

Fergus Falls Hockey Association

January 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present Regular Mtg.: Sarah Casey, Rebecca Cederberg, Scott DeBrito, Mike Donaghue, Darren Krein, Eric Nelson, Nikki Richter, Curt Proffit, Cory Reinertson, Scott Samuelson, Niki Welde, Jeff Young

Absent: Tim Lill, Mike Welde, Ryan Welle, Cyndi Young

Staff/Committee: Sarah Duffy, Jessica Karsnia, Pam Muxfeldt,

Other: Ben Wolden

- I. **Call Meeting to Order-** Cory Reinertson 6:32pm.
- II. **General membership open forum-** Ben Wolden - Brought concern over 8U not having as many jamborees and games scheduled as last year. Cory Reinertson shared that many of those games were outside of the Rules and Regulations. Scott DeBrito shared that Mike Welde is working on games, but that many of the teams we played in the past either don't have 8U this year or are outside of our allowed distance. Options are being looked at. The Alexandria and Breezy Point Jamborees are events that have been paid for by the association. The girls could consider adding Breezy Point to their schedule.
- III. **Approve January 2019 Agenda-** Jeff Young made a motion to accept the January agenda Curt Proffit seconded, motion passed.
- IV. **Approve December 2018 Meeting Minutes** - Jeff Young made a motion to approve the December minutes, Scott Samuelson seconded, motion passed.
- V. **Approve December 2018 Gambling Report-** Jess Karsnia - Jessica reported that the Ice Hole pull tabs are up and running on Lake Lida. She is still working with the Z103 bar and grill to start pull tabs there. Eric Nelson made a motion to accept the December 2018 Gambling Report, Darren Krein seconded, motion passed.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **City Update-** Pam Muxfeldt - With our first big snowstorm, some fans froze up, the city is working on a fix for this. It is recommended that the board look at new flooring for the shooting room. The board will pursue this at the end of this season. The flooring is in bad shape and is breaking up, the scrubber cannot be used on it anymore.
 - b. **Safe Sport Coordinator-** Nikki Richter- There have been some issues that have been handled. 3-5 year plan - Nikki would like to be involved in team meetings in the Fall. Her goal is to clean up poor behavior in the locker rooms.
 - c. **Discipline Committee-** Kevin Sonstebo - via email - There are currently 3 ongoing situations that are being worked on.
 - d. **Concessions-** Pam Muxfeldt - \$651 was paid in additional help. There have been 4 girls HS games, 7 boys HS games, 45 youth games, and a Bantam tournament. We lost one day of the HS holiday Tournament due to weather \$295 was paid for the yearly license for the concession stand.
 - e. **Promotions-** Sarah Casey -Sarah has been working on enrollment numbers on social media. 3-5 year plan - To see an increase of 5 kids per season. Also to continue to look for fresh tactics.
 - f. **Fundraising-** Darren Krein, Nikki Richter, Sarah Casey- The committee would like direction from the board on where to go. Discussion was held and it was decided that the committee would bring a fundraising recommendation to the board for approval. As long as gambling continues to have its current success, \$25,000 has been an acceptable goal for fundraising. They are currently looking to partner up with Wissota Racing for 50/50 tickets. 3-5 year plan - The committee would like to establish a consistent fundraiser.
 - g. **Equipment-** Ryan Welle - Discussion was held concerning using the reversible jerseys for jamborees. This is the intended purpose, so we need to make sure they are utilized for this.

- h. Sponsorship- Eric Nelson - 3-5 year plan - Eric would like to see both rinks filled with sponsors.
- i. Registration- Curt Proffit- There have been no new registrations. All have outstanding payments have been paid up.
- j. Arena Scheduling- Pam Muxfeldt- Some changes were made in moving the 12U from AM practices to PM. They were able to share ice with Pee Wees to make this happen.
- k. Game Scheduling- Mike Welde- via email - Mike is currently working on scheduling the 8U. Wahpeton, Breckenridge, Morris, DL and Wadena have no 8U, making it challenging for us to schedule games. They are currently scheduled for the Alexandria Jamboree. He is currently working with West Fargo and Crookston on some possible dates. There are numerous jamborees in the area that have girls on the participating roster. He is sure our team would be accepted. Roseau has contacted Mike numerous times to get our 10UA to their tournament on Feb 1-3. The price has been cut in half to entice us. This is an just option Mike is sharing so the director and coaches are aware of options. Moorhead 10UA is trying to court 2 more teams for their Feb 22-24 tournament.
- l. Tournaments- Darren Krein- Centennial has confirmed for our 8U jamboree. 3-5 year plan- Put focus into hosting 3 great home tournaments instead of many small.
- m. 2 and 2 Challenge- Niki Welde, Rebecca Cederberg- We are registered for the February 23 Try Hockey For Free. It will be 12:30-1:30. 3-5 year plan - To increase numbers from 5-11 kids to 20. We plan to do this by exploring more methods of reaching kids, and using ideas like "bring a buddy".
- n. Website- Curt Proffit- No Report
- o. Hockey Treadmill- Pam Muxfeldt - 6 kids are signed up for the Monday session.
- p. Summer Ice- Mike Donaghue, Laurissa Stigen, Niki Welde, Dave Stigen- No update.
- q. HMI Camp - 3-5 year plan - To continue to host this event. Cory shared a goal of 100 kids participating. He also wants to bring in more kids from other associations to help defer the cost.
- r. Girlz Rock and Boyz Roll- Rebecca Cederberg, Carrie Brimhall- 3-5 year plan - Work to continue the focus of bringing in families outside of hockey. We have a goal of having 50 participants each year.

VII. Approve Treasurer's December 2018 Report- Jeff Young - There is still a bit of sponsorship money coming in. Scott DeBrito made a motion to accept the report, Darren Krein seconded, motion passed.

VIII. President's report- Cory Reinertson-

- a. Bantam Update - There was a parent meeting held after our last special board meeting where frustrations were shared. AA games have been canceled, and more B games are being searched for.
- b. 3-5 year plan - Cory would like to see us focus on the Otter/Gopher and 8U ages of skaters. We need to look at increasing our numbers from the Kindergarten group.
- c. Cory plans to get Club Excellence up and running this year.
- d. We also need to work on retaining coaches. Let's look at possibly increasing pay.

IX. Hockey Directors Report- Mike Donaghue, Scott DeBrito

Mike Donaghue

3-5 year plan - We need to continue using best practices including ADM and dryland. We need to get our Otter/Gopher numbers up to 80. We need to get teams into the regional tournament, and older players on HP teams.

Scott DeBrito

3-5 year plan - Looking to consistently have 2 girls teams at each level. We need to have numbers increase to bring about the need for a 15U team. We need to encourage older players to take part in HP. We also need ice through the end of April to help meet these goals.

X. New Business

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Coaches Jackets. Nikki Richter and Sarah Casey are working with Cullens to put this together. Looking at having this in place for next year.

XIV. Next Board Meeting February 6th, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Community Ice Arena

XV. Adjourn- 8:09pm meeting was adjourned.

Emergency Board Meeting, Monday, January 14, 6:30pm - Community Ice Arena

Members Present: Sarah Casey, Rebecca Cederberg, Mike Donaghue, Eric Nelson, Nikki Richter, Cory Reinertson, Scott Samuelson, Mike Welde, Niki Welde, Jeff Young

Cory Reinertson called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

The City has shut the shooting room until an action plan is put in place by the FFHA. The following complaints were cited as reasons why the room was closed.

- Kids are shooting pucks at the camera and door in the back of the room.
- Kids are writing inappropriate words on the tarps using the pucks.
- Dryland equipment is being taken out and wrecked.
- Kids are bringing food and beverages into the room.
- The trap door that exposes the tunnels was compromised, with video evidence of players from another team entering it.
- The room is not being cleaned
- The flooring can no longer be scrubbed

The idea to put dryland equipment in totes to be kept in the City workers office was shared.

Cory Reinertson volunteered to talk to the school about installing a one way lock on the trap door on the floor.

The following action plan was drafted, to be shared with the city:

FFHA Hockey Training Room Action Plan January 15, 2019

The FFHA board met to create the following action plan to address issues tied to the Hockey Training Room. The following steps will be completed in order to again allow access to the room by association athletes:

1. Coaches will address the following with their teams:
 - There will be no food or beverages in the room, that includes candy.
 - Pucks will be shot in the direction of the tarps intended for shooting only. Never at the doors, or camera.
 - No writing on the tarps.

- No athletes allowed in the room who are not shooting. You must have a stick and the intention of training to be present. (This excludes dryland training times with coaches.)
- The door on the floor is NEVER to be opened for any reason.

Additionally, coaches will remind players about the complete set of rules posted in the room and warn about individual player consequences and possible association consequences if players fail to abide by the rules.

2. The association will email parents to address:
 - The player behavior noted above.
 - Expectations for parents on looking in and stopping all horse play.
 - Individual player consequences and possible association consequences if players fail to abide by the rules.
3. Board Members, Managers, Hockey Committee Members and Coaches, as leaders in the association, will be asked to stop by the room often when in the building to help be a presence.
4. Arena Workers will be asked to stop horse play if they see it just as they would if it is happening in other areas of the rink. Complaint forms will be filled out by city workers, when appropriate, the same as we ask our families to do, so that discipline can be addressed when necessary.
5. Cleaning of the room. Darren Krein, Nikki Richter and Niki Welde will take on the plan used last year for cleaning the room on Wednesday evenings.
6. The board is pursuing purchasing a new lock for the trap door and new flooring for next season.