

North Stars Youth Hockey Association
BOD Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2024
6:30 pm – Park River

- I. Call to Order @ 6:35 pm by John Suda**
- II. Roll Call**
 - A. Present – Jenn Thompson, Teri Thompson, Kylen Kostrzewski, Christian Larson, Jason Meyer, Vanessa Flanagan, John Suda, Jay Thompson
 - B. Absent – Jesse Irvine, Mikey Olson
- III. Approval of Previous Minutes – July Meeting**
 - A. Motion to approve previous minutes by K. Kostrzewski, 2nd by J. Meyer
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
 - A. Motion to approve agenda by T. Thompson, 2nd by K. Kostzrewski
- V. Treasurer’s Report**
 - A. Jenn Thompson noted that we received expected funds from the Blue Line Club this month. Motion to approve treasurer’s report by C. Larson, 2nd by Jay Thompson
- VI. Old Business**
 - A. Golf Tournament
Teri Thompson reported that the golf tournament went well and we will plan to do it again next year – she will call Grafton to book a date. There were eight teams this year and Jenn will report on the funds raised next month.
 - B. Peewee Team
K. Kostrzewski reported that registration is still underway and numbers are far from finalized yet, so there is not much update. Kylen is confident that the coaches will handle the situation well whether there is only one team or if there needs to be two.
 - C. Coaching Update
K. Kostrzewski has good numbers of interested coaches and just needs to see the final registration numbers before deciding where to place them.
- VII. New Business**
 - A. Release of Cooper Hanson
There was some question as to whether Cooper Hanson needed a formal release to play in Thief River Falls this season – Jay Thompson will talk to Dean Thompson about their residency and future plans.
 - B. Andy Gire Memorial
Jenn Thompson has received a few checks in memory of Andy Gire and the Board discussed how to proceed. Blue Line Club has volunteered to cover the kids’ registration costs this coming season. Jay Thompson motioned to have NSYH cover their registration costs through all their coming years in the program. C. Larson seconded, and the Board all voted in favor of this motion. The

checks received already will be earmarked for this purpose.

C. Fall Camp Coaching

Due to personal reasons Joey Demers will be unable to coach the annual fall camp held in October and requested that the Board find coaches to manage it this year.

K. Kostzrewski and Jay Thompson knew of a few people who may be interested in helping. J. Suda said he would talk to Bill Dahl about the future of the camp.

D. Kylen's Board Position

Per NSYH Bylaws, K. Kostrzewski must resign from the board because he will not have a child playing this season. Scott Kraft was mentioned by many on the Board as he had the second most votes. No formal motion or nomination was made yet and this will be readdressed at the next meeting.

E. Jesse's Resignation

On August 14, 2024, Jesse Irvine submitted a formal letter of resignation to the Board. Teri Thompson motioned to accept the resignation and K. Kostrzewski seconded. The Board discussed at length all the areas that need to be covered by the position, including:

- Scheduling
- Social media
- Parent relationships
- Team manager communications
- Dibs
- Contacting referees
- Attending state meetings
- Hockey talent/player management

Jesse noted in his letter that he has kept up with scheduling for the upcoming season. K. Kostzrewski volunteered to meet with Jesse to further discuss the position, as he can no longer serve as a Board member. J. Meyer motioned to make Kylen the interim Director, Teri Thompson, seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve. Teri will open up the Dibs so they are ready to go for the corn maze and fair. She can also update social media as needed.

UPDATE: On August 26, the Board voted unanimously via virtual group chat to make Kylen the new Director of NSYH, and to replace him on the Board with Scott Kraft for the remainder of his term. Details will be finalized at the next meeting.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

- A. A motion to adjourn the meeting a J. Thompson and seconded by C. Larson.

Next Meeting - September 4th, 6pm at CC in Grafton