

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Minutes  
May 22, 2011

President	James Trent	LTPH Reps.	Jen Voge Paula Walker
President Elect	Absent (Jeff Thornton)	DC Diamonds Rep.	Chris Herwig
Past President	Absent (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 Gehrmann
		Coaches Rep.	Absent (Rob Wisniewski)

Audience: No separate attendance was taken after the annual meeting.

President James Trent called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm.

1. Public comments

Kimberly Trent recommended to the Board that the association approach schools about selling Sandy Candy (80/20 profit split) at school picnics. James will add to the agenda for discussion.

No additional public comments were offered.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – Betsy McCrary

Betsy reported that only one postcard from the association Annual Meeting notification was returned. Minutes from the April meeting were approved by the Board and have been posted on the website, as were minutes from a May executive committee meeting. Betsy extended thanks to webmaster Steve Traut for posting minutes. Betsy reported that the recent middle school (6/7) skate had 116 kids in attendance.

b. Treasurer – Tim Butcher

Tim distributed copies of the Wipfli letters and report for review. There were several suggestions for improvement presented, some realistic (signing timecards for concession staff), some not (inventorying every concession stand item at the end of every shift). Gary asked Tim what to do with the information. Tim agreed to provide suggestions at the next meeting. Mike suggested that we present a line-by-line response. Tim will do that.

Tim also presented a financial statement for 2010. Mike reminded everyone that this information is about a year old. It takes about 3 months to close the books from a fiscal year. The audit cost SPYHA about \$4k. Tim reminded everyone that the statement of cash flows included about \$45k for the excavation of the new rink site.

Jen Kurtz asked if the notes were available for the membership to review. Tim stated that the tax records are available for review in the office, as required. Paula asked what “suspense” was on the balance sheet/statement of cash flows. Tim will look into it.

After Tim reviewed financial statements, Mike suggested that for consistency, it would be helpful to print month-end statements, and then compare year-over-year numbers (e.g., April 2010 to April 2011), with the goal for continuous improvement.

c. President Elect – Jeff Thornton  
Absent.

d. Past President – Tony Rehm  
Absent.

- e. President – James Trent  
James didn't have much more to present that wasn't already on the agenda. He has spent 20+ hours in accounts review for membership billing, and feels it needs to be simplified. In addition, everything that is billed needs a formal invoice in the system – volunteer credits were outside the normal dues invoicing this year, and that caused some confusion for payment applications. As Chuck's email to the Board stated, supervisors/coaches are still needed for the pond hockey programs. Chris Finkler is hoping to contract for HS preseason clinics. For pond hockey, even parents could help out. James asked if anyone had received interest in posted openings on any committees. Steve Traut had received interest from Joe Brickl.

### 3. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. LTPH – Paula mentioned that Angie Hadley had agreed by text message to consider the in-house rep opening. No other news to report.
- b. DC Diamonds – Chris Herwig had nothing to report.
- c. Mite – Mike Weber had nothing to report.
- d. Squirt – Dave Batterman had nothing to report.
- e. PeeWee – Jen Kurtz had nothing to report.
- f. Bantam – Gary Pfann had nothing to report.
- g. High School – Chris Gehrmann had nothing to report.
- h. Coaches – Rob Wisniewski was absent.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Region 4 Meeting Report  
Regarding the WAHA Annual Meeting, it was noted that there would be no Mite-sanctioned games next year, and no Mite state tournament. A straw poll on pee wee checking was favorable to elimination. WAHA has an advisory vote. Gary asked if the association should make a statement. James thought not, because it might send a mixed message.

Jen Kurtz reported that the Region 4 meetings were done until August. Some of the WAHA annual meeting speakers were going to attend the Monday meeting at Vitense regarding rule changes and other issues. It was mentioned that the post-season teams were lopsided with representatives from the west side of Madison for coaches and tryout locations. To express interest in holding tryouts or coaching, email the WAHA director. Chris Gehrmann suggested that maybe the evaluators not be coaches for their respective teams, which might make things more equitable.

- b. New Rink / Building Committee  
Things are still in limbo, but there is a meeting with the city tomorrow to discuss the upcoming due date of July 1. The next developer meeting is after Memorial Day. We will be skating here next year, but there is not much more that can be said.
- c. Capital Fundraising  
Mike would still like to be involved, but would like to tender his resignation as chair, because he feels an Executive Committee member would be more effective. Gary would hate to see discontinuity. James requested that he and Mike discuss this further. Mike stated he doesn't feel effective. He would be willing to be more involved in the accounting aspect of SPYHA and work with Paula. Based on the information available, there would not be a meeting Tuesday night.
- d. Team Selection & Placement Policy  
James tabled the discussion for next month after realizing only he and Gary had received the information from Rob. Gary will forward the information to the rest of the Board. Gary would like to see this in place before the beginning of the season.

Betsy noted that we seem to be great at setting policies, but maintaining/locating them is more problematic. For example, she hasn't been able to find the alcohol policy. Is there a way to set up electronic access?

Mike asked if we can get a list of all the policies, but Betsy doesn't know where they all might be. Operational policies may not have been formally approved. Betsy is in the process of locating what we have so they can be reviewed.

e. ADM Recommendation

Paula had emailed a proposal for the Board to review. She said there are enough jerseys for the program, but more would need to be numbered. Betsy asked about the timing in the proposal, since it was earlier than the Try Hockey for Free USA Hockey promotion. James said that Chuck had asked USA Hockey about alternate date. Betsy also noted that the proposal included pro-rating sessions. Paula confirmed that this was not the plan – instead, the player would wait for the next session. Chris Herwig asked about game starts. Troy Giesege noted that ACE Director input on the program may be helpful.

Chris Gehrmann asked about progress on the ACE Director. James said there are a few possibilities.

James asked for a few revisions based on the discussion. The biggest challenge will be scheduling, and setting up the program helps give planning direction.

f. Idle Ice Time Procedures

James had sent an idle ice time policy to the Board for review. Chris Herwig noted he didn't like the bump policy. Mike wondered about the economic impact. Gary asked what appropriate supervision required. Based on discussion, item #3 would be removed, supervision (adult remaining in the building) would be further defined. Chris Herwig asked why the policy was so strictly worried about on and off times. He felt if one stuck to the contract there shouldn't be a need for the additional discussion. James noted that based on past experience, people have "expected" additional time. This could be restated or softened. James proposed to update and bring it back to the Board next month; however, Chuck asked if the Board could address the changes. If items #1 and #3 were removed, and #4 was defined as an adult over 21 who must remain in the arena for the duration of the event, that would address the issues. Gary moved to accept the policy with these changes. Paula seconded. There was no further discussion. All approved.

5. New Business

a. Sandy Candy

As requested, this was added to the agenda. James noted it was a great idea, but someone would be needed to follow up. The soccer festival was mentioned, but Chris Gehrmann noted it was discontinued. Betsy agreed to ask Little League concessions if they were interested. Other ideas were the PAC as a summer camp activity. Paula agreed to contact Peggy.

b. Other business

Chuck extended his thanks to all the Board members for their service.

Jen Kurtz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave and Paula simultaneously seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Gary noted this would be his last meeting and extended his thanks to everyone. He said he would maybe volunteer to work on a bylaws review committee.

Next meeting: Sunday, June 19th, at 6 pm.