

Fergus Falls Hockey Association

October 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Tim Lill, Mike Welde, Cyndi Young

Staff/Committee: Sarah Duffy, Jim Fish, Jessica Karsnia, Pam Muxfeldt, Dave Umlauf

Other: Brent Blake, Colleen Kennedy, Laurissa Stigen, Ryan Tungseth, Kathy VanVoorhis, Vanessa Lee

- I. **Call Meeting to order-** Cory Reinertson 6:33pm.
- II. **General membership open forum-**
 - a. Colleen Kennedy shared her idea for a New Family Mentorship Program. She is working with the Community Resilience Program. She has drafted a plan for us to help new families to hockey called Connections Matter. It ranges from creating a way for veteran parents to mentor new parents, to giving direct support through rides to practices, games, and offering donations for meals and gas. The goal is to help with retention for our program. Colleen will help to lead but will need a committee. Scott DeBrito made a motion to form a Family Connections Committee being led by Colleen Kennedy, Nikki Richter seconded. Discussion was held on the need to reach out to families through coaches and our Website. We also need to consider the need to manage donations. The motion passed.
 - b. Ryan Tungseth came representing 4T Apparel. His company is able to provide t-shirts and sweatshirts for tournaments and team orders. He is looking for the opportunity to offer bids for these events. 4tapparel.com.
 - c. Brent Blake, VP of sales for the Fargo Force shared that they are wanting to partner with our association for some fundraising opportunities. They want to get more of our families to their games.
 - d. Discussion was held on some questions that were brought to Niki Welde about our open times. The questions were concerning supervision at open times, how do locker rooms work for opens with supervision, and can we look at combining 12U and Pee Wee for opens. It was shared that the philosophy of open time is that we want to keep parents from leading open times, as this should be free time for kids to be creative on the ice. The city has not had issues with locker rooms which are provided for 12U/PeeWee and up. This is meant to keep kids from changing in the hallway. There are plans to have longer open times open to more levels as we move into the season.
 - e. Vanessa Whipple shared that Hot Yoga is willing to run a class for hockey parents that could be used as a fundraiser for the association. 9 Round is interested in doing this too.
- III. **Approve October 2018 Agenda-** Ryan Welle made a motion to accept the October agenda Jeff Young seconded, motion passed.
- IV. **Approve September 2018 Meeting Minutes** - Jeff Young made a motion to approve the September minutes, Darren Krein seconded, motion passed.
- V. **Approve September 2018 Gambling Report-** Jess Karsnia. Jeff Young made a motion to accept the September gambling report, Curt Proffit seconded, motion passed.
 - a. Sarah Duffy shared that she researched into the theft at Hillbillies on Christmas Eve of 2017, where we lost \$3400. No charges have been filed, due to the fact that the people responsible have not been able to be located. We do have 6 years to make a claim.
 - b. We will have pull tabs on Lake Lida this winter again, and the Z103 pull tabs should be up and running in January.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **City Update-** Dave Umlauf - The North Rink is coming along. Ice will be on next week. There are 2 new city workers this season. Take time to welcome them. Please let the city

know if there is any damage, so it can be fixed. There are nets in the players box that will be moved. The idea was shared to look into getting clocks in the locker rooms. The city was asked if there was a need to block any time on live barn, and there are none. Chiller update - It has been tested. We are just waiting for engineers to complete the project. It is good to go after that.

- b. Safe Sport Coordinator- Nikki Richter- No report
- c. Discipline Committee- Kevin Sonstebo - No report
- d. Concessions- Pam Muxfeldt- The concession stand opens on Oct 4th. It won't be open full hours right away, depending on needs. Val Moxness, Carrie Nelson, and Kathy VanVoorhis will be helping Pam this season. Cory Reinertson had called a meeting with Pam Muxfeldt, and Nikki Richter to look into getting a Point of Sale system into the concession stand. This would be to help with checks and balances in sales in the stand. An electronic system would allow for the use of credit cards and allow us to put our tabs into the system. Concern over the cost (\$3300-\$3600 for 2 devices and \$150 a month after) and the need to train all association members who work in there were shared. Discussion led to the point that the monthly fee would be somewhat absorbed by cleaning up math mistakes that happen now. Training will be difficult to manage with new people rotating through all the time. It was decided that there is the need for a committee to continue looking into this. Jeff Young, Curt Proffit, Cory Reinertson, Pam Muxfeldt and Kathy VanVoorhis agreed to be on this committee
- e. Promotions- Sarah Casey-Communication plans are in place for HMI Camp, Try Hockey, And Girlz Rock / Boyz Roll. Sarah Casey requested \$200 for a slush fund for promotions. Jeff Young made a motion to do this, Scott DeBrito seconded, the motions passed.
- f. Fundraising- Darren Krein, Nikki Richter, Sarah Casey - The raffle tickets are distributed to the association. They will be collected in the concession stand area on October 15-16th.
- g. Equipment- Ryan Welle - The city is sharpening the new little skates. Jerseys are being distributes for tryouts. 1-80 need to be kept separate from tryouts jerseys for the mite travel teams. Travel jerseys will be accounted for very closely this year.
- h. Sponsorship- Eric Nelson - Invoices are done. Pemberton is taking an open spot on the South Rink. There are still 3 more open on the South rink. As far as team sponsors, Security State is taking the 10U team and Prairie's Edge Dental is taking a youth level too.
- i. Registration- Curt Proffit- We currently have 213 registered in the association. The question was asked if we are going to have 2 or 3 teams based on the numbers. Discussion led to past practice being that we have 3 smaller teams rather than 2 large teams.
- j. Arena Scheduling- Pam Muxfeldt- The November schedule will come together as soon as we have teams.
- k. Game Scheduling- Mike Welde- Games are coming in, no report.
- l. Tournaments- Darren Krein- We have 3 tournaments that are in real need of teams. 12UA, PWA, and SQA.
- m. 2 and 2 Challenge- Niki Welde- We are hosting Girls Try Hockey for Free on Sunday, October 7th.
- n. Girlz Rock and Boyz Roll- Scott DeBrito, Niki Welde - Boys Roll will be taking place in conjunction with the Girlz Rock program. Registration starts at noon on October 8. Space is limited to 35 participants.
- o. Website- Curt Proffit- Curt Proffit is revamping the layout of the website. Sarah Casey is helping with the design. Max solutions is the new software program that will that works with Sports Engine. It will make communicating schedule changes easier.
- p. Hockey Treadmill- Pam Muxfeldt - The Fall session is done on Sunday the 7th. Matt Koalska has been working with the program. In season training is coming.
- q. Summer Ice- Mike Donaghue, Laurissa Stigen, Niki Welde, Dave Stigen- See update in city report.
- r. HMI Camp - Cory Reinertson -there are 96 skaters registered. There are a dozen outside associations taking part. There is a conflict with football moving their Saturday games to the evening affecting the HMI dinner. This happened after we made effort to schedule around their practice time.

VII. Approve Treasurer's July 2018 Report- Jeff Young - Eric Nelson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Sarah Casey seconded, motion passed.

- a. Jeff is making a change in that he will be sharing the check registry with the president each month.
- b. Our net income is a bit off of last year at this time, possibly due to Bantam B tournament reimbursement.

- c. Matt McGovern has accepted the nomination for treasurer. Jeff will work with him in the upcoming months.

VIII. **President's report-** Cory Reinertson-

- a. Cory is looking for each committee to come up with a 3-5 year plan, with the overall goal of increasing our numbers in our Mite/8U program. Retention is the highest in this group.
- b. Concessions - See committee report.
- c. Cory asked what we are doing with the survey information that we collect. Mike Donaghue stated that the hockey committee uses it for athlete development. Discussion was held on if we are offering enough places for feedback. We do offer the open forum at board meetings, the complaint box, and the survey.
- d. The question was asked if parents are able to share pictures with the Daily Journal. The answer is yes, due to all parents signing off on their child's image being used in media and social media sources.

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

Mike Donaghue

- Patrick LeClair is not able to coach this season. Dave Thacker is willing to help with the Bantams. Jeff Young made a motion to accept Dave Thacker as a coach for the Bantams, Darren Krein seconded, motion passed.
- The Otter Gopher parent coaches are coming in.
- We are looking for one more coach at the Pee Wee and Squirt levels.
- Still looking for evaluators to help with tryouts.
- The parent try out letter will be shared via email from Curt PProffit.
- There were a few additions to the 10K puck challenge.
- The boys coaches meeting is this coming Sunday.

Scott DeBrito

- There are 2 coaches at the 8U, 5 at 10U, and 3 at 12U levels.
- The girls coaches team meeting was last Monday.
- Tim Lill and Todd Hershner will lead the evaluations for the 10U teams.

X. **New Business** -

- a. Ryan Welle has extra pucks from Applebees to possibly use for the 10K puck challenge. .

XI. **Old Business**

- a. Handbook - Cyndi Young has completed this with the need for us to look over one detail for approval. Page 19 Scott DeBrito made a motion to complete the wording as; "Coaches are required to sign an agreement that they have read the association rules and regulations and will abide by them," Mike Donaghue seconded, motion passed.

XIV. **Next Board Meeting November 7th, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Community Ice Arena**

XV. **Adjourn-** 8:58 meeting was adjourned.

Email vote October 7, 2018

Niki Welde asked for funds to match the Girlz Rock program in the amount of \$500 to be used for the Boyz Roll program. It will be used for medals, jerseys and promotions.

Eric Nelson made a motion to accept this proposal, Jeff Young seconded:

Yes Votes:

Eric Nelson, Curt Proffit, Ryan Welle, Scott Samuelson, Nikki Richter, Mike Donaghue, Tim Lill, Rebecca Cederberg, Sarah Casey, Scott DeBrito, Darren Krein.

Motion passed.

Email vote October 23, 2018

I am looking for approval for a coach and also an addition to Drew Luhnig's responsibilities.

I'm creating a motion for Clinton Mannie as a squirt coach and adding Drew Luhnig as a PW coach.

Drew will be a PW coach AND also continue to work with goalies during the week.

Clinton is new to the association and has a son at the Squirt Level. I have had the opportunity to visit with him at the rink and he has been very impressed with how welcoming we have been so far. Thanks to those that have gone out of their way to welcome them! Keep up the great work!

Tim Lill seconded

Yes Votes:

Tim Lill, Scott DeBrito, Nikki Richter, Jeff Young, Darren Krein, Mike Donaghue, Scott Samuelson, Ryan Welle, Sarah Casey, Curt Proffit, Niki Welde.

Motion Passed.