

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Minutes
June 19, 2011

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

Audience: Troy Giesege, Steve Traut.

President James Trent called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

1. Public comments

Steve Traut thanked the Board for the reduced ice program. He had already used it twice with a group of OBHL and squirt players, and plans to do it on and off.

Paula Walker asked if we have enough people to cover pond hockey. Mike Jaeger has helped with the younger group.

No additional public comments were offered.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – Betsy McCrary

Betsy reported the May minutes were approved and posted, along with the annual meeting minutes. She also noted that DeForest's soccer program had multiple payment options through their website, but didn't have any details on how that worked.

b. Treasurer – Tim Butcher

Tim reviewed overall fiscal health from January 2009 when he started as treasurer to the present. SPYHA has grown net income since the 2009 fiscal year (which would have been July 2008 to June 2009), when it was negative. In fiscal 2010, the net income was \$92k, and the year-to-date 2011 income is \$133k. Tim shared a net worth graph and reviewed items on the graph. He noted that he had aimed for transparency in his tenure. His notes for improvement included accuracy of billing (we're at about 95%, so not quite where we'd like to be), coordination with the volunteer committee, and dues collection. Unfortunately, it's been amazing to see the lengths that people will go to avoid paying. We also need to ensure the lines of credit are maintained and look at scholarship funding. We need to make sure we create invoices for everything: banners, volunteer hours, etc. Tim also suggested we consider looking at a permanent bookkeeper, as IBC runs \$50/hour.

James thanked Tim for his service. He noted that we are down to six to eight families that still owe due: two are very problematic and owe relatively significant amounts.

c. President Elect – Jeff Thornton

Absent.

d. Past President – Tony Rehm

Absent.

e. President – James Trent

James reported that he, Betsy, and Jen met with Lora Laine (HS player Alex Murray's mom) about the First Weber first annual garage sale. A reminder email will be sent out about the event, which runs from 7:30 to 2:30 on Saturday, June 25. They are still taking donations.

Natalie Weasler is coordinating SPYHA's entry in the Flags of Freedom parade.

James noted that the Executive Committee authorized Chuck to spend \$2,000 for a roof repair. James and his boys took old computers, monitors, and other electronic items from the rink to an eRecycling event. He also brought in some old hockey equipment.

3. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. LTPH – Paula had nothing to report. (Jen Voge was absent.)
- b. DC Diamonds – Chris Herwig was absent.
- c. Mite – Mike Weber was absent.
- d. Squirt – Dave Batterman had nothing to report.
- e. PeeWee – Jen Kurtz noted that USA Hockey had passed the no-checking proposal; however, body contact will be allowed. There were questions about tagging up for bantams, as well as some changes in coaching certifications that will need to be investigated.
- f. Bantam – Gary Pfann was absent.
- g. High School – Chris Gehrman had nothing to report.
- h. Coaches – Rob Wisniewski was absent.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Region 4 Meeting Report
No Region 4 meetings until August.
- b. New Rink / Building Committee
James sent a letter to Pat Cannon on behalf of SPYHA to formally request an extension. Pat called James on Friday, but they haven't talked.
- c. Capital Fundraising
There have been meetings with the developer, but no progress to report. Capital Campaign Committee will not meet on Tuesday.
- d. Team Selection & Placement Policy
Jen Kurtz suggested the Board vote on this tonight, and made a motion to do so. Paula seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The policy as presented passed on a unanimous vote.
- e. ADM Recommendation
Paula had updated the draft proposal with the changes from the last Board meeting. A few additional updates were made. Betsy made a motion to accept the ADM proposal as amended. Tim seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and all approved.

5. New Business

- a. ACE Director
Jeff and James met with three interested individuals: Chris Finkler, Troy Giesege, and Chad Schneider. Chris has links to the high school program, Troy is willing to help out, and Chad, one of last year's Mite coaches, has an extensive hockey background including coaching from high school AAA. The Executive Committee proposes to get the three of them together and talk about options, as SPYHA could benefit from all of their involvement. Betsy noted that she has some documents, including program plans, that will be helpful to the ACE Director.

Follow-up: In late June, the Executive Committee recommended that all three men be appointed SPYHA ACE Director.

- b. Other business
There was general discussion about committee meetings. Scott Halblieb and Sherry Herwig remain on the Annual Fundraising Committee, provided they are willing to continue. There were a few complaints about the cards, as there have been with several fundraising options, but it was felt that the Dine & Discount Cards provided a good fundraising opportunity for the association. James will contact Scott about continuing the program. It was suggested that there be a "Are You Interested" meeting before the next Board meeting to see if we can find members for various committees. After discussion, it was determined that the next meeting worked best for July 24, with a 7 pm Board meeting start and 6 pm committee meeting start.

Betsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded the motion, but as discussion noted that working with Chuck has been a pleasure. He is a jewel to the association, and is the glue that holds us together. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Next meeting: Sunday, July 25, at 7 pm.