

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Approved Minutes
07-27-2008
The Rink 6-8:15 pm

Attendance – Board Members:

President – Jon Elvy
President Elect – Jason Harkins
Past President – Tom Fonfara
Treasurer – Vacant
Secretary – Michael Sanders

High School Rep – Mark Dammen
Bantam Rep – Geoff McCloskey
Pee Wee Rep – Michelle Welch
Squirt Rep – Tracy Butcher
Mite Rep – Jim Tuttle
Girls Rep – Jeff Sefzik – absent
In house Rep – David Carlson – absent
In house Rep – Chris Herwig

Executive Director – Steve Hanrahan

Others: Chris Gehrman, Yvonne Kanak, Colleen McCoshen, Kelly Chlebowsky, Scott Hendricks, Tina Nehmer, Jennifer Voge, Dave Batterman, Jason Mikula, Tom Lee, Troy J Giesege, Shad Kernen, Steve Lane, Shawn Lane, James Trent, Troy MacMiller, Colleen MacMiller, Sean Steen, Charise Dunn, Rachel Steen

After introductions, Elvy opened the meeting with a few expectations and ground rules. Board meetings will occur on the 4th Sunday of each month at 7pm at the rink. One week ahead of each meeting, Elvy will email board members a tentative agenda for review and additions. Any pertinent information will also be included. The agenda will then be posted on the web site 3-4 days prior to the meeting. Once public comments are completed, the board will begin to conduct business and engage with the audience when needed.

Yvonne Kanak declined her public comments waiting for Jason Harkins to talk about the new website.

Secretary, President Elect, Level Reps – nothing to report

President – Elvy discussed the activities of the Executive Directors Committee during the month of July. The Executive Directors Committee met with paid staff, designed a new web site, finalized the jersey committee and met with a few potential treasurers. The Executive Directors Committee will meet 1 or 2 times during the month of August.

Executive Director – Hanrahan reported the rink currently has a wireless network in the building which is not working properly. He will fix the problem in the next day or two and the rink will be functional as a wireless provider. Larry Clemens (youth and varsity goalie coach) has resigned and is now the rink manager for the new facility in Oregon. Hanrahan then handed out an energy report for the past 2 seasons. This showed even

though energy usage was approximately flat, energy costs increased about 10%. The Al Welling (deceased Dane County Official) Memorial Golf Outing is on August 16, 2008.

Old Business: The building committee is currently in recess awaiting the fundraising committee's efforts. The fundraising committee as reported by Fonfara is broken down into the following sub committees:

Membership – Jeff Thornton

Alumni – Rob Hodgson

Major contributions – Steve Hanrahan, Paul Swalve

Community – Yvonne Kanak

Chamber of Commerce – Tom Fonfara, Tim Powers, Tom Francios

Contract Sales – Steve Hanrahan, Chuck Wilson

Grants – vacant

Fonfara encouraged every board member to be an active member of a fundraising sub committee.

Because of Jeff Thornton's absence, Elvy presented the new jerseys to the board.

NEW BUSINESS PLAYER RELEASES: After a brief history on releases from Hanrahan, Harkins made a motion to grant releases for Owen Leatherberry and Michael Jensen which was seconded by Welch. Motion passed.

MITE C TEAM: Harkins expressed interest in the possibility of developing a Mite C team for the 2008-2009 season. After discussion on the pros (more experience, more development, more retention) and cons (teams to play, probably no state tourney) Harkins made a motion to have a Mite C team begin about ½ way through the hockey season with limited travel and 2 tournaments which was seconded by Tuttle. Motion passed.

WEBSITE: Harkins introduced the new web site. It is through a company called PuckSystems. The new site should be more user friendly than the old system. Rachel Steen and Kelly Chlebowski have volunteered to be webmasters. Start up date is set for August 1st. Parameters for content and accessibility are currently being set. Web site information needs to be sent to Rachel Steen. Access to the new web site is spyha.com.

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS: Treasurer position is currently open. The Bantam level rep is open with Geoff McCloskey resigning. Elvy made a motion to add a coaches' representative to the board, chosen by the coaches, with a 12 month term beginning in September seconded by Fonfara. Motion passed.

GOLF OUTING: The golf outing has been cancelled for 2008 due to the need to focus on fundraising efforts for the new facility. Elvy will e mail the membership a letter explaining details.

VOLUNTEERING: Sanders distributed a rough draft on volunteerism and asked board members to collect opinions from members during the next month. Volunteerism could

improve the bottom line as well as foster camaraderie. Volunteerism will be added to the next SPYHA Board meeting agenda as old business and review all Board inputs.

RINK SITE/SCHOOL SITE: Hanrahan briefly detailed a brief history including our agreement with Prairie Athletic Club and their option to purchase our current facility. The city of Sun Prairie has provided SPYHA with a 5 acre parcel of land next to the site of the new high school for 40 years at the cost of \$1.00/year. Parking lot spaces cost approximately \$1,000 each. If SPYHA was to combine parking lots with the new high school, nearly \$200,000 would be saved. Original grading costs for SPYHA site were estimated at \$135,000. If SPYHA agrees to begin grading now (while the equipment is next door), SPYHA would only be charged \$64,000. Frontier FS Cooperative has agreed to seed and maintain the site upon the completion of grading, reducing the grading costs to about \$50,000. The only reason SPYHA would not build on the site is if the city of Sun Prairie would not let us build a 1 sheet facility (if fundraising efforts fall short). A motion was made by Welsh to go forward with the grading at this time and commit to the \$50,000 investment. Second by Dammen. Motion approved.

TASK TIMELINE: Elvy will e mail the board the tentative calendar of events.

PLAYER RATES: Hanrahan has a spread sheet with fixed costs. The Executive Committee will meet prior to next SPYHA board meeting and make a recommendation to the board.

DUES REDUCTION OPTIONS: Harkins reviewed current dues reduction options which include, wreaths, food and raffle. Script is a program offering gift cards to many businesses. A percentage of each card can then be given back to the participating family to reduce dues. Harkins made a motion to add Script as a possibility for families to reduce their dues. Second by Butcher. Motion approved. Harkins will report back to next board meeting on implementation.

Next board meeting is August 24, 2008 7pm at rink.

Michael Sanders
SPYHA Secretary