North Stars Youth Hockey Association
BOD Meeting Minutes
November 16th, 2022
7:30pm-Grafton

I. Call to Order @ 7:32 pm by Scott Kraft

II. Roll Call

A. Present -Scott Kraft, Kristi Olson, John Suda, Jesse Irvine, Richie Sherlock, Jason Meyer, Matt Peschong, Jay Thompson

B. Absent -Jennifer Thompson, Dean Thompson

C. Guests- Kylen Kostrzewski

III. Approval of Previous Minutes-August Meeting

A. Motion R. Sherlock, 2nd J. Suda- approved

IV. Approval of Agenda

A. Motion K. Olson, 2nd J. Meyer- approved

V. Guests

A. Volunteer Coaches Dibs

a. Kostrzewski shared with the board about volunteer coaches being required to complete DIBS. The time spent planning practices, running practices, and working during games and tournaments is an investment of time already. Sherlock wondered how to track volunteer coaches and their time. Kraft figured the head coach of each group would be able to vouch for attendance by volunteer coaches. Irvine shared coaches receive 6 DIBS hours for coaching Mites and Termite level, he will draft something up for Squirts on up.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion M. Peschong, 2nd Jay Thompson-approved

VII. Old Business

A. Bill from Prairie Centre Architecture

a. Kraft presented board members with a bill and then another with revisions from Prairie Centre Architecture. M. Peschong stated we cannot pay this bill. The board identified that this topic was discussed in the past but no motion to fund was made. J. Thompson mentioned concern of NSYH name being on the bill. Kraft stated we cannot have outside entities spending NSYH money. R. Sherlock asked about possible legal ties if the new rink committee is connected to NSYH. M. Peschong motioned to draft a joint email to Prairie Centre Architecture and Ryan Hanson stating that NSYH did not approve this work and bill, K. Olson 2nd. Motion approved. Kraft will send a joint email to Prairie Centre Architecture and Ryan Hanson.

B. Mega Raffle

a. Suda asked about live streaming the event and this will be attempted. The board discussed the livestream not being very good last year and we hope the new technology will support a successful stream. Kraft shared sponsorships are wrapping up. M. Peschong shared concerns from individuals when he made calls. The concerns were related to raise in costs in the program, specifically salaries. Peschong thought it would be helpful to send an email explaining the changes. He will draft an email.

C. Glantz Camp
    a. Kraft shared that Glantz liked his experience and would like to come back. Kraft mentioned waiting until after the 1st of the year or even end of season. After discussion, the board will talk to Parks and Rec about combining camps for 1 week and Glantz the week following.
D. Roof at CMA
    a. Water is coming in again, Peschong offered some ideas to keep it closed for the season, then do something more permanent following winter weather. Peschong will donate some heat tape which will help keep the snow off the roof.

VIII. New Business

E. Dibs Credit for Mega Raffle Sales-3 required by each member
    a. A parent approached Kraft about receiving more DIBS for selling more tickets. J. Thompson mentioned not giving credit for selling more tickets, J. Meyer 2nd. Motion approved.
F. Centennial Center-Kristi report from Parks and Rec Meeting
    a. Olson shared concern brought up at Grafton Park Board meeting about Zamboni doors not being closed in a timely manner as well as a NSYH goalie trying to warm up with a ball in the rink. Olson watched the video from the event at the rink leading to discussion. After discussion with Bill and Todd, the Gate Policy was shared with Olson which states no players or coaches can be on the ice until the Zamboni doors are closed. Dahl stated Zamboni drivers will close doors after scraping and shoveling then take care of needs in the Zamboni room. Olson shared while watching the video 2 players were on the ice while Zamboni was driving. The safety is a concern for NSYH and Grafton Parks and Rec. A space will be set up in the CC for balls to be used as Grafton P & R realizes the benefit to the players and program.
G. Kids playing at High School Intermission-Dec 2(West Fargo), Jan 12 (Devils Lake), January 24(Mayport), Feb 2 (Red Lake Falls)
    a. Kraft mentioned Mite & Termite are scheduled to play, Irvine mentioned to split the group and have two groups. J. Thompson will do this. Meyer mentioned when his son was younger, they participated in the Little Chippers and wondered if NSYH participated. Irvine will check on the possibility.
H. Squirt Game Schedule
    a. Meyer mentioned the concern of numbers of games on the schedule for Squirt Gold. Irvine shared he started with USA hockey and the number of games isn't always something we can control. Irvine has to make the schedule work with other teams' schedules. He believes the number will be around 30 by the end of the year which is similar to past years. Kraft mentioned that when the budget for tournaments is reached nothing more is able to be added. Peschong mentioned parents in the past have come together and paid for tournaments on open weekends. Meyer mentioned just looking at more ice time and J. Thompson thought it was a great idea with coaches being the refs. Irvine will look at scheduling more times.
I. Games between CC and CMA
    a. Irvine shared he is scheduling the majority of games in the Centennial Center. Now that we are one NSYH program all the proceeds come to our program. Kraft

shared that the majority of Sunday games are scheduled at CMA due to the lack of ice time available at CC.

J. Zamboni Driver CMA
    a. Irvine stated that a longtime Zamboni driver and maintenance person at CMA wants a raise. Irvine discussed being paid hourly and the driver would like to be salaried as he is there all hours of the day to fix, maintain and run the Zamboni/rink. Peschong mentioned having Johnson be the supervisor and training more drivers. Thompson mentioned Johnson is always at the rink doing something for the CMA and program. The board discussed we will not be able to run the CMA without the continued work of Johnson. Thompson motioned to pay a $3200/month salary pending figure skaters' approval, J. Suda 2nd. Motion approved. Irvine will communicate with Jodi tomorrow.

K. Parents Policy
    a. Peschong drafted a Parent Policy and presented it to the board. He covered as many behaviors as possible. In looking at other policies, the 3rd offense includes the player as well. If this should happen, we could release the player from our program to continue playing elsewhere. Peschong will amend the Parent Policy to add in a grievance.

L. Concessions Committee
    a. Suda brought the cost of ordering from Sam's vs Henry's and wondered if it would be good for concessions committees to streamline ordering. The board agreed it would be a beneficial conversation to have. Kraft shared the Square worked great over the fair.

M. Utilizing Ice Time
    a. It has been a consistent concern that ice time is not being utilized by the program. Could we schedule more time on the weekends and have Grafton P & R allow volunteer coaches/parents to run the Zamboni? Meyer mentioned if there is open time on the schedule Irvine could schedule it and the coaches/board will communicate as to what group is able to be on the ice. The board realizes how the program can benefit from open ice time and the ability for players to practice their skills. Irvine will fill in 2-hour blocks of time and needs to have 2 parents present in the rink area for this to work.

N. Try Hockey Free
    a. The event went well. More gear is needed along with bags. Thompson shared that more bags are in PR. Kraft wants to look at purchasing some adjustable skates. Peschong mentioned that people would donate old gear if it was asked of them. We will tie into the Mega Raffle board and/or ask to get more gear.

O. New Jerseys
    a. Irvine needs to order smaller termite jerseys to gear up the players. He will order 10 more jerseys. Next year he will need to order more mite jerseys.

Motion to Adjourn

a. Motion M. Peschong, 2nd J. Suda- approved @ 9:45 PM

Next Meeting - December 7th @ 7:30pm in PR at the Axe House