

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Approved Minutes
10-30-2008
The PAC 8-11:15 pm

Attendance – Board Members:

President – Jon Elvy
President Elect – Jason Harkins
Past President – Vacant
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

Arena Manager – Chuck Wilson

Others: Coach Ron Miller, Coach Giesege, Coach Sullivan, Tom Waldbellig, James Trent, Rachel Steen, Jason Walker, Chuck Wilson, Ruth Wilson, Kevin Weisensel, Chris VanSyckel, Dale Ripp, Kimberly Trent, Tom Gehrmann, Chris Gehrmann, Kelly Chlebowski, Melissa and Sean Watters, Bob and Pam Williams, Terri and Brian Benisch, Jim Ternus, Coach Zupansic, Chris Finkler, David Playter, Thomas O'Rourke, Shawn Lane, Steve Lane, Charise Dunn, Jamie Olstadt, Vicki Hanrahan, Wanda Ludy, Brian Ludy, Greg Muller, Brian Byrd, Martha Muller, Jennifer Kurtz, Kathy Schmitz, Yvonne Kanak, Kris Kanak, Mark Afable, Jay Harbort, Scott Halbleib, Tracey Hensen, T Loos, S Loos, Chris Andrews, Tracy Hermanson, H Wayne Hermanson, Tim Andrews, Mark Waitkus, Scott Hudecek, Angie Hadley, Kelly Mikula, Bob Dovoning, David Voge, Bob Hundt, Troy MacMiller, Colleen MacMiller, Brian Scheid, many names not legible.

Elvy read a statement from the Executive Committee. Statement will appear on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Hundt:

- upset and disappointed in recent actions
- why spending money on this room when could be in bleachers at rink
- disappointed in no golf outing
- 2010 must be out of rink, concerned SPYHA will not have a place to skate
- Sun Prairie does not build pole sheds
- Sun Prairie does not volunteer
- Demands the Executive Committee resigns

Mark Dammen

- Read Article 1, Section 1

Scott Hudecek

- Are things filed properly, need to get our financial act together

Mark Winger

- believes in respect and dignity, doesn't believe this was done with Steve
- must follow procedures

Terry Loos

- What do we tell the kids, especially the older kids

Angie Schmidt

- At the June 16 meeting, financial condition of the association was good, what has changed in short period of time
- 3 people knew, no one else

Troy MacMiller

- known about the new rink for 2 years, no money has yet been raised

Tracy Hensen

- need to evaluate the structure and format of board and executive committee
- board is currently a revolving door
- 3 year staggered terms is recommended
- Challenge to look at structure and redo bylaws

Dave Nelson

- 1 survey in 8 years with no results
- Lots of complaining
- No business plan noticed
- Doesn't notice any financial discipline
- No rink plan at current rink
- Didn't know our leader, kids don't know leader
- Poor leadership is a sign of division

Tim Andrews

- where are we going to be playing in 2010 with Steve Hanrahan gone
- who is in charge

Chris Kanak

- Hypercritical of board members
- Our fault as members if we don't have the facts
- Executive Committee should have told people before of our plans

James Trent

- only 1-2 people usually attended meetings historically
- executive committee has made decisions not the board
- young, inexperience board
- membership wants a plan

Mark Wiggins?

- Committees are too political
- Did the Executive Committee have to make this decision
- What is going to happen to the coaches

Pam Williams

- must give membership the truth
- members fault for not going to meetings
- Steve Hanrahan called her child "just a c player"

Matt Carey

- played for sun prairie in late 70's
- division in the room surprises him
- Steve Hanrahan is the glue holding the association together
- Volunteer boards have too much turnover
- Sponsored a hole at the golf outing, but heard nothing
- Hasn't been privy to financials
- Executive committee needs to renegotiate with Steve

Troy Giesege

- need varsity coach present at skills sessions
- no one voted for Steve Lane as coaches rep

Wanda Ludi

- too many rumors
- spent money on new jerseys
- disappointed in no golf outing
- Jon Elvy had many family problems last year
- Steve Hanrahan cares about kids
- Board needs to reconsider
- Steve has purchased a lot of ice time

Brian McGann

- past president, hired Steve as Executive Director
- Brian fundraised, Steve ran hockey
- Association needs an Executive Director
- Where annual reviews being done
- May have budget crisis now, but could lose more without Executive Director

Scott Halblieb:

- number of athletes at lower levels is shrinking
- need to increase our numbers

Rick Hensen

- boards come and go every year have the ability to decide someone's fate who has been around for 20 years
- questions the accuracy of the numbers

Yvonne Kanak

- disturbed about the rumors in the community

Colleen McCoshen

- got what she needed from Steve and Tom Fonfara
- this decision was made well before the annual meeting
- need to earn her trust

Brian Sullivan

- need to fix this problem

Jeff Thornton

- need to be together to get rinks built

Eva Formisano

- hard to find volunteers
- Sun Prairie is very passionate
- PAC will not leave SPYHA in cold
- Business owners make difficult decisions every day

Jeff Sefzik

- accounting mistakes appears to have been made

REPORTS:

Level Reps: LTP 1-4: 120 athletes showed up for the first practice last Saturday. Level 4 athletes are in Sun Prairie Hockey League.

Mites: Mites have 9 new athletes on the team, 7 of which will have 1 more year of mite eligibility after this year. The Mite C team will be a half year team.

Squirts: Both teams have begun their seasons.

PeeWee: PeeWee A have 12 athletes, PeeWee B have 11 athletes, PeeWee C have 9 athletes. Coaches, Steve Lane and Mike Sanders met earlier in the week to discuss possible options to increase PeeWee C numbers. PeeWee C coaches will speak with a few athletes which did not try may also ask Squirt athletes for volunteers to play up for the season. PeeWee C coaches would prefer to play the season with 9 athletes vs combining 3 teams to 2 teams.

Bantams: No games played at this time.

High School: Tryouts not yet started, approximately 2 weeks away.

DC Diamonds: Numbers are down.

Secretary, President Elect – nothing to report

Treasurer – Formisano presented a treasurer's report for the month of October 2008.

Sefzik also uses the non profit version of QuickBooks for the DC Diamonds and offered to assist in showing how it is set up for the Diamonds. Winger and Sefzik offered to help reconcile the accounts receivables.

OLD BUSINESS, FUNDRAISING: Brochure is nearly done. Next meeting is not set, will be on the website.

WEBSITE: SPYHA pays for the new website however, that investment is paid for through advertising on the website. SPYHA paid for the old website.

REGISTRATION: Registration is now complete.

RESPONSIBILITY STRUCTURE: Nothing to report, should be complete by next meeting.

REGION 4: Scott Willard is SPYHA Region 4 representative.

DUES REDUCTION: Only the concession stand for now, not what has always been volunteered. Volunteers 14-15 need work permit. Yvonne Kanak needs to evaluate her time and may only volunteer where she will receive dues credit.

NEW BUSINESS – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Patty Winger offered to be chairperson. No opposition.

COACHING COORDINATOR: Steve Lane is interim coaching coordinator until next coaches' meeting (November 5, 2008?).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: Should the Executive Committee have brought the concerns to the board prior to taking action. Mark Dammen read Article 2, Section 10 to the public.

Motion by Winger, second by Dammen to move the Board of Directors of the SPYHA reverse the decision of the Executive Committee to eliminate the position of the Executive Director until the matter is further discussed by the full Board of Directors. Motion passes.

Next scheduled board meeting is during deer hunting. Decision made to switch the meeting date to Thursday, November 20, 2008.

Meeting Adjourned.

Michael Sanders
SPYHA Secretary