

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Approved Minutes
09-28-2008
The Rink 7-9:10 pm

Attendance – Board Members:

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

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

Executive Director – Steve Hanrahan
Arena Manager – Chuck Wilson

Others: Brian Scheid, Tom Lee, Jeff Thornton, Steven McCrary, Kimberly Trent, Luanne Kostelic, Kelly Chlebowoski, Darryl Chlebowoski, Troy Giesege, Scott Hendricks, Tim Nehmer, Susan Elvy, Tom Siegel

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

REPORTS: Level Reps, Executive Director, Secretary, President Elect – nothing to report

Treasurer – Formisano presented a SPYHA Profit and Loss Statement for the month of September 2008.

President – Two athletes asked to be released to SPYHA for the upcoming hockey season. The first will be involved in our LTPH program and is from the Portage area. The second is a Bantam whose family will be relocating to the Sun Prairie area in late December. Because he will miss tryouts, he will skate on the Bantam B team. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Formisano to allow both athletes to skate for SPYHA providing all releases and paperwork are completed as needed. Motion passed.

The Executive Committee met twice in September, minutes from the first meeting are attached. The second meeting was with Hanrahan and Wilson to discuss job descriptions, responsibilities and goals. Hanrahan is to focus on programs, teams, off season opportunities, increasing and retaining membership as well as capital fundraising. Wilson is to focus on facilities and increasing ice sales without negatively affecting current customers. The Executive Committee also proposed some adjustments to the structure and responsibilities of the Executive Directors (see attached). After lengthy discussion of the proposal vs. the current bylaws, Fonfara requested Elvy “spell out” all committees and positions on the far right side of the sheet. After further discussion

around using the president elect as a facilitator between the Executive Committee and the facilities manager and not “the boss” of the facilities manager (same relationship between president and executive director), Carlson suggested tabling the proposal until the October meeting to allow the Executive Committee time to compare proposal with current bylaws.

Wilson asked for each level rep (squirt – bantam) to attend the Region 4 scheduling meeting with him on Sunday, October 19 at noon in Verona. This would enable SPYHA to possibly get some better road ice time and allow the day to be much less of a hassle for Wilson. Welch will find a substitute if she is unable to attend. Reps and Wilson will meet at rink at 10:45 am to carpool.

OLD BUSINESS, FACE OFF FESTIVAL RESULTS: Jeff Thornton thanked all volunteers who helped make the first annual Face Off Festival a success. Approximately 500-700 people attended the event. SPYHA was able to make a substantial donation to the food pantry. Approximately \$5,000 was profited from the event.

FUNDRAISING: Fonfara reported chairpersons for the 6 committees met on September 17, 2008 at the Cannery.

Grants – have not met

Alumni – currently have 500 names from alumni, thinking of having an alumni game, looking for volunteers to help call and organize alumni

Major Donors – looking for leads

Contract Sales – nothing to report

Community/Chamber of Commerce – looking for members

Membership – need to begin to figure out how to ask members for donations

The next fundraising meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2008 at the Cannery.

WEBSITE: Overall, the website is running smoothly. Webmasters have received many positive comments. Team reps (managers) or another volunteer from each team to update and maintain team information on the website.

VOLUNTEERING: Will roll into concession stand.

TRAVEL COACHES: Hanrahan passed out an updated list of head coaching prospects. Bantam B coach – Mike Keegan, PeeWee A coach – Brian Sullivan, SPHL lead coach – Shad Kernan. Motion to approve said coaches by Welch, seconded by Butcher. Motion passed. Coaches will pick an individual at the November 5th meeting to represent them on the SPYHA board.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be left open for the time. More LTPH athletes may sign up. Harkins will follow up with some unpaid accounts. There seems to be a problem with a few accounts which paid by credit card, but yet their credit card was not charged.

SCRIPT PROGRAM: The Simplified Script program is currently on the website and will be used as a dues reduction option for interested members.

CONCESSION PLAN: Elvy handed out a proposed Dues Reduction Program for the upcoming season allowing members to volunteer to work in the concession stand and receive a credit of \$5.00/hour worked towards dues reduction. Pucksystems can not currently credit accounts in this fashion. The Executive Committee needs to see if SPYHA can legally “pay” people for hours worked. The idea of issuing a “dues refund” check was mentioned. Each hour worked by a “volunteer” saves SPYHA \$3.00/hour. Motion to pass the Dues Reduction Program, provided the Executive Committee resolves the legalities of payment, refunding or crediting appropriate accounts, made by Butcher, seconded by Welch. Motion passes.

NEW ARENA BROCHURE: Troy Giesege will be creating the new arena brochure. With tryouts this upcoming week it will be hard. Hopes to get remaining information from Hanrahan and finish brochure in near future.

LEVEL REPS/TEAM MEETINGS: Level reps need to be at all team meetings for their level. October 26, 2008 is the Region 4 team managers meeting.

TEAM WEAR: Harkins brought in examples of team wear. The goal is to have all athletes and families ordering from one vendor in order to provide a unified look for SPYHA.

Fonfara asked why nothing discussing Region 4 monthly meeting was discussed, stating he has stepped down from representing SPYHA at the meetings. Elvy stated he would attend future meetings.

TASK TIMELINE: Executive Committee to research bylaws vs proposed structure.

Welch to find substitute for Region 4 scheduling meeting.

Harkins to follow up with non payment issues during registration.

Executive Committee to figure out legalities of payment, refund or credit for concession stand volunteers.

Troy Giesege and Hanrahan to finish fundraising brochure.

Level reps to attend team meetings.

Next board meeting is October 26, 2008 7pm at rink.

Michael Sanders
SPYHA Secretary