

Fergus Falls Hockey Association

Date: April 11, 2022

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Eagles

Approved Annual 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present: Sarah Casey, Megan Stock, Matt McGovern, Curt Proffit, Justin Stock, Joshl Shol, Kelly Johnson, Sarah Shol, Bill Nelson, Mike Welde, Tim Lill, Pam Muxfeldt

Absent: Mike Donaghue

Staff/Committee: Jessica Karsnia, Scott Rachels, Nikki Kaasa

General: Megan Johnson, Andy Renner, Cory R, Issac Vatsnedal

- I. **Call Meeting to order:** 6:31 by Sarah Casey
- II. **Approve Annual Meeting 2023 Agenda:** Matt made a motion to approve the annual 2023 meeting agenda. Bill seconded. Motion passed.
- III. **Approve 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Amy made a motion to approve the 2022 annual meeting minutes with the correction of dates. Rebecca seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. **2022-2023 Gambling Report:** Matt presented report. Fiscal year is end of April. Kelly made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 gambling report. Sarah Shol seconded. Motion passed.
- V. **2022-2023 Treasurer's Report:** Matt presented report. Overall, the association is doing well. Charitable gambling is up this year compared to last year. Registration numbers for summer hockey and regular season continue to increase. Matt acknowledged the time and effort Sarah Shol has put into sponsorship/signage in the arena – thank you Sarah. In October 2022 the city purchased the chiller from the school which we anticipate may provide a better understanding of utility costs. Matt thanked the board and association for trusting him and allowing him to be treasurer the past years; this is Matt's last meeting. Thank you, Matt for all your hard work!
- VI. **Hockey Director Report:** Overall it was a good year. Teams did well, good group of coaches and minimal complaints. We will have ice year round which should provide further opportunities. More to come on summer camps and fall programs.
- VII. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **City Update - Scott Rachels:** Learning curve with operating chiller. Maintenance/operator position goes to Committee of the Whole next week and then City Council for recommendation. User agreement is a work in progress. Unknown how costs will fluctuate in the coming years. Now that we will have ice year-round, Pam's role will include selling ice in off season.
 - b. **Concessions - Pam Muxfeldt:** Pam presented report. Overall, good year. FFHA will receive check end of April. POS installed this year; will work on tabs becoming a part of that system. Board may need to consider increasing buyouts.

- c. **Scheduling – Arena (Pam Muxfeldt) Traveling (Mike Welde):** Arena scheduling went smooth. Most teams had somewhat of a consistent weekly practice schedule. Coaches were good to work with and responsive. Association traveling schedule: busy and presented some challenges with weather. Most teams got scheduled against towns they requested. Minimal issues with refs. Lofty said the increase in pay was an incentive for refs to want to be here.
- d. **Safe Sport – Kelly Johnson:** Had a few issues, most handled internally. One issue MN Hockey reported.
- e. **Equipment – Ben Wolden:** Quite a bit of equipment purchases; goalie gear. Need to decide on date for returning equipment. Still waiting on a few jerseys to be returned. We had an incident(s) involving a jersey getting stolen out of a vehicle. Per FFHA handbook, the player/parent remains responsible for covering the cost to replace.
- f. **Sponsorship – Sarah Shol:** Signage is full in the South rink. A lot of interest for signage in the North rink.
- g. **Promotions – Sarah Casey:** Social media, Facebook. Year over year 92% increase and over 120,000 views. Thank you, Nikki for the MN Wild Video for the Girls HS state tournament.
- h. **Fundraising – Sarah Shol:** Raffle continues to go well. Interested in Outstates inquiry for Hockey Day. Working with Cullen's for warmups/inventory to have on-hand.
- i. **Registration – Curt Proffit:** We have 247 registered skaters for this season. Currently have 124 registered for April open scrimmages. Summer registration is ready to go live. Increased numbers in beginner programs.
- j. **Girlz Rock and Boyz Roll – Rebecca Cederberg:** Great to have help from the HS Boys and Girls teams for the beginner events. Fun date for Try Hockey this year with the timing of the girls state hockey tournament.
- k. **Tournaments – Amy Wedl:** Five home tournaments including 8U this year (Squirt A, 10UB's, BB2, PW). Flow for the Falls was a great addition. Further discussion to be had regarding tournament fees.

- VIII. FFHA By-Laws:** The annual meeting is the only time By-Laws may be amended. Suggestions for amendment:
- a. Throughout the By-Laws MAHA is referenced; this will be changed to MN Hockey.
 - b. Article V Section 3 needs clarification.
 - c. Articles and Sections within the By-Laws will be thoroughly reviewed and discussed with legal advisor (when needed) prior to next years meeting for suggestions and revisions.
- IX. Thank you to Exiting Board Members:**
- a. **Sarah Casey, President**
 - b. **Matt McGovern, Treasurer**
 - c. **Rebecca Cederberg, Beginner Programs**
 - d. **Ben Wolden, Equipment Manager**
- X. Nominations for four Board positions.** Three 3-year terms and one 2-year term. Introductions for all running board members. Votes were taken and board terms were chosen by highest vote count. All nominees accepted their nomination and term after vote.
- a. **Andy Renner – Nominated by Bill Nelson – 3 year term**
 - b. **Megan Johnson – Nominated by Curt Proffit – 3 year term**
 - c. **Leah Graff – Nominated by Amy Wedll - Alternate**
 - d. **Rebecca Cederberg – Nominated by Kelly Johnson – 2 year term**
 - e. **Sarah Casey – Nominated by Megan Stock – 3 year term**
- XI. Presidents Remarks:** FFHA had another successful year! We will now have ice year-round which will present opportunities. Second year of summer hockey and great participation in the first April open scrimmages. Our numbers continue to increase and we had success with beginner programs.
- XII. Next Board Meeting:** May 3rd, 5:30 at the Eagles.
- XIII. Adjourn:** Matt made a motion to adjourn. Justin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:27.