NAHA Board Meeting Minutes – January 08, 2025

Board Members in Attendance:

Amy McWilliams, Eddy Conlon, Evan Semel, Forrest Merrill, Jared Ross, Paul Snell, Stephanie Jeffrey, Tony Guzzo

Board Members Absent:

Craig Bushey, Jeff Winchester, Matt Parker, Mike Brown, Tory Tollefson

Guests:

Martin K., Dita Dotson-Bowser

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes by Jared Ross, seconded by Eddy Conlon. Motion passed.

Financial Report:

December was a light month financially.
Motion to approve by Jared Ross, seconded by Eddy Conlon. Motion passed.

Visitor Comments:

Dita Dotson-Bowser:

- Project is 90% complete as of yesterday, with 100% expected in six weeks. No significant changes anticipated.
- Budget has a clear $38 million allocation, with minor adjustments possible if costs rise.
- Customizations under consideration: two primary locker rooms, restroom clocks, scoreboards at both ends of the arena, and a Jumbotron.
- If the budget reaches $41–42 million, adjustments may be necessary.
- Goal: Break ground in May 2025, with completion targeted for Fall 2026 (pending weather or construction delays).
- Aim to have the arena ready for the start of the 2026 season.
- Both ice sheets will remain operational during construction.
- A kickoff event is planned after bids are awarded, targeting early March.

League Reports:

- House League: Sold out with a successful mid-season tournament. Grants: Liz applied for multiple grants: DEI Grant for Level 5 Coaching Clinic, Goalies Grant, Learn to Play Grant, Girls Grant, Try Hockey for Free, and Safe Sport Grant. Try Hockey for Free and Learn to Skate (co-ed) is sold out. All girls LTP is at 20 skates and expected to sell out. Freedom Tournament: Scheduled in two weeks with 38 teams confirmed. The schedule is complete.
- Travel League: No report as Tory is on vacation. Updates will be provided next meeting.
- Senior Open League (SOL): Weather may impact the schedule, potentially extending into Super Bowl Sunday. Final decision to be made later this week.The SOL Committee will meet on the last Thursday of the month; details posted on the website.

Policies and Procedures Update:

- Tony presented a new player removal policy. Tony proposed conducting an online vote to expedite policy approvals.

Coaches Committee:

- No updates reported.

New Business:

Upcoming elections discussed. Board members were asked to confirm if they plan to run again. Amy M. will bring dates to the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Jared Ross, seconded by Evan Semel.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.