MINNESOTA WILD BLIND HOCKEY

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19,2023 6:30pm

**Agenda and Minutes - Standing Items**

1. Roll call – **Brian**
2. Agenda approval - **Tara**
3. Secretary’s report – **Tara**
4. Newsletter - **Tara**
5. Treasurer’s report; Fund Balance- $44,872 (12/31/2022)
6. USA Disabled Hockey update – **Toni**
7. Fundraising report - **Steve** Not Present 1/19
8. Coaches’ report- **Brian/ Jason**
   1. Jason officially moving to Florida full time next week, passed Equipment off to Nick and Brian.
   2. Seem to be good on volunteers/coaches if everyone shows and is able to be on ice
9. Player and Captain’s report – **Brian/ Jason/ Nick**
   1. Mariucci was Awesome
   2. New Skater Emily was great! Hoping to see her more, but a very long drive- followed up with email about upcoming tournament
10. Registrar’s report- **Sandy**
    1. Still need background checks for Tara/Nina if going to be on ice
    2. Still need background check for Aaron Cooney- Sandy will call him
    3. Agreed upon that Volunteers must be 16 and go through SafeSport training, Manager and Volunteer should be free. Figuring out further from Sandy if Volunteers can in theory be on ice? Or do they need to then have coaching modules (cost)
       * Brian moved to approve/Nick Second
11. Equipment report- **Jason – Nick and Brian took extra stuff, Loneys donated new skates and set of younger players gear**
12. Website update- **Jason** (**Shane K**)
    1. Brian and Steve will collaborate but we have control of website back and can make updates as needed.
    2. See Toni’s email- should get bylaws uploaded and minutes of each meeting uploaded to website
13. Marketing/PR – **TK**
    1. Had about $2,500 in sales with $52 coming back to ECF. Very expensive to operate with little margin. Need to put orders on hold until Tim and Sandy get settled in MN and can revisit.
    2. Need to find banner and table for Hendy. Was this used for golf tourney?- check with Lonny

**Old Items**

1. Equipment storage locker
   1. Jason will investigate-
      1. Initial motion of up to $500 made Tim/Nick
      2. Likely will be more expensive but we want to store goals there also
2. Hendrickson Foundation
   1. Event committee
      1. HF Planning Meeting Monday 1/30 at 7pm via zoom- Nick will send out a link morning of meeting from [nhadfiel@916schools.org](mailto:nhadfiel@916schools.org)
      2. Loop in Mike S and Drew G from USA Blind Hockey
   2. Grant app
      1. Toni applied
   3. Annual report
      1. Toni and Brian working on/submitted
3. Blind apparel store
   1. See Marketing report above
4. USA Blind Hockey Classic – host in 2024?
   1. General Consensus was to host in October 2024 over MEA break…..wanted to see how HF goes in June and revisit logistics etc… will chat with Drew Garza.
5. Website and posting budget
   1. See above for website
   2. Will post budget as we work on uploading information to website.

**New Items**

1. Disabled Athlete of the Year DAOTY – due 4/4/23
   1. Will need to discuss for next couple of meetings <https://www.usahockey.com/daoy>
   2. Toni can help if needed for submitting
2. St. Louis D-fest
   1. Five skaters confirmed, might add one more
      1. Daniella, Jaxon, Brady, Ethan, Evie….Possibly Mike
   2. Reimbursements $600 total ($500 for hotel, $100 for registration)
      1. Toni will be sending invoice to Jones/Hadfields for Classic reimbursement- need to get done asap for DFest and to families so they can submit asap after tournament.
3. Xcel skate night 1/23-
   1. See sports engine app- Gate 1 at Xcel, meet at 5:45, unlimited spectators, one parent can be by glass per skater, ice time is 6:15-7:15pm. Nick will have a waiver for all persons on the ice at Gate 1.
4. Communicating through Sports Engine app (players and coaches) Nick H
   1. Seems receptive and used, nicely laid out, mostly accessible, able to rsvp for practices and events as needed. Easily updatable.
5. Blind hockey summer camp-
   1. Hockey is for Everybody at SCSU (Windy City Showdown)? $750 per player, working on getting all disciplines….more information to come
6. Matt Dumba Hockey Without Limits Camp
   1. Would go on with or without his possible trade, 2/20- Presidents Day (No School) 10-10:45 am at Roseville open- will be getting more information on if we want to participate but they have a timeslot reserved for us.
7. Night with the MN Wild
   1. Diversified Hockey Night 2/26/23- will get more information. Also Star Wars theme night.
8. HF mtg/HF Planning on 1/25 at 5pm
   1. Brian and Heather going
   2. Will have audio ability

**Recap of Detailed Next Steps and Adjourn**

1. Motion to adjourn Nick/Tim/All