

**New Prague Hockey Association**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
Meeting Location: NP Fire Department Meeting Room  
Wednesday, September 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	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
Girls HDC Coordinator	Matt Carnes	Present
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
Safe Sport Coordinator	Chelsea Casey	Absent
Sponsorship Coordinator	Timothy Bessette	Present
Tournament Coordinator	VACANT	
Volunteer Coordinator	Aimee Bombardo	Present
Website/Technology Coordinator	Dallas Akre	Absent

**Others present:** Matt Carnes, Sarah Helms, Ryan Drazan, Elsa Shorey, Ryan Duede

**2. REPORTS**

1. **Secretary’s Report (Kristi Nelson):** Kristi shared the meeting minutes for August 2024 with the Board prior to this meeting and there were no suggested revisions or changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Brandy to approve the August 2024 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Matt Kaehler. Motion carried 8-0 (with one Board members absent). Kristi will post the August 2024 Meeting Minutes to the NPHA website.
2. **Treasurer’s Report (Ben Jones):** 213,000 in bank accounts. Very on par with where we are at from last year. Jr. Gold will be a larger squad this year and will add 20-25K with that. Ben explained the differences and sort of how it works to the new faces in the meeting. Jason made a motion to approve

the August 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):** We are at 6k more than June. Monthly loss of 1,100 roughly, it is on par with the normal. 41k carryover from last month. Fiscal year started in July again for the gambling account. \$100 fee for gambling manager to be preapproved, and \$150 for each site (3) totaling \$900. \$1000 fee needed from outside of the gambling account. With the preliminary audit report from the past 3 years, we owe \$411.95. Reached out to Abby about the raffle calendars, has been working with Renae Crabb, Suel Printing will be printing the calendars again. Pulltabs started at Rusty Spoke Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. E-Tabs are also set up, and horse racing will be set up during football games. Kristi made a motion to approve the July 2024 Gambling Reports as well as the Pre-Approvals for Allowable Expenses and Lawful Purpose Expenditures, which was seconded by Tony. Motion carried 8-0 (with one Board members absent).

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

### 4. COORDINATOR UPDATES

#### 1. President

- i. **NPACC Manager (Justin Hauge):** Per Ryan D. : Would like the ATM to be out of the lobby by the start of the season. Need to clarify with Justin about where sponsorship money goes to. President will be reaching out to Timmy. Player benches – please look at the doors. Update on Zam – Owner of Olympia passed away which caused problems. Now should have it by the end of September, beginning of October. Dryland room nets are getting fixed and finished. When those are done 2 more are getting done after those are complete.
- ii. **Gambling Coordinator (Nate Borwege/Jason Schlekewy):** Form for Tony to sign later.
- iii. **Safe Sport Coordinator (Chelsea Casey):** Locker room monitors need to get going. Safesport learning needs to be completed.

#### 2. Vice President

- i. **HDC Coordinator (Joe Birkholz):** Met on Sunday. Welcomed in new HS Girls Coach. Anthony secured \$800 for the gear up grant. Goalies – equipment is ordered and needs to be picked up. Another hour added for goalies during tryout preview. Girls Sub Committee has 3 applicants. Recommend all 3 to be approved. Recommends the leave the application open to get to the 5 members that we would like. Ben made a motion, Brandy seconded. Motion carries 8-0 with 1 member absent. Working on making recommendations for teams this upcoming year. 10u – B1, 12u – B1. Bantam – A, B1, and C. Peewee – A, B2, C. Squirts – B1, B2, C. Tryouts – discussed for over an hour. Everything is set up and ready to go. Sept 22 coaches meeting at 7pm at the HS.
- ii. **Girls HDC Coordinator (Matt Carnes):** D6 Girls meeting last night. Thinking about using D6 money to have a goalie clinic to try to get more goalies. Too much pulling from other associations and expectations are not being met. Having kids commit at 8u? Advanced/Intermediate used for classifying 8u teams. After teams are formed you can scrimmage with another team in D6 or out to make sure they are at the right level.
- iii. **Mite/8U Coordinator (Anthony Anderson): Nothing New**
- iv. **Ice Time Coordinator (Tyler Kienow):** Ice scheduled at Shattuck. Reaching out to Tyler and Bryan about training haus

#### 3. Treasurer

- i. **Concession Stand Coordinator (Sarah Robertson):** Concession Stand managers list handed to all board members. Need to look at a certain member who was allowing other members into the stand to do their work. Working on getting keys back from 2 more

people. Met with Ashley and almost everything is transferred over to Sarah. Ashley wanted the person brought up to the board, needs to be discussed with the Board.

Tony made motion to approve the 6 concession stand managers for the 24-25 season. Ben seconded. Motion carried 7-1 with 1 member absent.

- ii. **Fundraising Coordinator (Kristina Dillon):** Packets will be distributed after the all association meeting. Looking for one person to help hand out to get dibs hours for this. 10/24 5-8, 10/26 9am-1pm – need volunteers for this. Product pick up is 11/11 from 5pm-8pm. – need volunteers for this as well. Wreath delivery is 11/10. Would like to reiterate that you need to be home to be distributing wreaths. Similar items to last year. Still looking at changing pizza vendors. Fundraising event at Geisenbru Brewing? \$2 of every pint would go to the association.

#### 4. Secretary

- i. **Registrar (Miranda Vertnik): Preseason camp** – 177 active players registered. Mites is low, waiting for this. 50 are doing partial camp. 6 players doing tryout preview. Waiting to roster Mites. **Registration** – 281 active – 1 player withdraw from mites. Expecting another 20+ from Jr Gold. Still early for mites. “wear jersey to school day” would be fun. Jr Trojans or try hockey for free. February is when the teams come in to read to the kids. Upper level players need to register for tryouts by the 29<sup>th</sup> to get into team genius. Bantams cannot participate in any association activity during HS tryouts, once they are cut they can come back to bantams. **Waivers** – a few have waived out. All waivers for “in” to New Prague are all signed and headed to D6. Miranda will let people know who needs waivers. **Coaching applications** – 69 applicants so far. 12 non parent coaches. **Manager applications** – 9 so far, do another blast, we are going to need a lot more. **Girls Subcommittee** – keep it open until we have 5 members. Still need USA Hockey numbers from some board members. Background screens and SafeSport needs to be done. Miranda let us know that they will be moving up north in July next year so she will no longer be Registrar after this hockey season. Find someone to shadow her now so that we can get this taken care of.
- ii. **Volunteer Coordinator (Aimee Bombardo):** Dibs is up and running. Locker room monitors needed. Fundraiser and Kick off volunteers will be posted soon. Concession Stand will be open for kick off, will post that. Sign up sheets for all association meeting. Concessions plan to open on weekends Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. Make sure dibs hours are clarified during the AAM.

#### 5. Director of Operations

- i. **Equipment Coordinator (Kristi Nelson) :** Climate controlled storage for mite/squirt gear. Waiting for Jr. Trojans to be done to get gear rental for this year.
- ii. **Outdoor Ice Coordinator (Marty Sticha):** Mach Lumber sent the invoice for repairs and it is way under our quote. Asked Nick about paint and is waiting for a response. Chris said we are 6 weeks out for Zamboni to get fixed, but can be used as is. Talk to Tory Zehnder about paint as well. New lock box for back of the shed. Warming house heater is setting the breaker off, will look into fixing it. This coming Saturday is more work on the rink. Will have 8 guys to help. Normally have 10 guys, need one more guy to help with this.
- iii. **Tournament Coordinator (VACANT):** Nothing new.

#### 6. Communications Director

- i. **Sponsorship Coordinator (Timothy Bessette):** Making a welcome box for sponsors to thank them for their sponsorship. Working on getting clear placements for the dasher boards and banners. Total goal is the fill the rink with sponsors. Meeting with the rink board.
- ii. **Website & Technology Coordinator (Dallas Akre):** Nothing new.

#### 7. Board Member at Large

- i. **Recruitment & Retention Coordinator (VACANT):. Parade** – on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Slot 39. Parade starts the same spot behind the Rusty Spoke. As many people as we can get to join. We are too late to work in the beer tent. If anything opens up they will let us know. **Kickoff** – 29<sup>th</sup>. Repeat of last year mostly. Looking for more ideas for giveaways to get better attendance. Email sent out and will resend closer to the date. Banners for C and 10u will be hung during this, 615 ish start for that.
- 8. Past Board Member:**
- i. **Clothing & Apparel Coordinator (Sarah Hartman):** Send out email saying that the link closes Sunday at midnight
- 9. Manager Director:** Need to send out emails for managers

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **All Association Meeting** – Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Fundraising packets will be passed out AFTER the meeting. Who is talking? Add a manager slide.
- b. **MN River Co-op Talks** – Have had 2 or 3 meetings with them. Stopped conversations until they had a chance to talk to their board about doing this. Last conversation was about a girls co-op, or should it be an association wide co-op. We need to determine if we want to do a feasibility study with members of the board and HDC.  
 \*\*Mike made a motion for The board, HDC and appointed group to look into the future of the 8u, 10u, 12u girls program for the 25-26 season. Ben seconded. Motion carried 8-0 with 1 member absent. Put onto October meeting – **identify board members and hdc members for this committee.**

## 1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

- 1. **Interim Manager Director (Brandy Rife):** N/A
- 2. **Director of Operations (Mike Westing):** Stipends for non parent coaches – Board needs to indicate a pay date. What does that look like? 11/1, 12/15, 2/1.
- 3. **Interim Board Member at Large (Matt Kaehler):** N/A
- 4. **Communications Director (Amanda Will):** Absent
- 5. **Interim Board Member at Large/Past Board Member (Daniel Sacco):** N/A
- 6. **Treasurer (Ben Jones):** N/A
- 7. **Secretary (Kristi Nelson):** N/A
- 8. **Vice President (Jason Olson):** D6 has funds available for Jr. Trojans. Who would go and fill that out? For try hockey for free. Kristi will fill this out and submit. Talk about a cross metro non district tournament at the end of the season. Bill Leiske is the New Prague D6 President, needs to start going to meetings to learn the role.

**Tony** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mike. Motion carried 7-1 (with one Board members absent). Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristi Nelson, NPHA Secretary