

NAHA Board Meeting
September 29, 2009

Present: Ken Goslant, Bill Passalacqua, Angie Allen, Bill Morvan, Scott Amell, Cheryl Willette, Bill Nash, Donna Gerdes,

Call to Order – Vice President, Bill Morvan called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting Minutes – Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 9, 2009. Cheryl seconded. All present were in favor.

Donna presented ideas for promoting hockey that she found by visiting other associations' websites (Essex – Grow the Game article, Burlington – Open House & Registration Night).

Donna presented information about the \$2,500 Responsible Sports program presented by Liberty Mutual Insurance. Bill P. will include information about the program when he sends out registration materials to our membership.

Bill M. also suggested we pick up information about grants provided by McDonald's.

Donna made suggestions for items that could be added to our website to assist new hockey families (Parent's Corner, Swap Shop). Donna will ask Kerri how much time she is willing to devote to updating and maintaining the website.

Vice-President – Bill M. has been looking to find a vendor where we could purchase sweatshirts or jackets with the NAHA logo. Sue Staab was involved in organizing and ordering items several years ago. Donna will attempt to contact Sue to obtain the name of the vendor she used.

Action Item – Donna will contact Sue Staab for the name of the vendor.

Bill M. indicated there was nothing new to report on ice time. He stated we are confirmed for the Norwich clinics on October 12th and 13th. Bill P. has the times for the clinic and he will email the information to Donna and Kerri and request Kerri update the website.

Action Item – Bill P. will email information about Norwich clinics to Donna and Kerri.

Action Item – When Donna receives the Norwich clinic information from Bill P., she will place an ad in the Northfield News and send notice to Trans-Video. The ad will recognize and thank Norwich for running the clinic and will also provide information about the registration night scheduled for Thursday, October 8th.

Bill M. suggested we contact Norwich and try to work something out to allow our skaters to use the outdoor rink.

Action Item – Scott will contact the Student Activities Director at Norwich to discuss the outdoor rink.

T- Shirt Sale – Dates – November 14th and 15th
November 21st and 22nd

Action Item – Scott will contact Chris Evans to confirm the armory for the t-shirt sale

Raffle –

Action Item – Bill M. will contact Milne Travel about the prizes for the raffle (\$2,500 travel gift certificate, Red Sox tickets).

Action Item – Donna will send a letter to Adam Van Vught at Norwich to request Norwich season tickets as a prize for the raffle.

Registrar – Bill P. indicated he has been testing the Active Sports on-line registration system and it should be ready to go live in a couple of days. He will send a broadcast email message to all NAHA families. Bill has prepared a flyer to be sent home through area schools.

Action Item – Bill P. will edit and email the school flyer to Donna.

Action Item – Donna will contact the schools in Randolph, Brookfield, and Braintree to see if they are willing to distribute our flyers and find out how many they will need.

Action Item – Scott will contact the school in Williamstown about distributing our flyers.

Angie suggested, and everyone agreed, it would be a good idea to have laptops available at the rink on October 12th and 13th to assist families with the on-line registration.

Bill P. left the meeting after his presentation.

Coaching Coordinator – Bill N. reviewed the list of potential coaches for the upcoming season. A vote on the slate of coaches will take place at a future meeting.

Scott suggested we contact the coach of the Norwich's Women's Team to ask them for assistance with the LTS program.

Treasurer – Cheryl indicated there was no financial activity to report.

State Rep – Scott indicated he had nothing to report from the state meeting.

Scheduler – Angie indicated she and Bill M. attended the Scheduler's Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 in Burlington. A proposed schedule has been prepared.

Angie reported the teams have the following number of games scheduled:

Mites – 16 games

Squirts – 21 games (20 required for State Tournament)

Bantams – 22 games (20 required for State Tournament)

Girls – 19 games (15 required for State Tournament)

Bill M. indicated it is very important to make it clear to the coaches they are not to schedule games for their teams. Everything must go through the Scheduler.

Angie reported she has not scheduled games for the weekend of December 26-27. Games are scheduled for the weekend of January 2-3.

Angie indicated there should be limited travel for the Mites this season as they are scheduled to play games against teams from Barre, Montpelier, and Waterbury

Action Item – Angie will email the proposed schedule to all board members.

Angie and Bill M. worked to set the team assignments for the t-shirt sale. They are as follows:

Saturday, November 14th – Girls

Sunday, November 15th – Squirts & High School Boys

Saturday, November 21st – Mites

Sunday, November 22nd – Bantams & High School Girls

President – Kenny indicated it appears we do not have the volunteers necessary to maintain an outdoor rink. He was in favor of approaching Norwich about requesting use of their outdoor rink for the NAHA skaters and members of the community.

Kenny stated we need to make it very clear to coaches, players, and parents that no cell phones will be allowed in locker rooms this season because of the risk of taking photos.

Other Business – Scott asked if NAHA should consider running a snack bar during our games at Norwich. Everyone agreed we do not have the volunteers needed to do this.

Donna suggested we post to our website links to area rinks that offer public skating and “stick & puck”.

Upcoming Events – Thursday, 10/8/09 – Registration Night

Monday, 10/12/09 – Norwich Clinic

Tuesday, 10/13/09 – Norwich Clinic

Wednesday, 10/14/09 at 6:30 at the Gray Building

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Donna Gerdes, Secretary