North Stars Youth Hockey Association
BOD Meeting Minutes
January 15th, 2024
6:30 pm - Park River

I. **Call to Order @ 6:43 pm by John Suda**

II. **Roll Call**
   A. Present -Theresa Thompson, Kristi Olson, John Suda, Jason Meyer, Kylen Kostrzewski, Jay Thompson, Matt Peschong
   B. Absent -Jesse Irvine, Andy Gire, Jennifer Thompson
   C. Guests-

III. **Approval of Previous Minutes - December Meeting**
   A. Motion to approve previous minutes by Kylen, 2nd by Matt. Passed

IV. **Approval of Agenda**
   A. Motion to approve agenda by Matt, 2nd by Kylen. Passed

V. **Treasurer's Report**
   A. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Matt, 2nd by Jay. Passed

VI. **Old Business**
   A. Mega Raffle Wrap Up
      1. Dave had a few donors left to check on for the tickets to be complete. Board members are covering the final contacts.

VII. **New Business**
   A. Number games for all levels
      1. The board discussed that Mites don't need more games but more opportunities for in house games. Kylen mentioned wanting to take the USA Hockey suggested number and add about five games to the suggested total. It will be a conversation with the coaches if they want more games.
      2. In our program each team shoots for three tournaments with two scheduled by NSYH. The third tournament is paid for by the families, if they want to add it
      3. Next year communication of additional games on the schedule needs to be better so families know of additions without needing to check the schedule.
   B. Skating Treadmill
      1. Kylen shared that an individual approached him about purchasing a skating treadmill for the program. The board discussed logistics of adding this piece of equipment to the program. Kylen will find the cost and dig into how it could be managed, including continuous costs and a qualified person to run it.
   C. Termite Requests
      1. Coach Petersen requested dodge balls, another set of medium sized nets and pennies. Kylen will get a quote and send a request to PR Hockey Boosters.
   D. Bantam B's Parents

1. The board discussed the recent negative post by a Bantam B parent about our referees. It was discussed how hard it is to get referees as it is and a public comment like this is not good for our organization. Matt mentioned he has noticed an uptick in fan behavior and not just at his level. Kylen mentioned a sign at the Roseau Arena and will see if it's something we want to post at the CC and CMA. The board thought a good start would be to remind our families of our parent policy. We will ask Jesse to send out a reminder to all families.
2. Behavior of the Bantam B team was discussed. Coaches are noticing a few players might be leading to some of the behaviors. In order to manage the behaviors coaches may look to implement consequences. Teri made the motion to amend the handbook to add 'coaches reserve the right to manage their teams as needed to the best of their knowledge to encourage good sportsmanship and competition during game play and practice opportunities. This includes and is not limited to removal from practices, games, facilities, and season play. The player will forfeit registration if issues listed above result in removal from the team.' Kristi 2nd, Approved.

E. End of the season survey
1. Kristi had brought up the idea of an end of season survey for families in the program. She will make one by next meeting and the board will discuss if it should be used to evaluate the season or not. The board did think it would be a good idea to get the coaches in for an end of season meeting to gain feedback.

F. Skate with the Spoilers
1. John shared Skate with the Spoilers flyers with the board. Blue Line Club is helping sponsor the event again. It will be held on February 1st this year.

G. Open Hockey
1. Teri and Kristi are looking at ice times on the schedule. These times will be put on the calendar for 'Open Hockey' The first weekend received great feedback from families. At this time, Teri and Kristi will write down who volunteers to monitor the Open Hockey times and share with the board. Volunteered shared that DIBS coming for their time monitoring would keep them coming back.
2. Teri made a motion to approve DIBS for open hockey monitors at the rate of 1 DIBs hour for 1 hour of monitoring, Kylen 2nd. Approved.

VIII. NSYH Executive Session

A. Upcoming season
1. *Please remember that all matters discussed in the executive session are confidential and not to be reported to or discussed with anyone not in attendance at the meeting.*

IX. Return to NSYH Board Meeting

X. Motion to Adjourn

A. Suda closed the meeting at 8:23

Next Meeting - February 19th in Grafton @ 6:30pm