

Fergus Falls Hockey Association

February 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present Regular Mtg.: Sarah Casey, Rebecca Cederberg, Scott DeBrito, Mike Donaghue, Eric Nelson, Curt Proffit, Cory Reinertson, Scott Samuelson, Mike Welde, Niki Welde, Ryan Welle, Jeff Young

Absent: Darren Krein, Tim Lill, Nikki Richter, Cyndi Young

Staff/Committee: Sarah Duffy, Jessica Karsnia, Pam Muxfeldt, Kevin Sonstebo

Other: Jenny Skjeret, Laurissa Stigen

- I. **Call Meeting to Order-** Cory Reinertson 6:42pm.
- II. **General membership open forum-**
 - a. Jenny Skjeret - Jenny shared that there has been a lot of frustration on the Pee Wee B2 team with the designation of B2. The parents of this team want the board to consider designating this team as a C team next season. The hope would be for the kids to to develop more as players through more appropriate competition.
 - b. Jacob Gustafson - (Shared through email) - He would like to see the policy of arena closure on days when school is canceled due to weather to be reconsidered. Discussion was held that this is not a decision our board can make, but that we have in the past and currently do support a change to this policy.
 - c. Laurissa Stigen shared her frustration over the handling of a discipline committee issue. It was shared that through this situation we need to reconfigure our discipline committee and policy to be in compliance with Safe Sport.
- III. **Approve February 2019 Agenda-** Eric Nelson made a motion to accept the February agenda Scott Samuelson seconded, motion passed.
- IV. **Approve January 2019 Meeting Minutes** - Jeff Young made a motion to approve the January minutes, Ryan Welle seconded, motion passed.
- V. **Approve February 2019 Gambling Report-** Jess Karsnia - 2 new booths have been built and are ready to install at Mabel Murphy's, and the Z103 Bar. A question was asked about how we are taxed on our gambling funds that are raised. Currently we are taxed at the following increments for licensed gaming charities 9/18/27/36%. We are quickly moving to the maximum tax rate due to good ticket sales. There is currently legislation in the MN Senate. Scott DeBrito made a motion to accept the February gambling report, Jeff Young seconded, motion passed.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **City Update-** Pam Muxfeldt -The times for the girls JV locker room have been overlapping a bit with team practices. A sign has been used stating that locker rooms must be cleared before use. A lock for the trap door in the training room will not work. So an alarm is being looked into.
 - b. **Safe Sport Coordinator-** Nikki Richter- There was a bullying situation that was handled with kids and parents. Discussion was held on monitoring locker rooms following the Safe Sport handbook with a responsible screened adult being in the locker room or within arms length of the door, being able to sufficiently hear inside the locker room.
 - c. **Discipline Committee-** Kevin Sonstebo - Some situations have arisen and been worked on through the committee, including an issue with broken glasses, a vaping device, the tunnel on the training room, and a parent interaction with an athlete. There will be a restructuring of our discipline committee and policy to line up with Safe Sport.
 - d. **Concessions-** Pam Muxfeldt - We are short handed for the upcoming 12 A and B districts that we are hosting. This is due to many of our own teams being gone for their own districts. Some alumni parents are coming to help. We have lost a few nights due to weather.
 - e. **Promotions-** Sarah Casey - Thank you to Melissa Babolian for sharing pictures. We are currently promoting Try Hockey on February 23rd.

- f. Fundraising- Darren Krein, Nikki Richter, Sarah Casey- They have recently met to discuss ideas and will be moving to pick from them.
- g. Equipment- Ryan Welle - Jerseys have been figured out for Mite travel. Sentence to Serve was in to help with cleaning the equipment room.
- h. Sponsorship- Eric Nelson - Eric is starting to work on next year's sponsorships. Scoreboards are up for renewal this next season.
- i. Registration- Curt Proffit- There have been 2 more registrations. No other report.
- j. Arena Scheduling- Pam Muxfeldt- March's schedule os being prepared. Planning for March scrimmages is also being done.
- k. Game Scheduling- Mike Welde- Mike is working on 8U games. Discussion was held on making sure we keep the night of the Warrior game open next season. Knowing the date of this game as early as possible will be important.
- l. Tournaments- Darren Krein- The 8U scrimmage weekend is filled.
- m. 2 and 2 Challenge- Niki Welde, Rebecca Cederberg- Try Hockey for Free is on February 23rd.
- n. Website- Curt Proffit- No Report
- o. Hockey Treadmill- Pam Muxfeldt - There are 2 Mondays left. Pam is working on the Spring schedule.
- p. Summer Ice- Scott DeBrito - We are looking into having ice in April. It will not affect the cooling capacity of the school.
- q. HMI Camp - Cory Reinertson - Cory is looking at at having this on the first weekend in October. Cory is also looking to have a voluntary chapel time with 10U and Squirt teams.
- r. Girlz Rock and Boyz Roll- No Report.

VII. Approve Treasurer's February 2019 Report- Jeff Young - There is still a bit of sponsorship money coming in. Scott DeBrito made a motion to accept the report, Scott Samuelson seconded, motion passed.

VIII. President's report- Cory Reinertson-

- a. District 15 Meeting Information - Coaches will be required to complete the safe sport modules every year as opposed to every 2 years. May 5th is the leadership meeting in Bemidji. It is a one day event. We would like to have 2 members attend. Checking at the Bantam level - There will be no changes to this. They are working to have more body contact events available. USA Hockey fees will increase from \$40- to \$46. The MNSHSL is offering a State Championship Cup that can be taken to their hometown. The HP program wants more participation from districts. They are asking us to encourage more kids and coaches to take part.
- b. Start recruiting new board members. There will be 3 positions up for election.
- c. Our Annual Meeting is on April 3rd. We are looking for a large enough space to host it.

IX. Hockey Directors Report- Mike Donaghue, Scott DeBrito .

Mike Donaghue

- a. We have had a second year squirt player move in recently.
- b. There were some issues with the PW B team that Colleen Kennedy stepped in to help with. Thank you to Colleen.

Scott DeBrito

- a. HP has asked us to identify athletes to take part and to encourage them to do so. We would like to utilize ice in April for this. They are also looking for coaches for this too.

X. New Business

- a. Scot DeBrito shared a plan for a possible dryland facility. There is a group looking into the possibility of fundraising for this. This would be built on the land on the South side of the South rink. The school owns the land. The school board has met on this and is in support of it.
- b. Eric Nelson - Drew Luhnig wants to meet with goalies this coming summer. Drew will need to present a proposal for this.

XI. Old Business

- a. Ryan Welle shared that there are still frustrations over play time at the Bantam level.

XIV. Next Board Meeting March 6th, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Community Ice Arena

XV. Adjourn- 10:00 pm meeting was adjourned.