

January 11, 2016 meeting notes

The meeting was called to order by Jason Fetch and the meeting minutes from the December meeting were approved in the amended format.

Jason Fetch advised that Chris Gabel is the SafeSport Coordinator for the club, and this has been updated on the website. Jason also discussed the Spectator Conduct Rule and reminded us that the rule is now in force for NDAHA.

The Schaumberg expansion was also discussed. Jason Fetch advised that the fundraising is still short of the goal, but it is not clear how short it is at this time. He said that it is the plan of the fundraising committee to go to the next meeting for the Park Board with the funds that have been raised and ask for approval to move ahead with the project. It is hoped that with the bidding process savings will be realized that would absorb the funds that were not raised. The park board will not vote on the proposal until the February board meeting. It is still hoped that there can be ground breaking in 2016 and the facility in use for the 2016-2017 season.

The need for new board members in the April elections was discussed. There will be a need for a President Elect and a First Vice President, in addition to Member at Large positions.

Steve Butts gave an update on the Squirt Tournament. He said that it went well and there were comments that the tournament was well run from the other teams that attended the tournament. Ben said that he does not know the financials on the tourney yet, but he will get that to Grant.

Jason Fetch discussed that it appears that there are \$8000 in unpaid registrations. He suspects that this may be a reporting error from Ngin, but he will continue to investigate and seek answers. He also referenced the financials and said that the \$11,000 difference on the budget from the Registrations is related to the unaccounted for registration issue.

Jason Fetch said that there have been about 6 who have applied for the scheduling position. A hiring committee was created that consisted of Jason Fetch, Craig Nelson, Heather Davis and Sandy Stevahn. Jason Fetch said that he and Craig will be meeting with Parks and Rec to discuss other formats to schedule in the future.

The financials were also discussed. Grant was not at the meeting, but he provided the following update via email:

- \$15,000 check received from the Bobcats
- \$7,600 paid for the Sanford Dryland program
- \$28,500 for Ice Time (2nd payment to Parks & Rec)
- Majority of 1st ½ of payroll for coaches and staff have been processed. Will have another payment in January for those who were missed in December due to

not having a W4 from them.

- Referees have been paid for November and December along with the Peewee and Squirt tournament.
- Majority of the \$4,144.82 in Trophies/Awards relates to the pins purchased. Should recover these expenses when distributed to parents.
- 1st round of coaching reimbursements were paid along with several hotel stays.
- I did finally receive a bill from the Accountants but I haven't processed for payment yet. I will do this in January (\$1,250.00)

I did have a meeting with First International and it went well. They seem to be willing to work with us and plan to open a small business checking account. Looking for approval to open an account for \$1,000 for now and at the end of the season transition activity over.

Jason Fetch also advised that we need to keep in mind that the Gun Raffle income has not been realized, and some of our expenses have also not been realized.

Mike Johnson gave an update to the Gun Raffle committee. He said that the committee has been looking at implementing a requirement that tickets be picked up by a certain date, in addition to being turned in by a certain date. He said that they are also looking for a system by which they can reserve a book for each family and then open up books for others who want to sell more.

The board was advised that there have been changes to the coaching staff at the BB1 level. There was an incident by one of the coaches that was a violation of the code of conduct. During the investigation by BHB, the coach resigned. To give the coaching a different direction, the parent coach was also replaced. The new coaches for the team are Casey Aubol, Adam Hipp and Tyler Achtenberg.

It was also mentioned that Mario Lameroux and his sisters are interested in working with BHB skaters in the summer of 2016. Ben, Jason Fischer and Jason Fetch will meet with him to see if what he has to offer will benefit our membership.

Sandy Stevahn advised that the 6am schedule will be done on 2-12-16.

The DIBS program was also discussed. It was discussed whether this is a scheduler responsibility and suggested that this is maybe a team management responsibility.

The Tournament Committee is running well and there is nothing new to report from the NDAHA.

Heather Davis advised that on Feb 3 there is a fundraising event for the Schaumberg expansion at Theo art school. Ben advised that he is looking to get some NHL team items to auction during the silent auction for the Schaumberg expansion.

Mike Odegaard made a motion to conclude the meeting and Joel Roloff seconded the motion.

General Membership meeting notes

Jason Fetch began by introducing the board to the Membership.

Ben Keup gave an update from the Mites & Squirts Level. He said that Bill Curl is the coordinator for this level. He said that the Squirt A team is having a good season, and that they are headed to Duluth for a tourney this month. Ben also talked about the Squirt C tourney in Fargo and advised that we were unable to find a 4th tournament for the 4th tier II team to attend, but were not successful. To give all an opportunity to play at a tourney, it was decided that one team will be divided amount the other three teams for the purpose of the Fargo tournament only. The coaches at the Mite and Termite level was also discussed, and the difficulty finding coaches for these levels in consideration of the new requirements from USA hockey.

Jason Fischer reported on the PeeWee, Bantam and Girls levels. He said that we are trying different pairs and more teams on the ice during practice to increase the ice touches by our skaters at these levels. He also said that this give kids of all levels a chance to intermix regardless of their level of play and also for the coaches to prepare a more detailed practice plan. He also said that the 6am practices will be done on 2-12-16 for the season. He also reminded that there are opportunities for outside practices, should a coach choose not to have a 6am practice.

Craig Nelson reported on the Girls' program. He advised that there are 138 girls in the BHB program. We have teams in the 19u, 14u and 12u levels and the State Tourneys will be in Jamestown in March 2016.

Mike Odegaard reported on the Termite levels. He advised that Jeff Lovedahl is the on-ice coordinator for that level and they are doing well. He asked that parents continue to bring their skaters to practice. The season will end the first week (or so) in March and will conclude with a pizza party .

Sheldon Sime reported on the Mites. He said that there are 160 kids in the program and that some of the teams are playing Mandan and the 10u girls team. He said that he anticipates the season will end late Feb/early March and there will also be a pizza party for those levels to wrap up.

Melissa Long reported on the PeeWee levels. She noted that there have been more away games than home games, but we are working hard to get games for the teams and picked up additional tourneys as a result. She noted that the PWBW team took 2nd place in the Bismarck tournament and the PWB1 team is looking to getting into a tourney in Blaine MN.

Jen Moore raised a concern that her PWA team has had 21 practices lasting until 10pm and the Bantam A have only had 10. Sandy Stevahn said that this is not an accurate accounting. Jason Fischer said that he would look into the issue further.

Steve Churchill reported on the Bantam teams. He said that all teams are having good seasons and the BB team will be playing more games at home, while the BA and BB1 teams will be playing more games away for the remainder of the season.

Jason Fetch reported on the club's financials, and advised that the total liabilities and equities total \$412,335.16 and that the retained earnings of the club are \$330,000.

Jason Fetch also provided a Schaumburg update and advised that the fundraising committee will be asking for approval from the park board to begin the bidding process at the next meeting at the end of January. Jason Fetch said that BHB has committed \$500,000 to the building project.

Mike Johnson provided an update on the gun raffle. He reminded that the tickets need to be turned in by Feb 1. He said that the committee is looking into a way to save one book of tickets for each family and that this may result in the need for more tickets and a larger gun raffle.

Jason Fetch discussed the differences between SafeSport and Code of Conduct. He said that Code of Conduct relates to the day to day conduct of our membership. Jason also reported about the new rule from NDAHA regarding the spectator code of conduct. If a person is removed from a game by a referee, they have to miss the next 3 games, no questions asked.

Jason Fetch also reminded the membership of the open positions on the board in the next General Membership meeting in April 2016.

Jeff Ball asked that the board consider raising the pay of the coaches for the 19u level games to \$50 for a referee. The Bantam games pay \$55 for a referee and \$45 for a linesman.

Squirt Tier II scheduling issues were also discussed, specifically issues with the Minot Club, Jason said that he would look into those and discuss with the Minot president, if needed.

Baseline concussion testing was also explained by Steve Churchill and he anticipates that this will continue to be coordinated with BHB in the future. He advised that the cost was \$15 a player and should be repeated every 2 years unless there is an injury.

The President Term limit was also discussed and the origins were discussed, as were the need for limited term limits.