



**Southwest Eagles Youth Hockey Association
Minutes
August 23, 2012
7:00 pm ENIA**

Present: Janie Ritter, Mike Tollefson, Mike Bakalars, Tony Heinrichs, Joe Taylor, Bradd Sims, Jamie Smith, Walter Iszczyszyn, Jason Benigni, Jay Jurrens, Ryan Thorson, Kerry Curtis, Mark Jones, and Steve Simpson.

- 1) Call to Order- Janie Ritter @ 7:05 pm
- 2) Approve Minutes - Motion to approve July, 2012 minutes: Jay Jurrens, 2nd Jason Benigni. Unanimous.
- 3) Ice Inc. Report
 - a) Joel: We've found a bunch of mechanical issues over the past year. People may have noticed that the rink is a little bit colder because the de-humidifying mechanics are not working properly. It's about a \$20,000 fix. We also have to do a \$26,000 fix in the floor which is a glycol issue, under the ice. We are planning on making it through this winter and spring until doing any kind of repairs.
 - b) We plan to have a scheduled shut down on Friday, Aug 30th to do painting and getting the ice ready for the season. Thursday September 6th is when we plan to have the ice back up and available.
 - c) Decent summer as far as user groups on the ice. Profitable summer.
 - d) Switched over to our new website. It also helps with other groups using the site (i.e., Ice Spirit).
 - e) Turcotte Camp was successful, and was the biggest summer in 3 or 4 years.
 - f) Walter Iszczyszyn asked if we are having any spring pre-season conditioning. Joel said that Ryan Branham, who runs camps with his brothers, has 3 September Saturdays open to do some pre-season conditioning maybe at the Squirt / Pee Wee level.
 - g) Asked if Joel Marshall has talked to Matt Walsh to see if he can do some checking clinics. He is the USA Hockey rep for our area.
 - h) Verona Fest – The nighttime crowd was a little elevated from years past. We were up and down in different areas. Before the event even started we had \$16,100 raised from sponsors. 3 on 3 made \$1725, games area outside \$1291, 5k run \$1680 and the silent auction \$4004 (still have to collect about \$800). Friday night grossed \$2100 in beer tent and Saturday night \$3600. After expenses of \$9723. Total gross \$31000, just over \$20,000 to the rink for the weekend of Verona Fest. Overall profit was down a bit. Last year we had a few more individual sponsors.
 - i) Sign is up. Can put up what we would like for non-profit.

4) Committee Reports

- a) Recruiting: The organization did get information for Try Hockey Free day. Jennifer (McCormick) is getting the information sent to her for now. Jamie Smith has volunteered to organize Try Hockey Free day with anyone else who would like to help and be a contact until the Recruitment position is filled.
- b) Concessions:
 - i. The biggest problem now is the computer. Ryan Thorson thinks getting all the old information off of the computer and getting it loaded with a new program may work.
 - ii. Would like approval to re-word the hours for concession exemption. People are getting confused as to how many hours they are exempt for concession requirements. Motion by Janie Ritter to require 6 hours per assistant coach to work in the concessions, 2nd Kerry Curtis. Unanimous.
- c) Coaches: Have been finalizing the date for the fall coaches meeting, looking at September 19 or 26. This will be decided in the next week or so. Also forwarded on the email from Joel Grant to coaches committee. Some developing of goalie discussion that will be presented by Jay Jurrens. The biggest thing is getting the fall coaches meeting set.
- d) Goalies: See New Business.
- e) Fundraising: When the team coaches start to set up team meetings, please let Kerry Curtis know so she can take about 15 minutes at each meeting to go through the Scripts information, annual wreath orders, and some new purchase items (mugs, stadium blankets and logo decals). Will also address apparel with teams. Teams will decide to do what they would like as a team individually. This is typically what folks have been doing and there is very little profit value to the organization in a rink-wide apparel offer. However, we will encourage teams to utilize the website ordering tool, as we do see a 10% kickback on orders there.
- f) Webmaster: We just need fee amounts set and we can then get registration up.

5) ALD Reports

- a) Learn to Play: Nothing new
 - b) U6: Nothing new
 - c) RWB: Nothing new
 - d) Squirt: Family from ND bringing a Squirt and a RWB. We've got another family with one coming up from Squirt Rec that wants to try out for Squirt. This family lives in Madison and wanted to transfer to Southwest (from Polar Caps). Have to wait to see if Polar Caps will release him.
 - e) PeeWee: Team numbers will depend on budget and registration.
 - f) Bantam: Has signed up 2 goalies with Athletic Republic. Checking clinic is going to be September 17th. May recruit folks (in addition to the Bantam coaches).
 - g) HS2: Nothing new
- 6) Treasurer's Report - Fees were established with a slight increase from last year. There is an increase of \$15 in travel (from \$25 to \$40). Motion to approve proposed increase: Mike Tollefson, 2nd Mike Bakalars. Unanimous.
- 7) President's Report - Janie Ritter has been in contact with the Patriots regarding goalies. They will not have an extra at the Pee Wee level. However, may at Bantam. Their enrollment is open August 31st, and then they will get back to us about any potential transfer. Janie has also reached out to some other clubs.

8) Registrar's Report – Beginning to assess any transfer situations. There are quite a few transfers in the Dodgeville area, especially at the Squirt level. Working with Ryan Thorson to get our website up and running for registration.

9) Ice Scheduler's Report - Squirt and PeeWee evaluations are set on a Tuesday and Thursday this year, and maybe a Sunday. Will get this finalized and approved via email.

10) Region 4, WAHA & USA Hockey Updates – Roxanne Brazeau attended and will attend in the future.

11) Nominations/Appointments – Motion to approve Bradd Sims for Parade of Homes: Mark Jones, 2nd. Unanimous.

12) New Business

a) Goaltending development program - This summer Jay Jurens devised a structured program for goalies incorporating the program already devised by USA Hockey. We are to reward, recognize, recruit and start early this year. We used to utilize the resources we have around the area. Jay is thinking about starting at the Red, White and Blue level. They get a reward for volunteering to be goalie. They get a different level of reward the more they volunteer. The higher level they get then we get into a plan for them. Jay will direct the program and then some parts of the program like the recognition will be put in the hands of the coaches.

b) Email to the Board –Janie Ritter and other board members feel that individuals have a right to bring current issues to the board, but would like the originator to speak for themselves if it is possible (vs. through a third party). There are a lot of valid points made in the email. However, there are others that need to be clarified or pointed out. Many of the suggestions are great, but it is not as easy to make recommended changes due to the budget, USA hockey guidelines, numbers, coaches being volunteers (example: cannot require them to do an hour pre-game, but we can suggest it. The same goes for power skating). Jay pointed out that he was misrepresented in the email and that he had not spent any time on the ice with the program that was going at the rink this summer. As a whole, the board is very happy that this particular individual took the time to address the board with suggestions and input, it is always welcome. Many of the items will be brought to the coaches committee.

13) Old Business: None.

14) Set next meeting's agenda.

15) Adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

September 20, 2012 next meeting date.

Submitted by Jamie Smith, Secretary