

Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2012

Audience: Dan Rauls, Ben Mack, Kirk Wessel, CJ Wessel, Bill Gilbertson, Jason Walker, Todd Birkem, Lisa Birkrem, Chris Finkler, Michael Sanders, Dan Ogden, Steve Traut, Jeff Witt

President Jeff Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. He stated it was imperative that decorum and order be maintained at all times. He thanked the ACE Directors and the Board for coming together. Jeff explained that tryouts and team make up were not going to be discussed. He reviewed the history of the situation, the policy that was the basis of the concern, and the role of the ACE Directors. The following Board members were present: Angie Hadley (ADM rep), Paula Walker (treasurer), Marcie Rauls (ADM rep), Mike Weber (squirt rep), James Trent (past president), Jeff Thornton (president), Dave Batterman (president elect), Jen Kurtz (peeewee rep), Troy Giesege (coaches rep), Chris Gehrmann (bantam rep), Ken Frassetto (HS2 rep), and Betsy McCrary (secretary). DC Diamonds rep Nate Rosin was absent (previously declared/excused).

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

During public comment, a variety of opinions regarding the situation and the policy were expressed by audience members.

2. BOARD DISCUSSION

After public comment concluded, discussion returned to the Board level. Jeff explained that the first determination was if the discussion would be open or closed. If the meeting were closed, there would be privacy for those involved; however, if it were open there would not be accusations of doing things behind closed doors. After additional discussion for pros and cons of either approach, Jen made a motion to go into closed session. Ken seconded the motion. After a roll vote, the motion passed 7-4, with Jen, Chris, Ken, Betsy, James, Dave, and Troy voting aye and Angie, Marcie, Mike, and Paula voting no.

The audience was excused. ACE Director Chris Finkler joined the Board during closed session.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session to discuss the allegation of a violation of the coach's code of conduct as it relates to player playing time.

After extensive discussion, it was determined that the violation occurred, and the Board discussed the repercussions for the violation. A motion was made and seconded to suspend a coach for 30 days effective 04 March 2012 for a major violation of SPYHA Policy. After a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-3-1. This suspension will continue into the 2012-2013 season.

A motion was made to return to open session, and passed 10-1.

4. OPEN SESSION

No audience members remained in the lobby after the meeting. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jen seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 pm.