



**Thief River Falls Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Agenda
6-Mar-2017
6:00pm City Auditorium Basement**

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Review and Approve Agenda**
3. **Requests to Appear**
4. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**
5. **Treasure's Report/Finance Committee**
 - a) Approve Checks and Bills
 - b) Financial Report
 - c) 2017 Budget Update
6. **Game/Tournament Update**
 - a) CVB Application
7. **Administration**
 - a) Mega Raffle Committee – Brian and James
 - b) Summer Camp
 - c) Old Arena Update – Kaine
 - d) Annual Meeting Announcement
 - i. Get approval and send
 - ii. Verify bylaw posting requirements are met
 - e) Fargo Squirt Tournament Proposal (James' email from March 1)
 - f) HOC Nominations
8. **Open Items**
 - a) Letter to Dondelinger Foundation – Brian
 - b) Handbook – Brian and Kim
 - c) Tryout Process Review – LeeAnn (Review due in May)
 - d) Tournament Process Review – Jeremy (Review in May) – Updated
 - e) Schedule ADM Visit
 - f) SafeSport Program Review – Leif (Review in April) – Updated
 - g) Third Ice Sheet Committee – James (Review ASAP)
9. **Adjournment**

TRFAHA Calendar

3/3/17	Regional Tournaments
3/17/17	State Tournaments
4/17/17	Annual Meeting
4/29/17	Mega Raffle Dinner
5/5/17	Association Leader Conf (MSP)
TBD	Summer Camp
6/1/17	Set 2017-18 Budget
7/1/17	Place Equipment Order
7/1/17	Order Coupon Books

The TRFAHA Annual Meeting will be coming up in a little over a month. It will be April 17, 2017 at 7:00pm in the basement of the Auditorium.

At that time, we will also be doing elections for the term running July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. This will be the first election under the new bylaws so it will be for five board members at large. The five people elected to the board at this meeting and the five with terms ending June 30, 2018 will then elect officer positions from these ten individuals.

It also appears there will be a number of open seats to be filled. If you would like to run for a board position, please let us know at trfaha.concessions@gmail.com. We will get your name added to the ballot. If you are considering it, but have questions, feel free to reach out to a current board member. Any of us would be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you as always for being part of the TRFAHA family! Look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting.

TRFAHA Board of Directors

Fargo Squirt International Tournaments
The reason why TRFAHA should give the option to attend

The experience in itself is worth the cost. The kids get the chance to play teams they may never play again and the Olympics and the Pin Trading are in a league of their own.

In order to give the option to all TRFAHA Squirt/12U/10U teams to attend their level of the International I have outlined a TRFAHA-Parent cost sharing plan below.

Entry Fee = \$1100 paid by TRFAHA

Gate Fee = \$40 per rostered player paid by TRFAHA

Assuming a 14 player roster, \$560 gate fee plus the \$1100 entry fee = \$1660 for TRFAHA to attend.

Other away tournaments are in the \$700-\$900 that we send teams to.

So using the \$800 median fee from other away tournaments, the International is \$860 more approx.

So this is my motion/thought process. I heard other teams doing this as well.

TRFAHA asks the parents to pay \$75 for their player(s) to offset the cost of the International. There has to be at least 10 skaters and 1 goalie that have to agree to pay and play in order to send the team to the tournament. If not, the team does not attend. If some parents don't/can't pay, their kid stays back.

14 players at \$75 = \$1050 from Parents

This \$1050 would go towards the gate fee and the main TRFAHA pins (more about that later) and any extra towards the entry fee.

You may bring up the Coach's expenses. Well, TRFAHA can say that we pay for TRFAHA coaches for 2 night's hotel and 3 days' worth of meals. The Thursday night Olympic night hotel would be on the coach's dime since the coaches are not needed at that. So the 2 nights and 3 days for coaches is no more than other away tournaments that we send teams to.

Back to the Pins, TRFAHA should purchase TRFAHA generic pins that the TRFAHA teams trade with the teams they play. You could go with a TRFAHA logo pin for about a cost of \$1.75 each and you need to order at most 20 per team you play and you can play up to 6 teams = 120 pins needed. \$210 for the TRFAHA pins that TRFAHA would cover. These pins can be used for other things to. (Ex. When Canada teams come here for regular games and they bring TRFAHA teams a gift) Just needs the TRFAHA logo, hockey sticks and glitter and it would look very nice. I would volunteer to head this up if needed.

Then the team itself can design and purchase their own pins that they actually use for trading throughout the weekend. (ex. TRFAHA 2016-17 SQ A team did this)

Entry fee = \$1100

Gate fee = \$560

Pins = \$210

\$1870 total for TRFAHA plus coach's expense.

Minus the \$1050 that the parents pay for the kids towards the tournament.

\$820 for TRFAHA + coaches to give the option to the SQ A/B Teams & 12U/10U teams

There is no reason that TRFAHA can't give the option to the teams to attend this. I and many other parents would rather pay the \$75 for this instead of going to Detroit Lakes or Roseau or wherever for free and play the same teams we play during the season.

I know there is an application process and deadlines but we can set this standard in 2017-18 season in September to make this age level's parents aware of what we are thinking of doing. I'm not even sure we can get our B/12U/10U teams even in but we can try. But I want this motioned and voted on soon to get the wheels in motion for next year.

You may ask, "Well, all the past teams didn't have to pay". I answer back with, "well, we were making a lot more on gambling then too and need to watch our budget without taking away anything." This option I propose is the best of both worlds. The teams get to attend an amazing tournament and TRFAHA isn't on the hook for all of it. This way the parents have some skin in the game too since they had to pay a little more.

I talked to adults that attended this 20+ years ago, kids that attended 10+ years ago and they remember it like it was last week. They do not remember the plain tournaments they attended elsewhere but they remember this one.