

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2013

Audience: Chris Finkler, Troy Giesege, Kellie Feiler, Matt Meyer, Jason Luxford, and Dale Ripp

President Jen Kurtz called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. President-Elect Angie Hadley was noted as absent.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – Betsy McCrary

The July minutes were approved and have been published. Ecomm meeting minutes were distributed via email but Betsy has a few copies available. The boards from Calgary are here, and our old boards have been sold to Stevens Point. Glass block sales are closing at the end of the month. The temporary SPYHA office is at Chuck's house. The treasurer and secretary split some SPYHA documents.

Betsy sent out background check information to everyone. The Corn Fest parade had good turnout, both for SPYHA's entry and the overall crowd. She thanked SP Ice for approving the free skate passes. We handed out 1500 passes. There were 283 people at the Ice Melt party, and net income after expenses was \$1,285. There were a few instances of bad behavior, and Ecomm followed up on a bullying situation. Registration is at 42 (2 New to SPYHA, 2 U6, 8 U8, 4 HS2, 11 bantam, 8 peewee, and 7 squirts). Postcards went out last Wednesday. Betsy thanked Jen for running the postcards through the postage meter.

b. Treasurer – Gary Brendemuehl

Gary provided balance sheets and income statements, as well as bank balances. On Monday he paid the remaining mortgage in advance of closing – it was about \$10,400: two payments. The whole building is now all ours (said looking out over the darkened, ice-less arena).

c. President Elect – Angie Hadley

Absent

d. Past President – Dave Batterman

Nothing.

e. President – Jen Kurtz

Jen thanked Kimberly Trent and Chris Gehrmann for organizing the Ice Melt Party. She thanked Dave for supplying the trailer and driving during the Corn Fest parade and Scott Halbleib for providing music. She thanked Betsy for creating and ordering the free skate cards distributed during the parade, and appreciated all the families who walked and donated candy.

Jen extended heartfelt thanks to the z-team staff, who have spent hours decommissioning the rink, as well thanking the association members who have stepped up. She thanked Chuck for all his work, both on the schedule and on the organizing the clean-out of the rink. We anticipate closing with the PAC the week of August 25. Gary and Chuck are working on the logistics of the new office.

Registration is now open. We hope to know more about the number of teams after Sept. 1, when the early travel registration discount ends.

Jen asked everyone to keep cell phone usage to a minimum during the meeting. She can understand situations where monitoring might be needed (sick child or spouse). This is very distracting to others.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Volunteer Committee

Jen will follow up to see if Kathy Thornton and Sue Culbertson have connected about the volunteer committee activities.

There are eight Mud, Sweat, and Beers volunteer positions remaining. Volunteers should wear red and check-in at the main pavilion registration area at Angell Park.

b. Annual Fundraising Committee

Scott Halbleib is working on the cards, and maybe a national option versus local Sun Prairie, in hopes of enabling more sales to out of area relatives. The payout / cost (\$5/card) is the same.

No updates on the golf outing have been received. Thought is that the income was similar to last year. Jen will follow-up with Sherry Herwig.

c. Communications Committee – Steve Traut

Steve has posted schedules on the website. Board level reps need to check the calendar against the schedule to make sure it is entered correctly. Board meeting location has been updated.

Steve will share information on Facebook and email returns and other data next month.

d. ACE Directors – Troy Giesege and Chris Finkler

Jen, Lisa, Troy, and Chris attended the Dane County League meeting. We're in the league, but need to finalize the number of teams. Our initial estimate was four, which looks like it works fine. Only one group was really against our start time for the first part of the season. They do half season schedule at a time and then adjust as needed. Each team would get three weekends off. Jason asked if ADM U8 was scheduled for two practices and a game for the first half of the season? No, we could only schedule them for one practice a week and then the game. There would be a second practice only if the Sunday night ice wasn't used for a game. This is only for the first half of the season.

e. Region 4 Meetings

Jen didn't have a chance to print off a sign-up sheet for meetings. She will email sign-ups for the Region 4 meeting.

They are the third Wednesday of the month beginning in August. It is the responsibility of the attending member to take notes and report back to the Board. The August meeting is at Eagle's Nest (Verona). Otherwise, they are at Vitense at 7 pm.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS

a. ADM U6 / ADM U8 – vacant / Lisa Wendler

We are still looking for a U6 representative. After confirming that fees included jerseys that the players keep, Lisa would like to have two-sided jerseys for ADM U8. She will get quotes.

Jen wants the school flyers to go out as soon as possible and for SPYHA to be at Open Houses. Betsy will send the Word document she's used to Lisa, and will follow-up on this off-line.

b. Squirt – Marcie Rauls

Nothing to report.

c. PeeWee – Karen Welling

Nothing to report.

d. Bantam – Steve Traut

Nothing to report.

e. High School – James Trent

Nothing to report

f. Coaches rep. – Jason Ledford

Nothing to report.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. New Rink / Building Committee

Dave reported that the steel is going up on vertical surfaces. Wall panels will arrive next week and need to be up before the roof. Things are still on schedule for early January. There has been a good run of weather. We will still stay with the original schedule for now. The electrical and lighting design plan has been reviewed. With 64 lights over each sheet, visibility should be great. There was a recent coordination meeting with mechanical/electrical/plumbing, and they are working well together.

Dave reiterated that we are going to need volunteers to put in the pipes for the rink. James asked for clarification on the concrete. It will be in Rink B, and gives us the option to take the ice out and do other things. We couldn't afford to put concrete in both. It will be necessary to set this within a two-week period. Stevens is concerned about the number of volunteers needed. There will also be a lot of painting of cement block, which must be sealed. No one under 18 can help. Pledged labor isn't intended to count as volunteer hours, but we may need to use DIBS to cover labor that isn't pledged. There is also some finish carpentry and some more specialized work. Rink B pipe is

tentatively scheduled for the first week in November, Rink A for the first week in December. Work will be night and on weekends. Stevens will get an estimate for hours needed to do the work. They will provide a supervisor. It will work best if we can have a consistent crew of volunteers.

Landscaping may be in fall or spring, depending on weather. Steel painting will start soon.

Marcie thought that the volunteer needs should be outlined at team meetings. Dave indicated members of ecomm will be there. Jen thought it could be covered in the first tryout meetings.

b. Capital Fundraising – Jen Kurtz

The next meeting will be by Tuesday at 6 pm. The initial glass block campaign is coming to an end Aug. 31. This is necessary to have them in place by rink opening. Dave asked if we have a number sold to date. We will probably need to work in multiples of 30. Lisa is helping with review, and Patty Weber has agreed to go through forms and start contacting buyers to confirm the wording.

The space in the rink is for 30 block sets indented into the wall, beginning in Rink A. Our costs are about \$45 per block, so the net is \$455. We will keep doing this going forward. The areas will be lit from the front and down – it should look great.

Gary thinks we have about 130 blocks so far.

Jen said Lisa, Gary, and Shelly Smith have been working hard on fundraising, developing tournament packages, etc. The Board can help too, by thinking of places to contact.

c. Baseline concussion screening

Chris is still working on specifics. If individuals had concussion screening for WIAA sports, they would not need to repeat it.

d. 2013-2014 Player Transfer Request

As requested in the July meeting, Ecomm has met with the Formisano family to discuss the transfer request presented at that time. Based on the discussion, Ecomm is recommending granting the release request to Middleton; however, it requires releases be obtained from multiple other associations, including the Patriots, Polar Caps, and Southwest. It is a one year release.

Jason made a motion to allow Dallas Formisano to be released to Middleton for the 2013-2014 season. Dave seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7-0-2, with Betsy and James abstaining. James indicated that this sets a bad precedent, but understands that sometimes there are contributing situations.

e. 2013-2014 Season schedule updates

There are no updates. Chuck has finished the game schedule for 2014, so he can work on back-filling 2013 ice for games. There would be the potential to add two more Cardinal Cups. Bill Spohn is looking for Region 4 play down ice, and we can give him some.

At least half the games for each team will be at the new rink.

f. Board meeting locations

The Windsor St. location of the Bank of Sun Prairie was recently remodeled and has wifi, so we will switch Board meetings to that location. It's across the street from Jimmy John's. We will need to be out by 10 pm, so we will need stay on track and move things along.

6. New Business

a. Player "play-up" requests

Jason Luxford has been with SPYHA for 14 years. His son Evan is in U8 and was a red last year. He would like to request that the Board allow Evan to play up as a squirt.

Jen asked if there was a coach's recommendation. Jason Ledford was a coach who supports this and feels it is the right thing to do.

Chris Finkler asked why they were making the request. Jason Luxford indicated that it would be his third year of U8 and he's developing at a good rate. There is no more mite hockey. Jason Ledford felt the child had the necessary skills and would benefit from more ice. Chris said it was true to the development aspect, but in the long run he would still fit in with peers.

Betsy asked if there would be stipulations in place similar to what had been used in previous situations, just to keep things consistent. This would include that the play-up request would be for squirts only, so essentially it would be a three year commitment to squirts; that the evaluators believe the player is ready for squirt hockey, which can include an emotional development aspect, and that it would also require that they not take a spot from a squirt-age player.

Marcie thought they would have to make a team because there were only two of them requesting, and the numbers weren't such that they would take a spot from an existing age-eligible squirt.

Chris suggested the requirement that a player would need to have two years of ADM U8 experience.

Jason thought two more additions would be okay at the squirt level.

There was no public comment.

Jason made a motion to allow Evan Luxford to try out as a squirt for the 2013-2014 season. Lisa seconded the motion.

Betsy asked if the caveats would be defined. Lisa asked what the policy was: The current policy is vague and requires a petition to the Board to play up. That's pretty much it. Dave indicated that there has been precedent to allow with stipulations.

Jason agreed to modify the motion with the following requirements:

- Two years of ADM U8 experience
- Player would have three years as a squirt
- Evaluator approval
- Cannot displace a squirt-eligible player

Dave indicated that changing the three-year requirement would require Board approval again. Lisa and Jason reiterated their agreement with the additional requirements. Motion passed 9-0.

Jen directed Jason Luxford to go ahead and register Evan as a squirt, and to let Betsy know if there were problems.

Matt Meyer subsequently made a request that the Board allow Owen Meyer, an eight year-old, to play up as a squirt. Owen has a June birthday, and has four years of hockey – this would be his fifth year. He was also a red with Evan Luxford. Matt has been coaching Owen and would like to see him with more ice time. Jen asked for another coach's recommendation. Jason Ledford was willing to give a recommendation, indicating that Owen was in the "same canoe" as Evan Luxford.

ACE Directors had no additional comment.

Dave made a motion to accept Owen Meyer with the same conditions previously listed for Evan Luxford. A second was made, but the individual who made it was not recorded.

Chris Finkler asked if displacement could happen? Lisa noted that last time there were play-up requests there were some kids who were told they would be better suited for ADM U8 even though they were squirt-age. Is it realistic – would we send anybody back at this point? No one can say for sure. During public comment, Dale noted that HS2 had a large team – and they can suit up to 20, so team size probably wouldn't be a factor.

Motion passed 9-0.

b. Other business

There was no other business to discuss.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm. Dave noted it was the shortest Board meeting in 9 years.

Post-meeting action:

Release request – John Derr to McFarland. Player had never skated in Sun Prairie and this was a second-year request.

Approved 9-0 on an email vote.

Confirmation of approval of property sale -

Betsy made a motion to resolve that the Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association (SPYHA) approves and sale and will transfer the deed to the Sun Prairie Ice Arena, located at 655 Athletic Way, Sun Prairie, WI 53590, to Prairie Athletic

Club, Sun Prairie, WI, in accordance with the Option to Purchase agreement dated December 29, 2006, and as amended on March 21, 2011. As stipulated in the current Bylaws of Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association, the current SPYHA president (Jennifer Kurtz) and secretary (Elizabeth McCrary) of the association are authorized to execute the deed on SPYHA's behalf.

Motion passed 9-0 on an email vote.

SPYHA number of teams:

After discussion with ecomm and ACE Directors, Ecomm provided the following team suggestions based on registration numbers:

HS 2: 16 players – 1 goalie = 15 skaters (1 – team)

The goalie is most likely to end up on varsity, as will a number of potential players. However, other players have not yet registered and there are some that still plan on registering.

Bantam: 36 players – 5 goalies = 31 skaters (2 – teams)

Indications are that one additional player is expected to register this season. Another first year Bantam has decided not to play this season (however, may still change his mind). There was a lot of discussion about this level; however, in the end, with checking hockey, the risk of losing a player or two to injury/illness can really make things tough on a team. There is high potential to lose one goalie to varsity.

Pee Wee: 32 players – 1 goalie = 31 skaters (2 – teams)

Note: SPYHA will potentially be losing one of the skaters to the Patriots because they denied a release request, even though we just released a player to them. Not certain of the potential to add any of the three non-returning players.

Squirt: 26 players – 2 goalies = 24 skaters (2 – teams)

Identified five non-returning second year players (there are several 2004's who were new to hockey last year – uncertain on status, but may be interested in ADM. Also several girls from this group are playing with the DC Diamonds.)

There was significant discussion about peewee and bantam levels. It was necessary to provide a decision to Chuck by Sunday (Sept. 8) because of scheduling requirements and inquiries about ice sales in the new rink. There was concern about polling parents for input and whether additional games should be added. It was pointed out that there was an extra game allowance added last year, or tournaments could be swapped for more games if families wanted. Both Karen and Troy shared situations where small teams, or in Troy's case even a 13-player team, struggled with injuries or other situations that lead to having very few (in one case no) players to use as subs by the end of the game. At both bantam and peewee levels, the number of potential adds for players is pretty slim.

Chris Finkler shared ADM Team Size Recommendations

Squirts: 10-12 +1 goalie (Our numbers are at 12 skaters and 1 goalie per team)

Pee Wee: 15 + 2 goalies (Our numbers are at 15 skaters per team assuming one team will be dressing a player as goalie)

Bantams: 16 +2 goalies (Our numbers are at 16 skaters per team and 2-3 goalies)

Proposed number of teams (2 each for squirt, peewee, and bantam, 1 for HS2) was approved 9-0 by email vote.