

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Unapproved Minutes
11-15-2009
The rink 6:00-8:15 pm

Attendance – Board Members:

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| President – Tony Rehm | High School Rep – vacant |
| President Elect – James Trent | Bantam Rep – Gary Pfann |
| Past President – Jon Elvy - absent | Pee Wee Rep – Michelle Welch |
| Treasurer – Tim Butcher | Squirt Rep – Kelly Chlebowski - absent |
| Secretary – Michael Sanders | Mite Rep – Dave Batterman |
| | Girls Rep – Jeff Sefzik - absent |
| | In house Rep – Jim Tuttle - absent |
| | In house Rep – Chris Herwig |

Attendance: Kathy Thornton, Jennifer Kurtz, Dale Ripp, Troy Giesege, Kimberly Trent, Steven McCrary, Jason Fehrman, Chris Gehrmann, Jeff Thornton, Brian Scheid, Jeff Rastocan

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Thornton asked where volunteer buyout money will be placed. Butcher confirmed volunteer buyout money will be placed into the Capitol Fund.

Kimberly Trent stated the PeeWee B team will help sort presents for the needy in Sun Prairie. She has requested “orders” for 100 gift request for kids in Sun Prairie. SPYHA families will have the ability to provide a present for Sun Prairie youth.

Dale Ripp cautions against spending time and money on an AED. Many children are running amuck and a front door was broken during the past month.

Troy Geisegh believes Bantam tryouts were very successful. In the future he would like athletes that do not want to make the A team at their level, declare this prior to the start of tryouts.

Steven McCrary asked if 9th grade Bantams will be allowed to skate at the HS2 level.

Jeff Thornton asked if there was any thoughts on moving the Bantam tryout process downward to other levels in the future.

LEVEL REP REPORTS: BANTAM: Pfann reported the extended Bantam tryouts appear to have gone well. Team meetings are planned for this week. Pfann recommended the SPYHA board survey Bantam parents in regards to the extended tryouts.

PEEWEE: Things appear to be going well. The PeeWee A team is busy planning for their Cardinal Cup which is December 4-6, 2009.

SQUIRT: The Squirt A and B teams are scheduled to be at the River Falls Tournament December 4-6. Having trouble receiving confirmation. Kurtz will check with Chuck Wilson to make sure SPYHA has done everything on our end.

MITE: Batterman announced the Mite A team is playing in the mitey mite game in between periods at the 7pm Badger hockey game on January 3, 2010.

LTPH1-4: Herwig requested Sanders send a list of all LTPH athletes to him.

DC DIAMONDS: Sefzik absent.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS: SECRETARY: All of SPYHA athletes have been "claimed" from USA Hockey. Assembling teams in the computer program is the next step. Once this is completed, rosters can be signed, turned into WAHA and made official for tournaments.

TREASURER: Butcher reported he recently deposited a little over \$11,000 into the Capital Fund (\$50/athlete in addition to some volunteer buyouts). Year to date income, compared to last year, is down a little. He believes this is because athlete dues are lower than last season. Another reason is because Puck Systems is possibly a little behind in payments to SPYHA. Year to date expenses are down approximately 36%. SPYHA net worth has increased by \$26,000 compared to last year.

PRESIDENT ELECT: Nothing to report.

PAST PRESIDENT: Absent.

PRESIDENT: All script monies have been paid out to SPYHA members dating back to last season. SPYHA is current as of the end of October 2009. The next checks to members utilizing script are planned to be cut at the end of June 2010 (end of the fiscal year). Dibs is on the SPYHA website. It allows members to sign up for volunteer opportunities within SPYHA. Members need to register first. 115 families (about 76%) have already registered with Dibs. The coaches' office will be available to all SPYHA coaches, as well as, the varsity coaches this year. The volunteer committee has decided to allow 3 volunteer credits for each raffle ticket sold over the original 4 received tickets. The Executive Committee recently met with the PAC. The Executive Committee is currently reviewing our insurance policy. The SPYHA board is waiting on the final list of coaches for approval from the ACE Director.

OLD BUSINESS: FACE OFF FESTIVAL WRAP UP: Jeff Thornton reported the Face Off Festival was a huge success raising a little more than \$12,000 profit for SPYHA, and over 200 pounds of food for the food pantry. Over 300 volunteer credits were earned

during the event. The FOF committee will probably ask the SPYHA board to make a monetary investment in the building of some “permanent” structures (ticket booth).

BLACKHAWKS-REDWINGS GAME: Kimberly Trent stated the event is sold out with 60 SPYHA members to attend the game on April 11, 2010.

RAFFLE UPDATE: Approximately 900 raffle tickets have been handed out to SPYHA members. Members are encouraged to hand in cash/checks and ticket stubs as they are sold. Do not feel you need to wait until all 4 are sold. The car is currently at 2 local businesses/week and at the rink on the weekends. Anyone wishing to take the car to a local business or special event should contact anyone on the raffle committee. Tickets will be sold at varsity hockey games in December.

NEW RINK UPDATE: Rehm reported the Sun Prairie Parks and Rec Department approved all proposed changes to the original contract. The contract now must go before the common council. The meeting will either occur in December or January. Members will be encouraged to attend the meeting to show our unified support for the construction of the new facility.

JERSEY COMMITTEE: Jeff Thornton thanked everyone on the jersey committee for their hard work put into selecting this year’s home jerseys.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW RINK ROUGH FINANCIALS: Butcher reported on an informal meeting with a local banker regarding some very preliminary financials around the new facility. Banks will probably require a 30% down payment. A new facility will cost somewhere between \$3-4 million. The down payment would then need to be \$900,000 - \$1,200,000. Upon paying off SPYHA’s current mortgage, we will have about \$500,000 from the current rink. This leaves fundraising needs of at least \$700,000. For every \$1 million borrowed, the monthly mortgage equals \$5,000.

SKATE SHARPENER: The micrometer has been sent away to be repaired. Two new stones have been ordered. Once these items are received, 3-4 people will be able to volunteer to be trained to sharpen skates at the rink.

CARDINAL CUPS: Welch believes someone from the SPYHA board should be present at Cardinal Cups in case of any issues that may arise. PeeWee Cardinal Cup is covered. SPYHA is getting a little feedback on disappointment in the fact that no Badger tickets are included in this year’s Cardinal Cups.

ADULT 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT: Sanders proposed an adult 3 on 3 tournament during one of the following weekends: March 19-21, March 26-28 or April 9-11. All dates have conflicts. Discussion ensued about weekends in May or during the summer. Due to work conflicts, Sanders would not be able to help in May or summer months. Adult 3 on 3 tournament tabled.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY ON THE ICE: Kimberly Trent reported the 8 person committee has events planned at the rink and PAC on December 31, 2009 from 5pm-9pm. Volunteer opportunities will appear on the Dibs portion of the SPYHA website soon. The raffle winners will be chosen at the conclusion of the event. Advance family ticket sales are \$25, at the door \$30. Individual sales are \$10 each.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE: Trent reported the following plan for banner and dasherboard advertising. All SPYHA members are encouraged to attempt to sell banner and dasherboard advertising. Members selling a banner will receive 10 volunteer credits. Members selling a dasherboard will receive 15 volunteer credits. Details are on the website. Bill Blumer, Barry Edison, James Trent and Brian Scheid will serve on the committee and need to be contacted prior to contacting businesses in order to maintain order, professionalism and receive volunteer credits.

LTPH LATE SIGNUP: Athletes signing up for LTPH during the remainder of the season will pay \$25 for the equipment fund, and \$50 for the capital fund. The volunteer committee will take volunteer hours into consideration at their next meeting.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS AT LTPH: Recently found a level 1 and level 4 rep. SPYHA needs to have 1-2 meetings prior to the start of the next hockey season. Free open skating passes are being prepared for all LTPH1 athletes.

HIGH SCHOOL 2 TEAM: Jeff Rastocan reported there are currently only 6 skaters and 2 goalies registered for the HS2 team. The Executive Committee will meet with Mark Waitkus on Monday, November 16, 2009 to discuss options. This is a very important team to both SPYHA and the varsity program. Motion to adjourn.

Next SPYHA board meeting is a closed meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 6pm.

Michael Sanders
SPYHA Secretary