

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Unapproved Minutes
01-17-2010
The rink 6:00-8:15 pm

Attendance – Board Members:

President – Tony Rehm
President Elect – James Trent
Past President – Jon Elvy
Treasurer – Tim Butcher
Secretary – Michael Sanders

High School Rep – vacant
Bantam Rep – Gary Pfann
Pee Wee Rep – Michelle Welch
Squirt Rep – Kelly Chlebowski
Mite Rep – Dave Batterman
Girls Rep – Jeff Sefzik - absent
In house Rep – Jim Tuttle - absent
In house Rep – Chris Herwig

OTHERS: Jennifer Kurtz, Brian Scheid, Deana Jansa-Scheid, Kathy Thornton, Jeff Thornton, Steve Traut, Patty Winger, Kimberly Trent, Chris Gehrman, Betsy McCrary, Dan Smith, Susan Elvy, Jen Voge

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Betsy McCrary would like the SPYHA board to consider having Cardinal Cup Tournaments for teams other than just “A” level teams in the future. Betsy also challenged the SPYHA board to post past and future board meeting information in a more timely fashion. Chlebowski answered saying the webmasters have realized during the season the need for 1-2 more people willing to help out with the website.

Kimberly Trent, Patty Winger and Chris Gehrman expressed disappointment in the fact the concession stand did not have enough volunteers to keep it open for a few hours during the recently held Bantam A Cardinal Cup. Brian Scheid acknowledged a shortcoming during the tournament, but reported nearly 85% of all concession stand hours have been filled by volunteers. Scheid will proceed in hiring a handful of individuals to ensure important shifts are filled in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: ANNUAL FUNDRAISING: Kimberly Trent didn’t have numbers put together yet from this year’s New Year’s Eve event. They are planning a wrap up meeting this week. Rehm will attend. Kimberly Trent then asked for permission to plan a 4th-5th grade skate, as well as, a middle school skate for the late March early April time frame. Motion by Welch, 2nd by Pfann to allow annual fundraising to work with Chuck Wilson in scheduling a 4th-5th grade, as well as, a middle school skate. Motion passes. Scott Halblieb will meet with the annual fundraising committee on potential fundraiser. More information at the February SPYHA meeting.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE: Dan Smith and Kathy Thornton reported 26 families have not yet registered on DIBS. Until those families have registered, any worked volunteer credits cannot be applied. Information on DIBS registration can be found on

the SPYHA website. Currently, 73 families have not met their required hours but 24 of those families are within 5 credits of completing their required hours.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE: James Trent reported there are 6 banners and 1 dasherboard hanging up. Approximately, 5 banners and 4 dasherboards are at the printer and 2 more contracts were just recently turned in to the committee. All totaled, about \$9,000 has been generated so far. The success of the banners and dasherboard sales will hinge on the activity of SPYHA membership.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Dave Batterman reported the initial building committee will have a meeting during the upcoming week and begin the process of developing a building for SPYHA. The building committee will consist of up to five experienced people in construction and building of a hockey facility.

LEVEL REP REPORTS: LTPH: Herwig reported the newly formed Mite B team played their first game and tied 2-2.

MITES: Batterman reported the Mite A team is struggling offensively. They recently competed in a scrimmage in between periods at a Badger Hockey game. Rob Wisnewski (ACE Director) was key in setting up this event for the Mite team.

SQUIRTS: Chlebowski reported all Squirt teams are having very successful seasons. They have a combined record of 49-19-6. Tournament successes have included two first place finishes, two 2nd place finishes and fourth place finish.

PEEWEEES: Welch reported the PeeWee B team is having a successful season. The PeeWee A team has recently been playing very good hockey.

BANTAM: Pfann reported the Bantam A team recently placed 4th in the Cardinal Cup Tournament. The Bantam B team is currently 10-8-1 and is on a 4 game winning streak.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS: **SECRETARY:** Sanders reported the annual raffle was a huge success. Nearly \$15,000 was raised. The front page of the Star was full of raffle coverage. Twelve families who did not complete their obligation of 4 raffle tickets have been recently invoiced. Team plaques are being distributed to all head coaches. These were donated by Empire photography. Sanders recently met with a public relations firm to discuss developing a business partnership with SPYHA.

TREASURER: Butcher handed out a Profit and Loss statement for SPYHA. He has spent a lot of time trying to get Quickbooks to work for SPYHA by creating many new fields. While this will be nice going forward, it makes comparing line by line items rather difficult when comparing to last season. Big picture expenses are down 27% and net income is up nearly 800% across all revenue sources. SPYHA second half dues payment has not yet been received from PuckSystems. About 9 families have not paid 2nd half dues, Butcher will contact.

PRESIDENT ELECT: Nothing to report.

PAST PRESIDENT: Elvy reported SPYHA now has 2 equipment managers. A computer has been donated and all equipment will soon have all equipment/athletes entered into a spreadsheet. Old, worn out and out dated equipment has been discarded. The One Goal program (allows for affordable youth equipment through USA Hockey) is still in existence. USA Hockey and Unilever/Degree Deodorant have a program allowing youth hockey associations to get 6 different colored jerseys (17 of each color). Elvy will assist equipment managers with both programs. The AED will be delivered on Thursday. Sun Prairie EMS and St Mary's Emergency Center will present the AED to SPYHA in honor of Mark Merucci. Elvy has locked up a summer clinic in conjunction with USA Hockey for sometime in July and is pursuing another clinic. More information will follow.

PRESIDENT: Rehm reported on many recent improvements around the rink. In addition to team pictures being placed in the lobby, a new flat screen tv has also been placed in the lobby thanks to Best Buy and Scott Hendricks. Stick holders are being placed outside of locker rooms thanks to Scott Hudecek and Jay Harbort. Rehm is going to speak with Chuck Wilson about several upcoming changes at the rink. The new nets currently reserved for varsity games will also be used for all SPYHA games, there will be more heat in the rink and music will be allowed to be played before SPYHA games as well as in between periods. Rehm and the Executive Committee are working on an improved flow chart to assist in communications. Any athletes whose teams have practices scheduled after varsity games are instructed not to show up more than 30 prior to the scheduled practice time unless the athlete wishes to pay admission. The Executive Committee has already spoke with SP athletic director to determine varsity games will start at about 8pm next season with no SPYHA practices to follow. The capital fundraising committee recently met to begin formulating the plan to present at the March meeting of the SP council of the whole.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr Traut expressed concern in the lack of communication with families at the LTPH levels. After much discussion on possible solutions, Rehm said SPYHA will form a task force to look into improvements.

Motion by Welch, second by Trent to adjourn to closed portion of meeting. Motion passes.

CLOSED PORTION: SPYHA board members reviewed which SPYHA families did not fulfill their raffle commitment. Rehm will contact. Families will need to pay in full, make payment arrangements or athletes will not be allowed to skate beginning January 25, 2010. Board members then reviewed which SPYHA families still owe money for second half dues. Butcher will contact. Families will need to pay in full, make payment arrangements or athletes will not be allowed to skate beginning January 25, 2010.

Next SPYHA board meeting is on Sunday, February 21, 2009 at 6pm.
Michael Sanders

SPYHA Secretary