

New Prague Hockey Association
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Location: NP Fire Department Meeting Room
Wednesday, August 14th, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

NPHA Board

President	Tony Robles	Present
Vice President	Jason Olson	Present
Secretary	Kristi Nelson	Present
Treasurer	Ben Jones	Present
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	Present
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	Present
HDC Coordinator	Joe Birkholz	Present
Ice Time Coordinator	Tyler Kienow	Absent
Mite/8U Coordinator	Anthony Anderson	Absent
NPACC Manager	Justin Hauge	Absent
Outdoor Ice Coordinator	Jeremy Denzer	Absent
Recruitment & Retention Coord	VACANT	
Registrar	Miranda Vertnik	Present
Safe Sport Coordinator	Chelsea Casey	Absent
Sponsorship Coordinator	Timothy Bessette	Absent
Tournament Coordinator	VACANT	
Volunteer Coordinator	Aimee Bombardo	Absent
Website/Technology Coordinator	Dallas Akre	Absent

Others present: Matt Carnes

2. REPORTS

1. **Secretary’s Report (Kristi Nelson):** Kristi shared the meeting minutes for July 2024 with the Board prior to this meeting and there were no suggested revisions or changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Dan to approve the July 2024 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Brandy. Motion carried 8-0 (with one Board members absent). Kristi will post the July 2024 Meeting Minutes to the NPHA website.
2. **Treasurer’s Report (Ben Jones):** Ben shared the monthly financials with the Board prior to the meeting. Ben said there isn’t anything too major to report and he feels the financials are looking good overall. Dan asked if there is any worry about preseason financials. Wondering about incomplete dibs, all are paid up. One family that hasn’t paid at all has not been allowed to come back into the

association. Brandy made a motion to approve the June 2024 Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Mike. Motion carried 8-0 (with one Board members absent).

3. **Gambling Report (Nate Borwege/Jason Schlekewy):** Nate provided the June and July 2024 Gambling Reports prior to the meeting. Jason reported that the profit for June was \$1,531.51. Reached out to Rusty Spoke to get the gambling license. They communicated to Jason that it would be by Sept. 1st. Roughly \$5,000 for the start up there. This is not money lost, it will just be sitting there. Required to spend 30% we are at 46%, which is good. Storage unit is paid for the whole year, would like to do that again. Any changes for raffle calendars? No. Hoping to bring in \$5k or more a month off of gambling. Mike made a motion to approve the June and July 2024 Gambling Reports as well as the Pre-Approvals for Allowable Expenses and Lawful Purpose Expenditures, which was seconded by Jason. Motion carried 8-0 (with one Board members absent).

3. OLD BUSINESS

Open Coordinator Positions Recruitment & Retention – put this into emails. Blast it to the association. Brandy is still doing this. *add In that they will have help, not doing this alone.

Scrimmage Coordinator Meeting Planning – add it into manager stuff. Brandy will train. Take off for next meeting.

4. COORDINATOR UPDATES

1. President

- i. **NPACC Manager (Justin Hauge):** Nothing from Justin.
- ii. **Gambling Coordinator (Nate Borwege/Jason Schlekewy):** Jason asked who runs the email or Facebook page – Brandy is covering for Amanda and Kristi can help as well. We will need to make an announcement on behalf of Rusty Spoke at some point once everything is final there.
- iii. **Safe Sport Coordinator (Chelsea Casey):** Nothing from Chelsea

2. Vice President

- i. **HDC Coordinator (Joe Birkholz):** Looking into ice with River Valley in Faribault as well. Our secondary sheet of ice is MN River if something ever happens. Met on 28th and 11th. Toro is donating 2 intermediate nets for mites. Mites are not doing full ice until Jan 1. Goalie update, 3 or 4 sets to get for peewees, bantams, and squirts. Tryout process: lots of feedback from on ice leads. Day one will be 75 min sessions instead of 45, reducing the number of players on the ice for more looks. Will adjust times with how the tryouts go. Continuing the squirt ADM model. All coaches meeting on Sept. 15th at the high school and will be led by Drazan. Development dollars – recommended do not sign a contract for Training Haus – recommend individual teams to bring themselves there at some point during the year. HDC wasn't sure how parents would feel about driving all the different places for ice and dryland – Lakeville, Shakopee, Faribault etc. –There is still no plan for the money that is to be used for player development. Still a lot of conversation about 12u during the meetings.

Board members made a vote to allocate these dollars to only Training Haus in Shakopee. We believe that this will be a great asset to our program for all levels to participate in using this facility.

Mike made a motion for the funds for player development to be allocated for Training Haus only for all levels of play. Seconded by Kristi. Motion carried 8-0 (with 1 member absent).

- ii. **Girls HDC Coordinator (Matt Carnes)** – 2 applicants for the subcommittee. D6 meeting – moving forward there will be a girls meeting every month. Lots of opportunity. Lots of questions about waivers. D6 will not sign any open enrollment waivers. Up to association for discretionary waiver. D6 is changing the game draw to November with the intent that SQ/10u can change their level if need be. What we have going on with 12u

is not unique. Other teams are having the same issues. Minimal waivers. Common theme is miscommunication. Problem, resolution, response quickly is the goal.

- iii. **Mite/8U Coordinator (Anthony Anderson):** Anthony will be the Mite/8U Coordinator this season with support from Troy Pint, Colton Borwege, and Jon Bauer.
- iv. **Ice Time Coordinator (Tyler Kienow):** No updates – waiting on team declarations so that we can start building out schedules.

3. Treasurer

- i. **Concession Stand Coordinator (Sarah Robertson):** Met with Ashley, need to get banking switched over to Sarah. Have 4 out of 6 managers, need to find 2 more as their players have aged out. Wondering about opening concessions for kick off, but without taking revenue away from the food trucks that are coming in. Will discuss with Brandy further at a later date.
- ii. **Fundraising Coordinator (Kristina Dillon):** Packets will be passed out at all association meeting, at the end of the meeting. Is there a way to check off who had grabbed a packet or not. Have multiple tables set up to hand out packets. Item pick up is on November 10th and possibly 11th. Eliminating one of the garlands due to too much confusion. Potentially removing one of the pizza options as well. Looking into ideas to add another option, butter braids – salsa – car washes - etc?

4. Secretary

- i. **Registrar (Miranda Vertnik):** Miranda reported preseason development camp opened and 54 have signed up so far. Tryout only – need to register still. Coaches discount for assisting with preseason camp. Easier to credit at the end of the session instead of before. Will talk more about it during Mikes. Registration opened on the 26th. Currently 63 registered, open until the 1st, then their will be a \$50 late fee. Tryout deadline is Sept 29th. Registration hard closes on Dec 15th. Waivers into New Prague – 1, Waivers out of New Prague – 3 requests, so far. Sent to Tony to look over. 2 Bantam players so far that are going to try out for high school. Nov 11th – need to be removed from the roster, cannot be on the ice for the association – if cut they can be put back on roster. Make the team then they would stay off the bantam roster and would need a partial refund. This has been communicated with the families. One family so far using offline payments. Also will be used for hardship applications. Created a spreadsheet for ordering jerseys and shared with Kristi. Update projections sheet multiple times a day to keep everything updated. Rostering deadlines for each level were sent in an email. Dec 27th is absolute final day for roster changes. 30 coach applications so far. 4 non parent coach applicants. Hardship applications thru August 20th, as of today we have received 4 applications. Send an email for a reminder. 4 applications for team managers. Send USA hockey numbers to me from the board.
- ii. **Volunteer Coordinator (Aimee Bombardo):** Started adding hours for preseason camp. Let me know if we are in need of more hours posted for anything else.

5. Director of Operations

- i. **Equipment Coordinator (Kristi Nelson) :** Storage locker for gear. Need to inventory and make a plan for ordering gear for this year.
- ii. **Outdoor Ice Coordinator (Jeremy Denzer):** No updates. Outdoor ice would need to have the rental Zamboni from Olympia. Reach out to the city of Lonsdale for their outdoor ice. There are some updates that need to be made before we can use it.
- iii. **Tournament Coordinator (VACANT):** No updates.

6. Communications Director

- i. **Sponsorship Coordinator (Timothy Bessette):** Tim has some ideas, Tony will invite him to a meeting soon so he can share.
- ii. **Website & Technology Coordinator (Dallas Akre):** No updates.

7. Board Member at Large

- i. **Recruitment & Retention Coordinator (VACANT):** Parade on the 21st. Expecting to spend \$3,050. Sept 29th is kick off. 630 – 830 is open skate. 2 banners to hang. Working on getting swag for this. Need to reach out to Dozinki to get into the beer garden. Get yard signs for registration open. Connect with the girls and boys booster clubs.
- 8. **Past Board Member:**
 - i. **Clothing & Apparel Coordinator (Sarah Hartman):** Sarah Hartman will be taking this role back over. Looking to open and have clothing stores closed by October so that people can have their stuff before Christmas
- 9. **Manager Director:** N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **All Association Meeting – Sept 19th.** Fundraising packets will be passed out AFTER the meeting.
- b. **Season Kick Off Committee Planning**
- c. **Concession Stand Logistics**

1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

- 1. **Interim Manager Director (Brandy Rife):** No further updates. Send out a communication for team manager applications, girls subcommittee, and concession stand. Registration and preseason camp reminder.
- 2. **Director of Operations (Mike Westing):** No Updates
- 3. **Interim Board Member at Large (Matt Kaehler):** No Updates
- 4. **Communications Director (Amanda Will):** No updates.
- 5. **Interim Board Member at Large/Past Board Member (Daniel Sacco):** Has been looking into getting a second ice rink for the association. Talking to people and businesses around town. **2 – 5 year goal.**
- 6. **Treasurer (Ben Jones):** No further updates
- 7. **Secretary (Kristi Nelson):** No updates.
- 8. **Vice President (Jason Olson):** Ice usage, spoke with Shattuck about ice availability. \$225 an hour for this ice. Not so late ice time for the older teams. Need to schedule this quick, 30-40 hours a week. **Mike Made a motion to approve changing the budget to accommodate to reserve up to 60 hours of ice time at Shattuck St. Mary's Arena at \$225 an hour to accommodate additional ice time. Which was seconded by Jason. Motion carried 8-0 (with 1 board member absent)
Lakeville VP reached out about needing players for their teams. Bantams and Peewees for sure. Said we would get back to them once we know more player projections and registration.
- 9. **President (Tony Robles):**

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Tony. Motion carried 8-0 (with one Board members absent). Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristi Nelson, NPHA Secretary