

# SSPYHA Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE & TIME	3/19/13 7:00 PM		Call to Order: 7:07 PM	Adjourn: 8:17 PM	
<b>Board Members:</b>	Present	<b>Board Members:</b>	Present	<b>Visitors:</b>	<b>Visitors:</b>
Jim Jenkins	X	Dave Simons	X	Approximately 30 parents	
Michael Stanefski	X	Kris Garvey	X		
Chuck Joswiak	X	Ben McClellan	X		
Buck Kluender	X	Arin Ash	X		
Shawn Gallahue	X				

\*\*\* Note: Minutes subject to board approval \*\*\*

## Call to Order

-Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

## Introduction

-Mr. Jenkins introduced the Directors and informed the group how the meeting would proceed

## President Report

-Mr. Jenkins stated that this year has been successful in that the Board accomplished everything it set out to. The program has been changed to an ADM style, the end of the Inver Grove merger was successful, and the program is flourishing. The move to electronic registration and billing has been beneficial to both the Board and it's members, and late payments/missing payments have gone down considerably.

## ADM

-Mr. Stanefski discussed the progress of the ADM style and stated that there was a bit of a learning curve this year, in that all levels do not need to have the same percentage of ADM versus systems-based practices. For instance, a Mite level program would benefit from having more ADM practices along with a small number of systems based practices; however, an upper level, such as Bantams would need a better balance with more systems-based practices. Next year, there will be changes to Skills night based on the success of the ADM model. A Skills Night may no longer be needed, as the skills are being taught on an ongoing basis with ADM. If Skills Night remains, it will be re-vamped. There will always be a goalie clinic Skills Night regardless. -Mr. Stanefski also touched on ice time/scheduling and some issues with this being a learning year for that work. The person who traditionally coordinated the ice retired.

## Registration/DIBS

-Ms. Garvey discussed the success of having registration/billing be fully on-line this year. Next year, all forms will need to be uploaded at the time of registration. This will eliminate the need to obtain the Consent to Treat, Code of Conduct, and birth certificates mid-season. Last year, a Taco Feed was held as a registration kick-off. The event was not very successful, so the kick off will be changes in some way. Ms. Garvey also stated that communication efforts have been increased. Members are informed of events and issues via email, the website, and several team and member meetings throughout the year.

-Ms. Garvey stated that DIBS was extremely successful, and there were only a handful of parents that did not volunteer at all. A question/suggestion was brought up by a parent, asking that in the future, DIBS emails be sent at different times throughout the day to ensure that all have a fair chance of claiming hours. Ms. Garvey said that it would not be a problem to do so. Ms. Garvey asked the members if the Parent Rep position was beneficial to their teams. While there were a small number of parents who did not see the benefit of having such a position, a larger number thought that it was a good idea and it worked very well for their team. Ms. Garvey reiterated that the Parent Rep is not a required position; however, those who see the benefit and would like to continue the position for next year are encouraged to do so.

-Ms. Garvey said that the biggest issue for the year was the calendar. She explained that the issue originally came up because of security issues, the board wanting to protect the identity and whereabouts of the players. However, changing the security caused major problems with the calendar, so the changes were deleted. Ms. Garvey will be asking for fixes for the general calendar when the 2014/2015 registration is created with Ngin.

-Mr. McClellan informed the group that DIBS was extremely successful in regards to tournament volunteerism for the year.

## Treasurer

-Mr. Joswiak discussed the financials for the 2014/2015 year. The association took a small loss due to the late addition of a third Pee Wee team and teams going to Regions; however, it was much less than in past years. There was a decrease in the amount of outstanding accounts, mostly due to the online payment schedules.

-Mr. Joswiak shared with the group how much it costs for each team to step on to the ice. When the budgets are done prior to the season, the fees for games, tournaments, Districts, Refs, uniforms, coach stipends, reimbursed coaches fees and costs, etc. Each team costs approximately \$8,600 to put on the ice. That does not include practice ice time. Those fees are added to that total based on how much practice time is designated for each level. The total cost is then split based on the planned number of players per team. That is how the hockey fees are calculated.

-Mr. Joswiak stated that the goal going forward is to make hockey more affordable and to cut ice costs. He said that this year was a bit of a learning curve with ice time, as the person who usually organized the ice time retired. Now that we know better, we will be able to do better. Also, we have now learned how much ice time we can cut because we are using the ADM model. Another way to make hockey more affordable is to do more and different types of fundraising. We are currently looking at different venues for pull tabs, some additional raffles, and more fundraising done at tournaments.

## Recruitment

-Mr. Simons went over all of the things the association did this season in regards to getting more families to sign up for hockey. There were multiple Try Hockey Free Days, free skating events at Wakota, we sent out information to the schools, we handed out information at soccer and baseball events, and at Kaposia Days, On the Road Again, and the Halloween street party. Our efforts were successful in that our numbers for Mites went up from approximately 63 to 92. Efforts will continue. Some thoughts are a Floor Hockey Tournament over the summer, along with additional email and free skate efforts. All families are encouraged to be advocates for SSP Youth Hockey. Word of mouth will be very beneficial. The goal for a healthy Mite program is 120 to 140 Mites.

## Plans for Next Year

-Mr. Stanefski discussed the levels of play for next year. The plans are as follows, but will depend on numbers: New Level 4 Mite in addition to current Level 1, 2, and 3, one U8 team, one U10 A team and one U10 B, one B Squirt, one C Squirt, three Pee Wee teams, A, B, and C (or the like), two

