

**Northfield Hockey Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2011  
6:30 p.m., V.F.W.**

Meeting was called to order by President Fischer at 6:36 p.m.

Members present: Jim Fischer, Amy Stowe, Kari Kobilka-Scheuer, Rob Olson, Dean Kruger,  
Christina Sinkler Miller, Dawn DeBus, Sarah Yantzer  
Members absent: Dave Buck, Terry Gruenhagen, Mike Puppe

**Approval of the February Minutes**

*Motion to approve the February 16, 2011 minutes was made by Dean Kruger and second by Rob Olson. Motion carried.*

**PR & Publication Position**

*Motion to have Kari Kobilka-Schuerer to fulfill Dan Hofrenning's vacant PR 7 Publication position was made by Amy Stowe and second by Rob Olson. Motion carried.*

**Guest, Dave Johnson**

Try - Outs for the last 5 years, coach in Northfield for the last 8 years. He would like to suggest a more stream-lined system that is user friendly that anyone can pick up if Dave is not able to work with the data.

Written spreadsheets submitted for the Board to review. Discussion followed regarding timing, skills tests, scrimmages, and what we want with try outs. Score sheets are not enough. We need to be proactive on setting up tryouts, establishing evaluators early...12 to 14 to cover all of the levels with try-outs. Stressed setting up a try-out policy, manual to be used year to year. Suggest five ice opportunities, 4 scrimmages outside of the association, and one skill, timing date.

Discussed looking into new software to replace the current software we have as it is cumbersome. We could use worksheets for the day and then data enter after. Closed doors...no parents allowed.

**Old Business:**

**Officer Reports**

**President, Jim Fischer**

**Machacek Award** - Jim to get the plaque. C.B. Nominated by Marietta Ruppe. Jim to present at the Golf Outing.

**Burggraf** - Discussed at Coaches meeting. Meeting went well. Coaches like the program. They want to keep it, use it, questions, tempo, it is working for the association. Need expectations for what each level should be able to complete by the end of the year. Skip Ruppe would like to work on a coach manual that will include that. Need to integrate into High School programs. Current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders know the program. Brent Bielenberg is willing to work with association. Boys program is not open to program at this point. Blue Line club runs the "captains practices"...look to integrate it into these programs.

Incorporating the fall clinic into the fees for registration. Make this part of the program. Start everyone off on the right step.

Promote to mite and younger players to show them our programming and how their player will progress.

**Coaches Meeting** - Morning practices for next year. Coaches established for next year. Sr. Mite Coaches will meet this week to review the year.

**Fees** - Raise calendar fees by \$5. Using this year's sales, we would be able to net \$5000.00.

Ice Chair - written report submitted with ice costs for the year and projections for next year to be considered when setting fees.

May need to bridge \$5000 to \$25000 for next year.

**Vice President, Dean Kruger**

Equipment turn in went well. All mite in with the exception of 3 families. Looking at having a deposit in addition to the \$25.00/ 30.00 user fee. Refundable if you turn in your equipment. Hold users accountable.

Jerseys are coming in. Things look good.

**Treasurer, Mike Puppe**

No report, absent.

**Secretary, Amy Stowe**

Annual Reports due. Email your report to me by Friday, March 18. Attachments in power point, word or excel to be compiled into one report. This will be posted on the web and printed for the annual meeting. Contact Northfield Golf Club for annual Meeting - April. Call Jill to reserve.

Jim Fischer will bring projector.

Youth Sports Collaborative - Survey...possibly have user fee. Sharon Vangsness - 25% of co-pay.

**Program Coordinator, Dawn DeBus**

Burggraf, Mites, Coaches discussed earlier. Do we need to offer girl mites? Do you think we have enough to support. Something to look into. Sign them up as mite and practice together.

Need a 3 on 3 coordinator...keep it going through the year. Monday night 3 on 3 night. Form for 3 on 3 reporting each week.

In-House program? Do we want to continue with this? With the free mite program we feel that we will not continue with this program.

Goalie Training...Brent Bielenberg and Steve DeBus to meet with Rob Olson to discuss next year.

**Registrar, Christina Sinkler-Miller**

Annual Report...District 9 reports submitted. Discussed registration for next year. Early bird registration with a 5% discount in August. Online registration only. Increase fees each week until the season starts. Go to team meetings in September. Turn in paperwork, waivers, move ups, concessions checks, birth certificates. Everything will be online. Publicize the \$40 fee for 8 and up.

**Coaches Coordinator, Dave Buck**

No report, absent.

**Ice Chair, Rob Olson**

Written report submitted with ice recap for the year.

**PR & Publication, Kari Kobilka-Scheuer**

No report, voted in to fulfill Dan Hofrenning's position.

**Fundraising, Terry Gruenhagen**

No report, absent. JJ Days Bingo - Northfield Fire Department. Stickers...Brent Keske, Steve Debus had a vendor from the Hockey Expo.

**Concessions, Sarah Yantzer**

Written report submitted. Profit of about \$9000.00 this year! Almost 1200 dib hours used this year. Recommends bumping our hours to 10 for 2011-2012 next year to keep 3 at HS & College games, 3 on 3, Mites, etc. Weekend coverage for "lunch rush". The expectation increase will offset the unclaimed hours in the end.

Vanessa Grave to help with all of DIBS accounting next year. Looking at establishing the list of those who have fulfilled hours. Went into DIBS to reconcile. Register for Dibs, use one name per family.

Vistar has proven to be unreliable. Shipping charges or \$900 this year for random orders that were not of a certain size.

*Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amy Stowe, second by Dean Kruger.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.*