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Tony to approve the November 2024 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Matt Kaehler. Motion carried 5-0 (with 4 Board members absent). Kristi will post the November 2024 Meeting Minutes to the NPHA website.
2. **Treasurer's Report (Ben Jones):**
Absent from the meeting. Sent reports out via email.
Kristi made a motion to approve the October 2024 Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Mike. Motion carried 5-0 (with 4 Board members absent).
3. **Gambling Report (Nate Borwege/Jason Schlekewy):** Oct report was emailed to all board members. Checking accounts are looking good, no worries at all in that aspect. The Rusty Spoke offers 10% off of your tab if you say that you are with NPHA. Please work on advertising sponsors and businesses that are a part of our program. Jason is at the Rusty Spoke doing a meat raffle, did not go well and they discussed modifications. Table this conversation for now. Chad from the Ballroom reached out about opening the clubroom more, wants a meeting to discuss having NPHA in the Legion.
Tony made a motion to approve the October 2024 Gambling Reports as well as the Pre-Approvals for Allowable Expenses and Lawful Purpose Expenditures, which was seconded by Matt. Motion carried 5-0 (with 4 Board members absent).

3. OLD BUSINESS

- Fortis – cancelled tonights meeting due to illness.
- Survey

4. COORDINATOR UPDATES

1. **President**
 - i. **NPACC Manager (Justin Hauge):**
 - ii. **Gambling Coordinator (Nate Borwege/Jason Schlekewy):**
 - iii. **Safe Sport Coordinator (Chelsea Casey):**
2. **Vice President**
 - i. **HDC Coordinator (Joe Birkholz):** Doing coaching assessments is in the works to know which coaches participate and are actually earning their dib hours. Also assessments on outside training services. Would like the girls survey to go over before it is sent out.
 - ii. **Girls HDC Coordinator (Matt Carnes):** Going to work with Applen to set up a goalie clinic before the end of the year for the girls. Looking to set up a MASH team this fall. Putting together open skate event for Valentines weekend. Waiting on approval for the survey regarding the co-op next year. MN River is going to be the best bet.
 - iii. **Mite/8U Coordinator (Anthony Anderson):** Game draw for mite 3 was recent. Allows 10 full ice games outside of jamborees
 - iv. **Ice Time Coordinator (Tyler Kienow):** Not Present
3. **Treasurer**
 - i. **Concession Stand Coordinator (Sarah Robertson):** On track to be the same income as last year for a 3 month period. Everything seems to be going okay. Still working on product waste but it is coming along. Added another training class for new mite families to do concession stand training.
 - ii. **Fundraising Coordinator (Kristina Dillon):** Not Present. Via Email: Some people still haven't picked up their product. Next year is her last year, would like us to find her replacement. She spent 168 hours on this, would recommend this be a 2 person job next year.

4. Secretary

- i. **Registrar (Miranda Vertnik/Erin):** Erin is taking over effective April 1st. registrar.npha@gmail.com is her email. She has full access to sports engine to explore and figure it out. Meeting a bunch of times in coming months to train. Working on season projections. 326 active players in the association. 7 player withdrawals. Rostering deadline is 12/27. Cannot make any changes after this date.

- Bantam player requesting a partial refund due to injury. Would like to stay involved as a student coach. Having a hard time getting responses from D6. Keep him on the roster for now, refund at the end of the season so he can stay on the roster.
- All waivers are fully processed. 10 waived in 6 waived out.
- No bantams were double rostered. They were dropped from the roster until they either made the HS team or were cut, which then they were put back onto the roster.
- Jr Gold – 18 skaters, 2 goalies.
- Coaching Applications – 98 apply. 85 total coaches to teams. A lot of coaches at risk of being redlined. 12 coaches still need to get CEP done.
- Managers – still managers that need to get their background checks done.

ii. **Volunteer Coordinator (Aimee Bombardo):** 1. Hours are being picked up finally and everything is full through the end of December. Just posted the rest of the HS games for the end of the season.

2. I'll be starting to post hours for January later this week.

3. I will be sending out emails to families after the first of the year who still have hours to do before the end of the season giving them their current total and what they have left to do.

4. I sent an email to Brandy to send to managers to make sure new families get trained before they start their hours. Sarah is doing one more training session on the 18th and I had the link in the message.

5. Do we have picture dates yet? Would like to post for hours for those. 7th and 9th of January.

4. Director of Operations

a. **Equipment Coordinator (Kristi Nelson) :** Changes with Bob for next season, Mite families for goalies – will send an email to Joe to discuss.

b. **Outdoor Ice Coordinator (Marty Sticha):** Lights are in for the outdoor rink, going to put them in ASAP. Start flooding next week. Outdoor rink is complete and ready to go.

c. **Tournament Coordinator (VACANT):** Fill this position soon. Virtual meeting to discuss the D6 tournament.

5. Communications Director

a. **Sponsorship Coordinator (Timothy Bessette):** Everyones sponsorship box got sent out. New sponsors – 3 total. Currently getting logos who have paid to get put onto the sponsorship banner. Would like to use the \$ from the boxes to sponsor this year, and would commit to a 3 year sponsorship.

- Mike made a Motion to waive the \$2000 fee for Timmy Bessette for this year in place of the boxes, and will commit to a 3 year sponsorship thereafter. Brandy seconded. Motion passes 5-0 (4 members absent)

b. **Website & Technology Coordinator (Dallas Akre):** Nothing

6. Board Member at Large

a. **Recruitment & Retention Coordinator (VACANT):** Nothing

7. Past Board Member:

a. **Clothing & Apparel Coordinator (Sarah Hartman):**

8. **Manager Director:** Nothing

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **Bill Leiske:** NPHA is the least penalized for the 1st month of the season. Referees asking for honing down on neck guards and mouth guards (must have tethers). **Arguing with the referees will result in a 4 game suspension.**

- State tournament for b2 and c in the works. 8 team tournament. Will be on the same weekend as the HS state tournament, still in the works with D6. Peewee and Bantam levels. Will be calling around to find ice and volunteers for this tournament.

1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

1. **Interim Manager Director (Brandy Rife):** HDC let JR. Gold borrow their iPad for the season. Everyone has a key, ipad, and login now. Troy Pint reached out, and Trisha would like to take over as the Mite 33 manager in place of Amanda Will. Matt made a Motion for Tricia to replace Amanda as the Mite 33 manager. Mike Seconded. Motion carried 5-0 (4 members absent).
2. **Director of Operations (Mike Westing):** Nothing
3. **Interim Board Member at Large (Matt Kaehler):** December Training Haus schedule is complete. Every team will have 4 touches by the end of the month. January schedule will come out soon.
4. **Communications Director (Amanda Will):** Not present
5. **Interim Board Member at Large/Past Board Member (Daniel Sacco):** Not Present
6. **Treasurer (Ben Jones):** Not Present
7. **Secretary (Kristi Nelson):** Coaches not participating. Please send an email to Joe to be discussed.
8. **Vice President (Jason Olson):** Not Present.

Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Matt. Motion carried 5-0 (with 4 Board members absent). Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristi Nelson, NPHA Secretary

Closed meeting

Mike made a motion to have Amanda Will be removed from the Board and waive any and all obligation for dubs for 24/25 season and they would be satisfied.

Need to make an interim communications director until April.