

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Minutes  
November 14, 2010

President	James Trent	LTPH Reps.	Paula Walker Jen Voge
President Elect	Jeff Thornton	DC Diamonds Rep.	Chris Herwig
Past President	Tony Rehm	Mite Rep.	Mike Weber
Secretary	Betsy McCrary	Squirt Rep.	Dave Batterman
Treasurer	Tim Butcher	PeeWee Rep.	Jen Kurtz
		Bantam Rep.	Gary Pfann
		High School 2 Rep.	Chris Gehrman
		Coaches Rep.	Absent (Rob Wisniewski)

A closed session to discuss a request for SPYHA to accept a player from Monona Grove who is ineligible for Monona's varsity team was cancelled because the player and parent did not show up.

Audience: Nik Haley, Jeff Rastocan, Dale Ripp, Michael Sanders, Troy J. Giesege, Steve Traut, Kevin Weisensel, Chuck Wilson, and Bob Hundt

President James Trent called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Public comments

There were no public comments.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Secretary – Betsy presented the Board meeting minutes from Nov. 4, 2010. Paula made a motion to approve the minutes, Chris Gehrman seconded the motion, and all approved. Betsy reported that background checks have been submitted, and will continue as needed. She will confirm with Registrar Marge Gross that rosters due Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> have been submitted. HS and bantam preliminary rosters are due Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. All final rosters are due Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. (October board minutes previously approved by email.)
- b. Treasurer – Tim stated that the in-house portion of the audit started last week. The audit is needed for fundraising and the capital campaign. The estimated cost for the audit is \$7 to 8k. Tim reported that the last \$8k grading cost has been paid to SPASD. Next week there is a preliminary meeting with the Bank of Sun Prairie to present the business plan. Tim has been working on revising the business plan, and references to inline skating have been removed. Tim asked that those who reviewed the plan have comments to him by Wednesday.
- c. President Elect – Jeff Thornton  
Nothing to report.
- d. Past President – Tony Rehm
  - i. AED Training – One training session has been held, the second one was cancelled and will be rescheduled. It actually is CPR with AED training and results in certification. It takes about 3 ½ hours. Jeff Thornton has asked Seth Blank to look into youth paddles, since they weren't included with the AED.
  - ii. Jerseys – Only the high school jerseys (and Mite B) need to be given out. We may need to order a few more large socks.
- e. President
  - i. Pledge forms - Six pledge forms have been received from the board members so far. Others please turn them in by the end of the week.
  - ii. Public relations - As part of the promotion for the new rink and fundraising, Jim Geiskig has contacted Quaker Steak & Lube. They're willing to do a fundraising night at their downtown location. Jim is working on a story in the Wisconsin State Journal about our new ice arena.

Kimberly Trent is meeting with the chair of the Mitten Tree this week. Bill Blumer has talked to Jeff and James about setting up "eBay Giving Works," a program that allows sellers to donate a portion of sales to a nonprofit.

- iii. Ice Time – The DCHOA schedule has sent out reminders about game length. They must start and end on time, and the five minute rule is in effect. There was also an email about anchoring nets. SPYHA will anchor nets, even at the mite/squirt level, unless otherwise requested. Regarding practice ice, players could be allowed on the ice up to 20 minutes early if it is possible, coaches are available/willing, and they are the first ice of the afternoon. If the door is up, the ice is not ready. Previously, there were discussions about a 2 minute warning buzz before ice time ends. Time off the ice is time to be off – coaches need to police themselves, but the Z-team will push harder for teams to get off the ice if there is a non-SPYHA user group scheduled next. James emphasized that it is critical that coaches and zamboni drivers respect one another. If there's an issue, it should be taken off line (not in front of the kids), and a 24 hour waiting/cooling off period is recommended for any critical comments.
- iv. Practices after varsity games - Practices could start up to 15 minutes early if varsity games end early. If teams are on the ice early, they will still practice until their scheduled end time. If they start late due to the game running late, they will receive their full allotted ice time (e.g., if scheduled for an hour, they will have an hour for practice). James has spoken with Jim McClowery, the HS athletic director. Players will be allowed access without paying ½ hour before their scheduled practice time (for example, if the varsity game starts at 7 pm, then players are to have access at 8:30 pm, assuming a 9 pm scheduled practice. If there are issues, please let James know. James also asked that zamboni drivers work with players to stow gear somewhere if needed. Kevin Weisensel noted that the z-team would help put bags in a locker room if players were watching the game.

### 3. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. LTPH – All is well. Practices are underway. There will be evaluations in December. The Mite B team will also be chosen in December. Jen Kurtz asked that Paul and Jen distribute New Year's Eve flyers to the Learn to Play families, and verbally ask people to help out. Tony suggested a Learn to Play mixer. Pictures for Learn to Play are December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- b. DC Diamonds – Chris Herwig reported that the season has started. The U10 level is continuing to add players: three in the last week.
- c. Mite – Mike noted that the team is full strength, as Nathan's cast is off. The Mite A's are a young team, but they've been competitive with stronger teams.
- d. Squirt - Dave Batterman said the Squirts were doing well: so far only two total losses among all three teams.
- e. PeeWee – Jen Kurtz reported that the PeeWee A's are 3-2, the B's are 3-3, and the C's are 1-2-1. They have faced good competition. Region 4 needs a PeeWee Age Level Director (ALD). Jen has sent an email to all the PeeWee-age SPYHA families looking for a volunteer, but no one has responded. Jen may run if no one else comes forward.
- f. Bantam – Gary Pfann stated that teams have been picked, and jerseys have been distributed.
- g. High School - Chris Gehrman suggested that the high school teams be discussed as new business.
- h. Coaches – Rob Wisniewski was absent.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Annual Fundraising  
The committee has an idea of an open skate punch card. It would need to have an expiration date and must be something not easily duplicated. Jen Kurtz noted that New Year's Eve committee members are still needed. There will also be a huge need for volunteers. It was also noted that additional fundraising cards need to be sold. Right now, very few people have asked for extra cards to sell.
- b. Communications  
James extended special thanks to Steve Traut for all the website work. OBHL-C games are listed on the website now.
- c. New Rink / Building Committee  
Dave Batterman is working to eliminate the elevator for a savings of \$50k to \$70k. They are meeting with the architect regularly. They are looking for business cost/plan impact of two full sheets versus the full sheet and the studio rink. This would be depended on fundraising, but is considered due diligence. Stevens

is working hard to get us a number we can live with. Gary thanked Jeff and Dave for all their times. Tony asked about tiered pricing based on level of finishing and what the cost of the retail space is anticipated to be. Jeff could use someone to check out the commercial side, contacting possible vendors like sub shops, and looking into what possible rent might be. There is a small committee doing a walking tour of the existing rink to see what we are taking and leaving.

d. Capital Fundraising

Mike Weber reported that the Capital Fundraising Committee has been working hard, but time is the biggest constraint. We are working with Dave LeDuc and current meet Tuesdays at 6 pm at Buck & Honey's. We could use help with grant writing, so if anyone comes to mind, please contact Mike. The updated naming rights list should go to the webmaster. We need about 40 to 50 more people to do the Responsible Sports quiz to stay in the running.

e. Locker Room Policy

The proposed locker room policy, which had been distributed to board members in advance, was described for the benefit of the audience and reviewed, along with a related key policy. Because of the time needed to rekey locker rooms and communicate the policy, an implementation date of Dec. 1, 2010, was proposed. Tony made a motion to approve the policy as described. Tim seconded the motion. All approved

5. New Business

James added the new business items to the agenda. The discussion of the locker room policy, which had been previously listed as new business, was moved to Old Business. Because the added agenda items were not available for discussion during the allotted public comment time, James asked the audience if anyone wanted to comment on these items. No one came forward.

a. HS2/U16 teams

Right now it looks like there are between 19 and 21 players, including one reluctant goalie. There is ongoing discussion with potential goalies. There is one bantam-aged player who wants to play HS2/U16. This will be discussed later. There can be five JV games sanctioned for each team scheduled (i.e., five for HS2 and five games for U16). For practices purposes, there would be one team. There are different state tournaments for each group. The schedule is flexible, and the rosters are on hold until more information on players is available. Chris G. will set up a parent meeting to coincide with practice.

b. Bantam player on HS-2/Midget U16 team

Jeff explained that there is a bantam-aged player who wishes to play on the HS-2/Midget U16 team. As he is in high school, he is eligible to play on the HS-2 team with no Board action; however, because U16 is considered "playing up," Board action is needed to make an exception to the policy of not playing in the age-group he falls into. With this history, Jeff made a motion to allow a bantam-age player who has petitioned to be rostered as a HS2 and U16 player. Dave seconded the motion. Tony asked for further discussion. He noted that the individual desire to play at a different level was not announced before evaluations. This request is in the best interest of a single player/family. Jeff confirmed that at this time the player is not on a bantam roster. This was intentional because the placement is in limbo. It is the Board's responsibility to consider the request based on the best interest of all the kids and the association. The player tried out for varsity, but did not make it. After additional discussion, a roll call vote was held:

Jeff Thornton	Yes	Chris Herwig	No
Tony Rehm	No	Mike Weber	No
Betsy McCrary	No	Dave Batterman	Yes
Tim Butcher	Yes	Jen Kurtz	Yes
Paula Walker	No	Gary Pfann	No
Jen Voge	No	Chris Gehrmann	Yes

The motion failed 5-7, therefore the player will be allowed to play on the HS2 team, but will not be able to skate in U16 games.

c. Tournaments

Mike Sanders, the tournament director, reviewed information about Cardinal Cups. All the team reps who had Cardinal Cups were invited to a meeting to discuss harmonizing the process. The group determined that there would be a 50/50 raffle on Friday and Saturday, with the drawing on Saturday and the winner announced on Sunday. Chuck-A-Puck would be held Friday and Saturday only. We will have one t-shirt vendor and photographer for all the tournaments. Since the first Cardinal Cup was in 1978, the theme will

be “Cardinal Cup Fever.” There will be a best dressed parent, team rep shootout, and hot dog eating contests. They are working on a budget. For eight team tournaments, there would be trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th place, plus individual medals and a hot dog trophy. Trophy cost is about \$359 per tournament. For a six team tournament, there would be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, plus the individual medals and hot dog trophy, for a cost of \$266 per tournament. All totalled, trophy cost is estimated at approximately \$1600. Printing for programs and brackets is about \$75/tournament (\$300 total). Mike asked for \$2,000 to cover Cardinal Cup costs. Jeff made a motion to allow the tournament director to spend up to \$2,000. Jen Kurtz seconded the motion. All approved.

Mike also reported on the teams who have committed, either with payment (confirmed) or verbally, for each tournament.

Squirt C (March 11-13): Confirmed: WI Dells, DC Diamonds, Sun Prairie / Verbal: Waukesha

Squirt B (March 11-13): No inquiries (except Sun Prairie)

Bantam B (January 21-23): Confirmed: Waterloo, Baraboo, Sun Prairie / Verbal: Burnett County, Appleton, Glenview (IL), DC Everest, Winter Club

Squirt A (Jan. 7-9): Confirmed: Polar Caps, Appleton, Naperville (IL), Sun Prairie / Verbal: Ozaukee

PeeWee A (Dec. 10-12): Confirmed: Chicago, Ozaukee, Winter Club, Southwest, Sun Prairie

There is some concern about the PeeWee tournament, as it is not full, and it is coming up quickly. A decision will need to be made later in the week to determine tournament format. Scheduling of the tournament will be at Chuck’s discretion.

d. Region 4 recap

Gary is scheduled to attend the November meeting but he switched with Chris Gehrmann. Gary will attend the December meeting. It’s critical that SPYHA attend the meetings, as we are fined if we miss multiple meetings. Jen Kurtz attended the October meeting, which had a post-session meeting for team reps. The majority of the topics from the October meeting have already been covered (particular game time requirements). Region 4 is soliciting information on girls teams playing in Region 4. Please email Jen feedback on this topic. It’s important to note that games should be entered onto the Region 4 website by midnight on January 2nd to be considered for playoff seeding.

e. Choose a date for next year’s Face Off Festival

The current proposed date is Sept. 24th, 2011, with the location to be determined. There is a home Badger football game that day, against South Dakota.

f. Other Comments

James noted that he was attending a meeting Monday, Nov., 20th, to discuss the ADM model and its impact on mite hockey. It is a discussion about cross ice play for the Madison area hockey associations.

There is a Thanksgiving Day skate from 6:00 pm until 8:15 pm.

Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a mass second, and all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Next meeting: Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm.