

SAHA Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2012

Present: Josh Pettit, Mark LaFlamme, Dave Strum, Nicole Trautt, Tim Curtis, Jason Laurick, Paul Kurtz, Al Pettingill, Cindy Magnuson, Kraig Reed, Shawn Christianson, Troy Lambert, Pat Golat, John Hack, Fred Paine.

Absent: Kevin Mudrak.

Motion by Dave Strum and second by Tim Curtis to approve July board meeting minutes. Unanimous approval.

Officers Reports:

President: No report other than we have one more meeting before the season starts.

Past President: No report.

Rink Management: Committee did not meet. Good news – We have no leak. Bad news – We have no money. From June 1 on, we had 287 hours of cancelled ice times which resulted in about \$34,440 of lost money. We need to find a more permanent solution to come up with money. Suggestions were made. John Hack will look into this some more. He will come back to Josh Pettit by Friday with his recommendations. Josh will notify the board of the recommendations. The suggestion was made that the Rink Management board also meet to discuss this. We need to get creative with ideas to come up with some revenue. Mark suggested a 3 on 3 tournament, etc.

Treasurer: 1) July 2012 concession income is up. Expenses are also up for concessions. Ice rental up due to Learn to Skate. Tournament Entry Fees up but will be returned once teams are formed and team fees are collected. Fiscal year is not great. Tournament income was down. Discussion ensued regarding the money from Pond Hockey and the Gilbertson Tournament as this could have been put into the wrong place and that could explain the difference between the years. Building maintenance is up due to compressors and some due to parking lot. Equipment expense is down. Fundraising is overall pretty steady. 2) Checkbook is at \$13,000 with some checks not being cleared. 3) Rivets on roof need to be replaced. Lakehead has suggested that this needs to be done. 4) Cindy suggested looking for another accountant that knows the non-profit aspect of doing the books for our association. It will cost us money but it could very well save us money as well. She suggested that we solicit bids for a new accounting services. We need to get our financial information monthly so we know what is going on. 5) We may need to cash out a CD to pay Rink Management. The Rink Management Committee needs to meet.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Insurance: We are insured.

Tournaments: Teams are registered for tournaments. We may cancel the B1 tournament. Ice rental at Wessman is \$120 per hour. Fred Paine would like to have someone look into tournaments late in the season for those teams not in the state tournament. PeeWee A and Bantam A ... Should look at tournament in Thunder Bay, Canada. Players/parents would need passports if it was decided that this was something they wanted to do. Regarding tournament fees, ours are by far the cheapest. Maybe we should consider raising our fees. Tournament committee should look into this.

Registration/Website: Registration is open. We have 36 players registered. There is one that will need to come in to SAHA to finish registration. Registration at SAHA will be September 17 and 19 from 5-8 pm. Kyle suggested that we have five board members present each evening. We need to get flyers to the schools. These will be given to Cindy Magnuson for distribution to the Superior Schools and Nicole Trautt for distribution to Northwestern.

Equipment: Junior Gold will need new uniforms. It was brought up that maybe we could charge for them and then they could keep them at the end of the year.

Rinks & Facilities: No report.

Pond Hockey: Tim Curtis will connect with Mike McCoshen.

Bylaws & Policies: No report.

Development: 1) Brought up to pay top Bantam coach (i.e. Evan Nelson) \$1500 plus per diem. Half will be paid at the half season mark and the other half will be paid out at the end of the season. Limit of 2 coaches that get per diem. This opening will be put on Craig's list and our website to see if any others apply. Motion by Fred Paine. Second by Cindy Magnuson. Majority approve with Dave Strum opposing. The funding will come from the Gilbertson Tournament or Pond Hockey fund. 2) Goalie coaches. Should be done by a coaching organization. We have one bid that would include 5 sessions (90 minutes) during the pre-season and 5 sessions (90 minutes) during the season at a cost of \$2250. Troy will get at least one other bid. He is also going to ask Rob Stauber but bill will most likely be higher. Troy recommends using the first bid but realizes we should get the second bid. Motion to approve the \$2250 for the goalie clinic by Mark LaFlamme and second by Pat Golat with the money coming either from the Gilbertson Tournament or Pond Hockey fund. Majority approve with Dave Strum opposed. 3) Kevin Mudrak suggests doing away with the numbering system for tryout results on the website. First names and last name initial will be listed to avoid any confusion. 4) Alyssa did send a resume. The development committee will discuss this further.

Fundraising/Publicity: Butch Williams for pictures.

Volunteer/Manager: Will meet before next board meeting.

Rules & Referees: No report.

Concessions: Committee will meet before next board meeting.

Gilbertson Tournament: They will have their first meeting the last week of August.

New Business: Dave M. from Spirit of Duluth tournament. They are asking for ice time for December 7 and 8 from 9 am – 9 pm. They desperately need the ice time that weekend. CSS has home games those nights. Amsoil is busy those nights. He has spoken to Proctor and Two Harbors but would like to use the SAHA ice if we are willing to let them use our ice time. A benefit for SAHA would be increased concession revenue. We have no tournament scheduled that weekend. Cindy checked and the girls have no home game that weekend. John will confirm with Ernie that he would be okay with giving his ice time away and using a different time, possibly that Friday morning. Dave suggested that they would be willing to work with us regarding the registration or possibly making a donation to our association. After Dave left, a suggestion was made to go to Dave M with an offer of a \$5000 flat fee that they would pay us to use that ice time. We would also request that we be given back the \$850 registration fee for the PeeWee A team but they would still pay the gate fees. We would provide the volunteers for the penalty box and request that we have our pool games here at our home rink. A motion was made by Jason Laurvick and seconded by Pat Golat for Josh Pettit to take this offer to Dave M. Josh will notify the board by email of the response to the offer presented to Dave M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Motion by Tim Curtis. Second by Pat Golat. Unanimous approval.