

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2012

Audience: Joe Brickl, Chris Finkler, Troy Giesege, Nathan Rosin, Gary Brendemuehl, Michael Sanders, Misi Watters, Kelli Feiler, David Johnson, Patsy Zielsdorf

President Dave Batterman called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Paula Walker was absent at the start of the meeting.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – Betsy McCrary

Betsy thanked those who responded with approval of the July meeting minutes. They were posted to the website. Betsy added that the motion to reduce squirt fees to match the previously approved number of home games passed and is noted on the minutes.

b. Treasurer – Paula Walker (delayed until Paula arrived)

Paula reported that there was \$40,240.45 in the checking account, \$3,129 in the equipment fund, \$105,999.47 in money market, and \$186,236.17 in the capital campaign account, plus \$500 in Pay Pal. Betsy asked if the new One Goal equipment should be credited against the equipment fund. Paula will discuss the remaining information under new business.

President Elect – Kirk Wessel

Nothing to report

c. Past President – Jeff Thornton

Nothing to report

d. President – Dave Batterman

Dave asked about school skates on behalf of Chuck. Betsy will ask chair Karen Welling to contact Chuck for the Sept./Oct. schedule.

Dave asked if Chris Herwig could provide an update on the golf outing outcome. Chris though there were 24 four-somes, up from 17 the last two years. There were 8 or 9 new groups, and not as many turnovers as before. Receipts were about \$9,200. About half the holes had sponsors. The raffles went well, with pretty good prizes. Porkropolis made the pig roast dinner. Mark and Steve Veith asked how they can further support SPYHA. They are willing to work out some off-peak greens fees proceeds split in the fall. The winning group had one SPYHA family. It was nice to have nonhockey families participated. In the past the Face-off Festival was less and less community and more our own families, so it was nice to have something that brought in funds from outside SPYHA families.

Dave thanked Chris and Sherry Herwig for their work. Chris also wanted to extend thanks and recognition to the Sun Prairie Golf Club. The committee had planned on walking tacos for lunch; however, as they were not prepared professionally they couldn't be served at the golf club. They put together a brat and hamburger lunch at the last minute, and didn't charge for it. Jeff suggested that we offer them a glass block. They also donate 10% of the proceeds back to SPYHA. Steve Traut thought the stuff on the website went better, too.

One thought has been to also provide some sort of recognition that businesses can display at their business, too.

Dave mentioned that we also hope patronize the Oaks with the golf outing, too, going forward.

Dave asked that bookkeeping be added to new business.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Volunteer Committee

No one present to report. Confirmed that Dan Smith, previous chair, is not interested in continuing. Jeff will follow-up with posting this.

b. Annual Fundraising Committee

No additional report. Chair is unfilled. Scott Halblieb oversees the fundraising cards, Sherry Herwig the golf outing, and there is no New Year's Eve chair at this time. Betsy will follow-up with Ann Hamilton to confirm

she's continuing with Scrip (update: Ann will continue). Betsy will also check on the wreath sale (update: Terri Benisch will continue running the wreath sale).

c. Communications Committee

Steve indicated that the communication committee chair position is open. He also noted that the registrar for @spyha.com is changing software, and it is not going well. If anyone sends something out and gets an error back, please contact Steve. It looks like the email forwarding is working again. The only other option that Steve knows of that does the forwarding free is godaddy.com, but he's under the impression that things should be stable now.

Steve added that the committee is scrambling to get the annual newsletter together. Last year it went out Sept. 2 or 3; however, since registration closes Sept. 7, it needs to go out sooner. Last year's cost estimate was \$560, and the cost is estimated to be about the same with the same number of pages, or perhaps smaller. Steve will send last year's to the Board for review. The committee will meet at 8:30 pm tomorrow night. Two items that are needed are the ACE Director letter and the Capital Campaign letter.

It was noted that there are three major committees needing chairs.

d. Region 4 Report

Marcie reported that important dates were reviewed. There is a WAHA meeting/golf outing in Eagle River Sept. 8. It includes the Hall of Fame induction. Next Region 4 meeting is Tues., Sept. 11th, USA Hockey rep Kevin Erlenbach will be there. It starts at 6:30 at MIA. Scheduling meeting is Oct. 14 from 2 to 4 pm at MIA. Jeff asked that the Board level reps keep that date open to attend/help schedule teams for their level. Team managers will need to attend a meeting on Oct. 17 at Vitense at 8 pm, after the Region 4 general meeting. That means they need to be selected fairly quickly after tryouts. Again, worst case scenario is that the Board level reps would need to attend and then pass the information to the team reps. League requests need to be turned in by Oct. 1st (action Dave). This will be added to new business. Officials are needed, and must be 12 or older. Visit the DCHOA website for information. The HS league scheduling meeting will be Sept. 14 or 21 in Fond du Lac. More teams are continuing to join that league.

Concussion information was reviewed. WIAA.org is the main source of information. Chris Finkler provides concussion information to coaches every year.

It was again confirmed that if you forfeit a game during playdowns/state, it will result in sanctions against the entire association for two subsequent years. Rule change proposals should be submitted to Matt Leaf.

There was a discussion about continuing to have Rockford in the Region 4 league. Association presidents should contact Courtney, president of Region 4, with their thoughts. The general consensus from the Board was that games could be scheduled with them. There have been problems with scheduling league games for several years.

Tom Hansen, Region 4 registrar, can verify birth certificates/annotation forms at any Region 4 meeting.

Karen joined Marcie at the meeting. Jeremy Giesecki will be emailing Dave to remind him that there has to be an association representative at each meeting.

Jen provided information from the Executive Committee. Region 4 Registrar Tom Hansen's sons are still in the hospital. There is a fund set up for the family. SPYHA sent flowers to the hospital. Discussion of potential additional donations from SPYHA will be added to new business.

Bill Spohn will be the new ice schedule for Region 4. Sun Prairie is not hosting any playdowns because of the Groundhog Tournament (at least not anything Friday or Saturday). Playdowns are Feb. 1-3. This may need to be a discussion item with Chuck. There is a new Level rep for Red, White, and Blue and a new webmaster. Jen also has patches for Mike Sanders.

e. Tournaments: 3 x 3 update – Mike Sanders

Mike reported that there are four U8 teams with one goalie, four squirt teams, and no peewee, bantam, or adult teams registered yet, with less than three weeks to go before the tournament. Historically there have been struggles getting teams at the older levels. Please let Mike know if you're working on a team, even if you don't have details like team name/colors. The deadline is this upcoming weekend, or fees increase. Mike would like to have an assistant for the 3 x 3 tournament so he can hand it off and focus on the regular season Cardinal Cup tournaments. These have been posted on WAHA and in Let's Play Hockey.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS

a. ADM – Marcie Rauls and Karen Welling

Nothing to report

b. DC Diamonds – Angie Hadley

The Diamonds may not have a U10 team this year, as they only have four known skaters. The question was asked if the four skaters would be able to register with SPYHA if the decision is made after Sept. 7, without the late fee. It was felt this could be the case, since we are the sponsoring association. Follow-up with DC Diamonds President Dana is needed regarding the legal ramifications of being their sponsoring association.

c. Squirt – Bill Gilbertson

Bill has been working to contact the 56 perspective squirt families to see what they were thinking for the upcoming season. Of those he reached, 30 were interested in travel, 8 were interested in limited travel, 1 was undecided, was planning on skating with the Diamonds, and 2 could do either. Six weren't going to play, and there was no response from 8 others. Bill asked that additional discussions about adding squirt games be added to New Business. The games limits had been previously approved by the Board for all levels in July 2011. With the already extensive agenda, and the fact that this would be discussing something already previously approved, it was determined that it would be added to the September agenda. It was also noted that additional game requests can (and were) made to the Board last year. Chris Herwig clarified that he felt he did vote to set fees based on the number of games, when he was listed as not voting in the July minutes update.

d. PeeWee – Steve Traut

Nothing to report

e. Bantam – Jen Kurtz

Jen wanted to thank the families who participated in the parade. Scott Halblieb provided music, and Dave Batterman drove and provided a trailer. Some families who weren't able to attend still donated candy. Jen thought about 20-25 kids were there, most on roller blades. Bill felt Board reps and coaches should make an attempt to be at activities like this.

f. High School – Chris Gehrman

Nothing to report

g. Coaches rep. – Chris Herwig

Nothing to report

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. New Rink / Building Committee

Many Board members were present at a school board meeting to support the district discussing possible ways for the school district and hockey association to move forward with the new rink. This was approved. There is an upcoming meeting with the school administrators (Dr. Culver, Phil Frei, and the head of Buildings & Grounds) to discuss concerns about traffic flows, particularly a potential pinch point for the SPHS parking lot and the driveway. This will be an opportunity to transition to some possibilities. The date to get something into this year's budget is tight. They will review the original parking agreement and the retention pond. Parking spots run about \$1,200. Consultation with a civil engineer is needed, and we do have one in the association. A follow-up meeting is planned for Thursday.

b. Capital Fundraising – Jen Kurtz

Paula has been updating fundraising spreadsheets. We need to focus on getting invoices and contracts out. Additional information on this will be discussed later. Jen is working with The Star on pictures and they've done a nice job. Work on the on-line Am. Fam. Form has been started. The committee is also working to contact Near East businesses and updating the in-kind information before the next brochure printing. Stevens is working on recosting the project. There will be a new set of drawings to help narrow things down. Dave noted that corporate donor plaques should be discussed at the next Cap Campaign meeting. Paula learned that Play It Again Sports has a program that donates a percentage of items purchased to an association just for mentioning their name. This could be shared with squirts and in the equipment room. They have a ton of junior sizes. Angie thought an email blast could also be helpful. Jeff asked if Dick's had a similar program.

Gary Brendemuehl and Dave went to the Rotary Club meeting, included breakfast, pictures, and a \$500 check for SPYHA and other local organizations – they donated to 14 different groups. SPYHA was invited to come and speak to the group. It was a good meeting, and they should be recognized with a glass block. Contact was made with KSUN/KIDS4 personnel who also offered air time for whatever we could use it for.

c. ADM program

There was some interest in having SPYHA join the ADM U8 Dane County League, so after attending a meeting with the Dane County League as an observer, the intent was for the ACE Directors, Coaches and ADM Reps and Dave to come forward with a proposal. They haven't had a chance to meet. Chris Herwig chimed in explaining that last season the U8 red, white, and blue players, played and practiced against each other during the season, which lead to the same 18 to 20 kids always playing each other. A post-season meeting with Dave, Jeff, Marcie, Angie, and ADM lead coach Jon Lambert lead to them recommending joining the league, as it was felt that in every other sport these kids are playing other team. Jen noted that in historical in-house leagues, there were 4 to 6 teams, with Squirt C's included and Squirt B players optional and paying \$100. She would be in favor of returning to something like this.

Involving or not involving limited travel players could go either way. Jen is concerned about the extent of the travel in a league that isn't at all limited to Dane County, and includes Janesville, Monroe, and Beloit. Angie asked if we are the only ones not doing it?

Chris Finkler has had discussions about the situation with Guy Gosselin from USA Hockey, and he's in support of changes to ADM and looking at what is appropriate developmentally. Chris noted that the Dane County League would have players spending more time in the car than playing, skating a 50 minute game every other shift. The changes to ADM for the younger group are a huge culture change, and there are those who are refusing to acknowledge the new programming. Participation in the league would mean 2-3 games at home, and the rest on the road. He noted that during the meeting with the Dane County League, none of our concerns were addressed. There is not a movement to split by North/South/East/West. Joining the league would actually mean having more kids at younger ages traveling than we ever have before. Before we had a handful of full-season Mite A's, and then a half season Mite B for a few years, but never a Mite C. We'd have about 60 kids on the road. The largest U8's would probably shine, but it wouldn't be the best for them long-term. Chris used an example from Little League. Of 7,000 players from the Little League World Series, only three have made it to the pros. He would be really proud of our association to do something different, more in line with what USA Hockey is intending. If fun is an issue, then Guy will work with us on that, and help with parent education. They don't need to travel to have fun. Guy has offered to come out. He's a two-time Olympian who has a lot of experience with hockey. Guy thinks that the idea of the Dane County League is horrible – everything USA Hockey doesn't want.

Chris feels an alternate to the Dane County League is to return to something like SPHL. We don't have to follow the Red, White, Blue levels playing one another strictly, which may have been a misinterpretation last year. Mixed ability teams would give the chance for more fluid movement, and fun is relative to what you make it. While ADM year 1 was successful, we're looking to improve.

Jen was sad to see SPHL go.

Groups would still practice by red, white, and blue groupings. Marcie noted that jamboree opportunities would still continue. Troy Giesege had nothing to add to Chris' comments. They have talked about it and he's in agreement. Dave noted that we're not rich in ice time in this facility. If we added kids older than ADM U8, costs would have to be determined. The question was asked if Friday nights were still available, as Chris Herwig noted it was previously a Friday night was game night. Jeff noted that this would address the complaint from last year that the same kids were also playing against one another. At the same time, there were U8 families who loved not traveling, and there is a set of people who don't want to travel. Marcie noted that we did have a family leave, too, over not traveling for ADM. There were four jamborees at the end, which was not idea, but at the same time they generally weren't offered until the end of the season.

Dave thought that an "Original Six" concept for an inhouse SPHL could be fun and give kids a team identity. He suggested an informal vote to gauge support. Based on the informal show of hands, Jen made a motion to redevelop the SPHL in-house program and not participate in the Dane County League.

Paula asked if we can add a full ice game/tournament for the 2004's? She then seconded Jen's motion. It was noted that families could still choose to play in jamborees, and it was okay if some didn't want to.

Dave asked for public comment. Nate Rosin asked if there will be a time when we're looking at an ice equity program, if some are getting twice the ice for half the price? (Referring to possibly including limited travel squirts in SPHL.)

The ADM program time already has sufficient allotted time, according to Dave, so this shouldn't be an issue for Chuck. Jeff said the dues should be set based on costs. It looks like games would be about 17 minute games x 3 games. Chris Gerhmann thought too much Friday/Saturday game times could make things tough. Chris Herwig agreed. Jeff didn't want to get too immersed in the details, as it's the program that's being approved, not every detail.

After voting, all approved, and motion passed.

Betsy asked about Intro to Hockey. Chris Finkler is not sure who will coach it, probably not parents of kids in that group. Chris Herwig thought it would be tough to have new coaches learning to coach lead it. Jeff thought that if we needed to hire someone we probably could. Missy Watters shared that maybe there could be a way of enticing some existing parent coaches to do it.

- d. 2012-2013 Dues (ADM)
Tabled for September meeting
- e. Squirt Rec League

There are about 50 squirts (8 didn't respond to Bill). A plan for the teams is needed going forward. There would certainly be A and B full travel teams, but the question is are there two squirt C limited travel teams, a C team and a limited travel, or something else? There are other teams nearby that will have similar teams, including the Patriots, Verona, and MIA. Another consideration would be two evenly matched C teams. With this, the topic was opened for conversation.

Paula asked if SPYHA would register a Squirt C team with Region 4? Marcie asked what if some of the kids assigned to a C team were B caliber. Other questions were how to decide how many teams now, before registration closes. Chris Herwig asked why we were getting away from Squirt C. Jen wondered if maybe an A, B, and C team with a smaller limited travel team would work, perhaps in conjunction with the in-house program. Paula indicated that right now, there is not a separate designation in registration for "squirt limited travel." Troy indicated there has to be some kind of communication. Marcie and Angie both agreed there should be a separate sign-up. Chris Finkler asked if we already had those who wanted squirt limited travel identified, if they would still go through tryouts. Marcie said we'd have to communicate with parents, and they wouldn't have to send kids who would be squirt limited travel. Jeff and Dave agreed that communication to everyone would be important. Patsy Zielsdorf asked if fees would be reduced if they didn't go through tryouts? Jeff indicated that the per-player difference wouldn't be significant, just \$10 to \$15, and there was already a significant price decrease for squirt limited travel. Misi Watters wanted to make sure that plans are communicated to avoid pain from last year. The suggestion was made to have parents confirm via a slip of paper whether players were doing travel or limited travel at check-in. Jen asked if we are then offering A, B, C and limited travel? Dave thought so. Jen liked the idea of having Squirt C's in the state tournament, but limited travel doesn't have to. Marcie pointed out that if parents wanted it, it would be more money. Misi wanted to make sure that there would be a place for everyone, because if you told them they can't travel at all, that would be horrible. There was discussion concerning development vs. competition. Options are A, B, C, and limited travel, A, B, and 2 limited travel teams, or a third option suggested by Jeff, A, B, and two C's. Chris noted that there are a known number that don't want full travel.

After an informal poll, Jen made a motion for SPYHA to have squirt full travel A, B, and C teams and develop a fourth limited travel team. Marci seconded the motion.

Chris Herwig asked about the scope and indicated that it did not establish if squirt limited travel is squirt C for state. From the audience, the question was asked what happens if you run into problems like last year, where kids drop out. It was also asked if a state-eligible team needs to be decided now. Betsy indicated that it has to be decided by Nov. 15th.

All approved, and the motion passed.

Paula asked if the option for squirt limited travel should be added back in. Dave thought no, if everyone signed a form that was given to evaluators. Jeff mentioned invoicing as an important item, though.

Jeff made a motion that the limited squirt travel team is not state-eligible. Marcie seconded the motion. It was noted that some likely would not want to be on a state-eligible team. Paula thought she should add the registration option back for squirt limited travel, and follow up with families who had already registered. Jen asked if the limited travel team could play against squirt C teams, and the thought was yes. It should be clarified that this limited travel team is not an in-house team. Dave indicated that they would be allotted six home and six away games.

All approved, and motion passed. The treasurer's report was given next.

f. Cell phone/recording device policy - Jeff

Betsy asked if there was a separate policy from the sign that Jeff sent for the locker room. She made a motion to include the language in the sign as a policy in the SPYHA Policy manual. Paula seconded the motion.

Chris Herwig asked if this included voice recordings, and it does. Kirk asked if a device like an iPod that was photo-capable was plugged into a docked speaker station if it was still prohibited. Troy Giesege pointed out that it would still need to be brought into the locker room and turned on, which is what is prohibited. It was asked if the coach brought it in if it was okay, but others felt that would be even worse. Nate Rosin wondered if every coach should be bought a Nano. Patsy Zielsdorf asked if an exception could be made for a docking station. Angie pointed out that the policy is pretty standard and similar to what the club has. Jeff felt that it wasn't creating a financial hardship to have a kid use a Nano or other iPod that didn't have camera/recording capabilities, since they're not that expensive. Dave will ensure placards are made and installed in a prominent location.

Chris Herwig clarified if this is intended for all users of the facility, and it is.

All approved, and motion passed.

6. New Business

a. Spiritwear Coordinator & any other positions

As previously discussed, there are several open chair positions. Misi Watters asked what was involved in chairing the volunteer committee. This includes keeping track of who volunteered, posting opportunities, talking to the treasurer, and more. It is likely worth the full 30 volunteer credits, and involves a lot of manual work/tracking. Jeff noted if Misi was interested she could join the committee and learn the ropes.

Proposals were as follows:

Patsy Zielsdorf for score sheet coordinator (continuing)

Robyn Ogden for spirit wear (she helped with Cardinal Cup and Paula would work with her on getting set up for warm-ups) - as an aside, Paula noted that Mary Suter indicated there have been some very minor changes to the warm-ups appearance. The Board approves spiritwear before it goes off.

It was noted that there was not a very official process for this. Jeff made a motion that all chair positions of standing committees are appointed by SPYHA. Paula seconded the motion. Motion passed 11-1, with Jen opposed.

Betsy made a motion to approve Patsy and Robyn for the chair positions proposed. Karen seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed.

Kirk asked if we put the openings on DIBS if we would get more interest. DIBS works best for specific tasks at certain days/times, not as much for a general task. It was noted it would be really cool if a message could pop up when users logged on indicating what was needed. Steve mentioned these needs are eblasted regularly, and there were notes in the newsletter about them as well. Facebook has also been working great.

Steve mentioned again that communications chair was still open.

b. Tryouts

Last year no potential parent coaches were involved as evaluators for a level their child was at. A few parent coaches ended up helping out setting up drills, though. Ecomm is recommending keeping the policy the same, except that parents can be on the ice helping with drills. This would be made abundantly clear that these individuals were not having input in evaluations during a tryout meeting. Chris Herwig asked why things would be changing from the policy. Perhaps allowing parent coaches from the level they could be coaching have input, it might be a plus. Nate thought a mix is good. Paula asked if the kids didn't do scrimmages at some levels? Misi suggested that working out a reciprocal relationship with another association might be good. Chris Herwig thought the existing policy was fair.

Dave explained that the goal was to try to take the perception of inequity out of the evaluation process. It was also noted that players did not register by position this year.

Troy Giesege noted that communication among the evaluators was great, and there was lots and lots of discussion. He also felt that what Dave proposed tonight is the best situation. Having parent coaches set up the drills alleviates that responsibility for the evaluators and lets them concentrate on evaluating. No matter what the decision, the ACE Directors will work with it, and are willing to put in the time.

Marcie noted that it is important to have the same evaluators throughout the process. Troy agreed; however, the people on the ice might change. Chris Herwig noted that nonevaluators ran drills in the past, but it is good to make sure their role is clear. Chris Gerhmann was concerned that a skater being evaluated by someone who has coached him in the past could have an advantage.

Jeff noted he did have one angry coach after evaluations.

Misi mentioned that if there are parent coaches on the ice, other parents will still think they had input even if they didn't.

Betsy reviewed the existing policy and clarified that the decision for selecting evaluators is with the ACE Directors. There remains a provision to use parent coaches not only during evaluations, but also as evaluators; however, when evaluating at the level of their skater, they do not have input on their own child.

Jen made a motion to stay with the existing policy as adopted on June 19, 2011, with the addition of clarifying "no two parent coaches" to the second to last sentence of the evaluation section. Marcie seconded the motion.

Betsy again clarified that the evaluators were chosen at the ACE Directors' discretion.

Karen asked if Troy was looking for the Board to give direction, or if he and Chris Finkler were set? Troy replied that it was easy to have the direction, but they could work with it either way. Marcie likes that the policy provides some flexibility, and Karen also liked the idea of being able to have parents helping out as needed. A roll call vote was taken:

ADM 1 – Marcie: aye

ADM 2 – Karen: no

DC Diamonds- Angie: yes

Squirt – Bill: yes

PeeWee – Steve: nay

Bantam – Jen: yes

HS2 – Chris G.: nay

Coaches rep – Chris H.: yes

Secretary - Betsy: abstain

Treasurer – Paula: yes

President-Elect – Kirk: abstain

Past-President – Jeff: no

Motion passes 6-4-2.

c. Discussion of the Rink Board

Dave thanked all who attended the working meeting to discuss moving to a rink board. Verona and Superior have similar setups. The split responsibility is something lending institutions are looking for, especially for the consistency. Dave had distributed a summary of the meeting with a few additions, and was looking for direction for the Board as far as agreeing with the concepts and direction. Expediting the process is critical, and it needs to get to membership. Betsy noted that she had a problem with #8, which included placing Learn to Skate and ADM programs under the responsibilities of the Rink rather than Youth Hockey. Dave said those specifics can still be ironed out, but they're really looking for concept approval.

Jeff made a motion that SPYHA pursues the formation of an ownership board to own and operate the new ice arena. Jen seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.

d. Board emails – including ACE Directors

There was some opposition to including ACE Directors automatically in Board of Director emails, so it was decided to bring this up to the group. Angie thought that we had some much information that would not be pertinent to the ACE Directors that it wouldn't be necessary. Paula asked why the request. Troy Giesege said often there are questions that they're asked that they're not privy to, such as game limits, and being included would be helpful. Even last year when Troy was on the Board, adding Chris Finkler would have allowed for an educated discussion at times. The concern was mainly that communication may be missing, and they wouldn't be prepared for questions/discussion. It's easy to delete items that don't pertain; however, they also understand that there may be sensitivity issues.

Dave noted that sensitive closed session topics weren't to be discussed via email anyway. Troy is fine with whatever is decided.

Steve indicated that what this comes down to is proper communication. People need to make sure they add both Chuck and the ACE Directors when appropriate. As a Board we need to be more conscience about including them. As the description doesn't currently indicate that emails include the ACE Directors, and also because Steve tried to add the ACE Directors and it "broke stuff," it probably isn't necessary. It feels like we're trying to put a Band-Aid on poor communication with a shotgun approach.

With this discussion, no action was taken.

e. League placement

Jeff thought it would be fine to leave similar to last year, except returning squirts to their historical level. With Jen reviewing information from Region 4, he made a motion for the following:

Squirt A – League 1

Squirt B – League 3

Squirt C – League 4

PeeWee A – League 1

PeeWee B – League 2

PeeWee C – League 4

Bantam A – League 1

Bantam B – League 3

Paula seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

- f. Donation to WAHA Region 4 Registrar's family
Jen made a motion that SPYHA contribute \$1,000 from the general money market fund as a donation to the WAHA-Hansen Family Benefit Account. Jeff seconded the motion. Angie clarified that it would not come out of the capital campaign account. All approved. Motion carried.
- g. Other business
Sandy Candy – This may be useful to the HS Varsity Soccer Team / Boosters for their youth night celebration. Betsy proposed that we allow Chris Gehrmann to offer it to them for use as they see fit, as it is already paid for and isn't suitable for many SPYHA uses. There were no objections and was handled originally at the committee level, no additional action was necessary.

Paula made a motion to adjourn to closed session, seconded by Jen. All approved.

After closed session discussion, Jen made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Paula. All approved. The action taken in closed session was to change accounting firms to Bodilly CPA's and Consultants, LLP.

Betsy made a motion to adjourn, Paula seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10 pm.

Subsequent Board Action:

Dave brought forward a proposal to spend up to \$1,500 for a sign on the new rink site reading "The future home of Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association and High School Hockey www.savehockey.spyha.com" with the HS mascot, the SPYHA mascot, and the Cougars mascot. All approved, and thanks was extended to Troy Giesege for his design talents.

A release request was received from the Derr family for John Derr, first year squirt. They have completed their LTS/ADM via McFarland and want to continue through their program. Motion passed 11-0-1 (vote not received from Chris Herwig), and the release was granted.