

North Stars Hockey Board Meeting

February 5, 2019

Present: Mark, Nick , Andy , Denise , Jesse, Ben, Andy, Alissa, Jenn, and Sally

Absent: Dale, Amber, Travis, Duane, Jerry

Approval of Previous Minutes: No minutes to approve

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Josh to approve agenda. Sally 2nds. Motion carries.

Treasurers report:

Park River First United: \$16,973.19

Grafton First United: \$101,251.83

Grafton US Bank: \$29,491.61

Motion made by Andy Gire to approve Treasurers report. Nick Z. 2nds.

Old Business:

- A. -BOD Background checks/volunteer registration/safesport training: **Done**
- B. Merger process update:
 - a. checking account: **US bank account in grafton still open as a few checks need to clear. First United Park River account will be closed with a motion by Andy G, 2nd by Ben S.**
- C. Mega Raffle- **Tickets went out last week. Jesse will be collection point for PR.**
- D. Dibs BOD- **Confirmed that board members do not have to participate in DIBS**
- E. Jerseys- **Mark will get the ball rolling for an online store/fall order for parent/fan jerseys**
- F. Board Future-**Consensus was to keep current board together through April 2020. Mark and Sally will put together a transition plan for the board to approve at a later date. Ideas discussed were 3 from PR 3 from Grafton, and 3 at large board positions.**
- G. Goalie Room-**Ben has spoken to Todd arena manager at the CC about fixing lights in goalie room. The problem is the room is in a space owned by the school. Ben will look into fixing and adding a new ladder for safety reasons.**

New Business:

- A. Bantam Issues- **Andy Allen gave an update on the bantam team. Issues began boiling over 2 weeks ago in Moorhead. A meeting with assistant coach Greg Elde and Andy Allen took place which discussed a lack of control over the team. A meeting with Brian took place last Thursday and he admitted that he needed to do better with the team. Greg Elde took a leave of absence last weekend and sent a letter of resignation to the team and board on 2/5/19. A motion was made by Nick Z and a 2nd by Ben Suda to accept the letter. Discussion then turned to how to fill the void of assistant coach. There are very few people within the program that have certification to be a bantam coach. Jesse was going to speak with the state about how to proceed with a replacement. The consensus in the room was to bring in Andy Allen to finish the season if possible.**
- B. Jay Thompson Mite coach request- **Jay Thompson asked if it would be possible to defer his pay toward goalie equipment for the program. Discussion took place over the best way to get the funds to the program without causing tax issues for Jay. The issue was tabled until Mark and Jesse and visit with Jay about the best way to achieve his goal.**
- C. Jess Tanke Fundraising and silent auction- **Jess Tanke gave an update on fundraising for the mega raffle and other fundraising ideas. Most of the discussion revolved around a fundraising idea of dueling pianos to take place on April 12th at Lucious Boutique in Grafton and during**

Summerfest in Grafton a location TBD. There would be a \$4500 up front cost for booking (1/2 of the cost) and ticket prices would be around \$40/ticket. There was a motion by Josh B and a 2nd by Ben S to allow Jess to move forward with the fundraising idea.

D. Chevy Youth Hockey Test Drive- Please get out to test drive a vehicle at Hansons to earn money back for the program.

E. Board Members not attending games of their own kids. Ben wants to see more board member representation at youth games to make sure we have a grasp of the issues occurring at other levels of the program.

F- Competition Committee-Jesse asked for a committee of coaches be formed to meet at the end of the season and assess where players are at skill wise to help in the decision making process for which level of play we plan to declare before next season (ex. A, B or B1). There was also discussion on moving up players at older levels to ensure that we are putting the best teams together that we possibly can. There was discussion on in house and traveling teams as well as making sure that kids are playing at the appropriate level regardless of age. There was a motion by Josh and a 2nd by Andy Gire to have the coaches from each level rank their players before the end of the season so that the committee would have something to work off of.

G. Treasurer Paid Position- Mark brought up making the treasurer's position a paid position due to the amount of time it takes to do the job. Discussion turned to looking into having either Rygg or Cawley's accounting offices do the books for the program instead. Both places will be asked to bid the project.

H. Explanation of Money-

A. Who pays for nets, boards, plexi @CC-Parks and Recs & Blueline

B. If the plant fails-Parks and Recs & Blueline

C. What is included in ice rental-ice time fees & janitorial

D. With extra money should it be in money market?- Look into for offseason

I. 50/50 proceeds- Ben wants to see money raised from the 50/50 be used to send goalies to camps. Discussion revolved around what is best for the goalies ex. Camps, instructors, equipment? A motion was made by Ben to use the 50/50 money for the goalie program with a 2nd by Josh B.

J. Northern Lights Tourney-Jesse gave an update on the Northern Lights Tourney. He said he would be the tournament director but was looking to form a committee to help manage the tournament. It was discussed to start with team managers for the squirts and work up from there to form the committee.

K. Weather policy-whether or not to cancel practice due to weather will remain the coach's decision.

L. Parent coaches policy-It was brought up that the board's stance is to prefer a non-parent coach especially at the older levels such as peewees and bantams but we understand the need for parent coaches. Coach pay was also brought up and the need to recruit more coaches.

M. Jim Kalbrenar award-It was discussed on how to proceed with the newly formed merger on awards. Coach Bork with proceed as he has in years passed with selecting an individual for the award.

N. Banquets- Discussion on if there should be a banquet for the program or certain levels of the program. The issue was tabled due to lack of a motion.

Motion to Adjourn made by Andy Allen. Nick Z 2nds. Motion carries.

