

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2011

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

President James Trent confirmed a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to confirm the proposed changes to the bylaws, so they can be posted to the website. The postcards announcing the annual meeting were mailed early in the week.

The initial discussion as the meeting began was if we should be proposing changes at this time, or if we should table any changes and conduct a more holistic review/change proposal.

Chris Gehrmann made a motion to review bylaws changes at the upcoming annual meeting. Paula Walker seconded the motion.

During discussion Chris Herwig expressed concern about repeatedly revising bylaws. Betsy didn't see this as a problem. Chris would like to see the Board bring together a committee to work on the bylaws, and then present them to membership at a later time.

Jeff Thornton noted that the coaches rep position is a little less gray than he originally thought.

The motion to review bylaws changes passed 8-1, with Chris Herwig voting no.

Jen Kurtz made a motion to approve the proposed changes to section 5 dealing with attendance. Tim Butcher second the motion. Chris Herwig explained that he still preferred to wait. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed, 8-1, with Chris Herwig voting no.

Paula Walker made a motion to update the bylaws to the proposed language for voter eligibility. Jeff seconded the motion. Mike felt that there should be further review and discussion, especially related to the term "member in good standing." The motion passed 6-3, with Gary, Mike, and Chris Herwig voting no. Mike asked that a definition of "member in good standing" be included in Board policy.

Betsy explained choices related to the coaches' rep position. There was extensive discussion on the coaches' representative, with the thought that if it were kept, some criteria for the position would be really important, particularly for experience and certification. With that in mind, the Board members updated the proposed language to indicate that the coaches' representative would be in the same category as the officers (NOT required to have a skater in the age classification/program being represented), but would have to be a member in good standing, have certification, and have recent SPYHA coaching experience. This is a change from the advice at the last meeting, where the Board advised to eliminate the position. Jeff made a motion to adjust the language in Article II to capture the suggested changes with respect to the coaches' representative. Gary seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-3, with Mike, Tim, and Chris Herwig voting against.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Tim mentioned that the checks and balances for the treasurer were something to include in policy documents. It was also recommended that policies be compiled and reviewed annually. Policies should be set by the Board, with the Executive Committee making recommendations as needed.

Paula made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Tim seconded, and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.