



Yankton Area Ice Association
Meeting Minutes February 6, 2015 6:30 pm



Board Members Present: Dave, Ryan, Heath, Julie, Max, Rob. Mike absent

Guests Present: Kevin, Kara, Kelle, Chad, Randy, Pam, Kendra

Approval of January Board minutes: Motion Ryan, 2nd Rob. Passed

Committee reports

A. Registrar: Kendra expressed concern about the stragglers from learn to skate going into hockey levels. It is not a simple process—they need equipment, she needs birth certificates, she has to get them registered with the State. We need to set an earlier cut off and try to get everyone move-up together. Chad said he and Terry have discussed and they will fix this going forward. It is also difficult to add kids to travel roster this late in the season. Kendra will send out email to tell coaches to look at score sheets and give Kendra “away” score sheets so she can get award patches. Earliest date for would be March 29th.

B. Figure skating: Midst of competition season. 8 skaters attended Luverne in January. 2nd place in overall team points. Competed in 24 events. 6 skaters went to Blaine and participated in 23 events. Much larger, tougher competition, but they did well. Yankton’s competition is a week from Saturday. 69 events overall. Yankton participating in 29 events. Working on awards, volunteers, events schedule. This works out well for Yankton given ISI regulations. They would like to always have this 3rd weekend in Feb. going forward. March 21st Sioux Falls Competition. Preparing for end of season performance. Feb. 28 & March 1: 22 routines. Working on advertising, etc...and a guest skater coming in. Several fundraiser going on. March 2nd Pizza Ranch fundraiser, Pizza Ranch gift cards, 50/50 raffle at performance and a goodwill donation. Also rose-selling. End of season Banquet is March 17th. There will be a family open skate for an hour before banquet then pot luck dinner. 5:30-7:00pm. Rob noted they will need to do their election for board that night as well. Discussion on Zamboni needs. Figure skaters performing between periods of Varsity game went well. Rob said next year they just need to be out of locker room before end of game. Chad thought it worked well, and it brought in some people to watch that don’t always come to games. Randy noted gate was good that night. Dave suggested looking at doing it a couple of times next year. Any/every game they want.

C. Coaching: Random tidbits: Coaching Coordinator—Chad has been trying to find a replacement all year. He discussed with Terry and they decided they will work together next year as coaching coordinators. They will probably look for approval for a co-coordinator later. They both want to be really focused on the lower levels and strengthening those numbers. Will be re-working/re-evaluating their processes and bring items to the board as they have them. 4 Yankton players qualified for academic all state. If Varsity beats Sioux Falls this weekend we might get play in game in tournament. Chad talking with the seniors about which tournament they want to be honored for academic all state in. Board felt would be nice to do in front of home crowd. Chad will have to freeze 10 that cannot play in state. Ryan suggested freezing injured players. Play-in game will probably be before the JV state tournament. Coach pay: Chad has a tally sheet for Ryan also who is a bench coach. He wants to get

travel expenses paid for him. Chad will send dollar amount to Mike. Discussion on Mite request to add a game to their travel maximum so they can play two friendlies in Sioux Falls. Ryan motion to allow Mites to travel to extra two Sioux Falls games. Heath 2nd. Motion passed. Discussion on PeeWee C's having not gotten a tournament this year and getting a Legend Hockey session in Yankton instead. Motion to spend up to \$400 to let PeeWee C kids have Noelle coach them at Sanford Center (if possible) or here in Yankton before their state tournament made by Rob, second Heath. All approved

D. Recruitment Coordinator: Discover Hockey: Optimists Skills is March 14th, so that day is unavailable. Kara would like to do it on a weeknight. Chad says will be easier to get coaches on a weeknight. March 3rd 6pm-8pm would work well for coaches, Chad says. Randy will need one locker room designated for equipment. Will go with this date and Monday we'll set up the locker room. Kara will get notices out to the schools. Last day of learn to skate is March 4th. Max suggested having the learn to skaters come to Discover Hockey Tuesday night and end the season there. Kara has not heard from anyone about succeeding her. Will try to get someone trained at this last Discover Hockey practice. Dave got an email from state. We were lowest in state for conversion to play. 36 came and 6 signed up for hockey. Kara thinks tying it in to learn to skate would make it better. Kara gave Max dates so we don't have scheduling conflict next year.

E. Financial: Motion to get Heath added to signature for checks so Heath can sign checks: Ryan motion, Julie 2nd. Motion passed. Bleacher invoice: \$79K took full advance from bank for that amount. Lights came out of general fund. Fundraising for Continue the Miracle will go into general fund. All that money will have to go into rink improvements. Mike is leaving FS account open for now while he uses up the box of checks for it. Then when checks run out account will be closed. FS deposits are going into main account. Expenses are coming out of 2nd account. Heath will look at taxes for guidance. Heath will give a monthly report when he takes over financials. Suggestion to max out credit line since it is not an open account and having the money available in case it is needed.

F. Disciplinary: Girls JV player asking for volunteer check back since she was bar. Ryan motion to refund volunteer check, but keep registration. 2nd Julie. All in favor, motion passed.

G. Equipment: Looking to purchase faceguards for helmets that are missing them. \$26/face mask through Ace. This is about 15 helmets. Ace would order them this summer. Would be \$390. Will need more Open Skate skates as well. Randy would like \$1,500 to replenish what is needed and add some smaller size skates. Figure Skaters will need some more skates as well.

H. Scheduling: Max: Optimists open skate went well. Optimists were going to pay \$5 for skater, but they had no head count. They will give us \$300 and after they have a meeting will try to kick us a little extra. Healthy Yankton is paying \$3 a skater. Max would like to be consistent between the two groups and not charge the other \$2.00. The City will still charge us for all the workers. Next year we will just ask Healthy Yankton for \$300. Feb. 22nd will have a private party and concessions will be open. Party is 2-4pm. Max will send out an email.

I. Marketing: Chamber Mixer: Tuesday, March 10th from 5-7pm. Figure skaters should be out by 4:30 because we'll have beer and do not want anyone underage in building. We will move board meeting to March 3rd, before Boys JV State Tournament.

III. **New Business:** Teen Court: We will look for something for the kids to do. They will have supervision. It will be right after school. Rob asked about splitting time with 4H.

B. **2014 United Way meeting:** Awarded \$1,000 towards scholarship players. Heath will go to meeting to represent board.

C. **SDAHA annual meeting April 18 in Huron:** Discussion on who will go this. Dave will go.

F. **Wild Tickets:** 4 tickets for Wild/Stars face value of \$40. Discussion on how to raffle them off. Rob suggested silent bids until this Sunday and whoever gets it, gets it. Board agreed.

G. **Other:** New Board Members. We're supposed to post it in January. Deadline is Feb. 22nd. Email went out and posted on website. Discussion on how to reconcile board members rotating off at a single time with bylaw requirement on percentage that exit.

IV. **Old business**

A. **State JV tournament update:** Kelle update: Theme is "Rock the Rink." Kelle wants opening ceremonies to be fun so the boys enjoy them. Dave and "Hockey 605 Randy" have both offered to announce. Discussion on some logistic difficulties with where Randy wants to announce from. Randy and Dave will work with Jameson on music. Further discussion on how having Randy do the announcing would work logistically with all the other people who have to be in the box. Kelle updated board on where donations stand at this point. Ace would like to set-up their hockey shooting sheet. Chad suggested setting it up in front of the shooting gallery in rink. They also offered to sharpen skates during the tournament. Chad suggested it would be easier if Ace just offered a 10% discount or something like that. Corrections to t-shirt design on team names have been made. EASW has asked if we would purchase towels with rock the rink logo on it. One for each player and one for each ref. A few extras for purchase. Cost would be \$272.00. Ryan suggested committee make the spending decisions not board. Ref rooms are at \$493.00—this is not part of the committee's budget. Board is fine with cost. Talked to Dave Spencer about being speaker. Determining who Keynote speaker would be. They'll also send someone from State. Kendra suggested Dr. Kindle. That was well received. Rock the Rink theme will have a DJ, lights and smoke during opening ceremony. Discussion on hospitality rooms and needs. Asked about sending mass email to donate to tournament for member business owners. Discussion on how seating will work with a potential 500 people and a possible flash mob. Chad suggested a player specific portable bathroom...roll a matt out to the bathroom. Chad expressed some concern about water/ice with warmer weather and heat in rink. Heath bracketed 2 ½ hours per game. Rob will talk to EMT. Chad expressed concern about de-humidifier issue. Rob will look into renting a de-humidifier for now.

B. **Continue the Miracle Campaign:** Pam needs receipt for donation to glass.

C. **Inmate Update:** Rob & Ryan will get them projects. Fred put some specs together for the shooting cage. Need to get those from him so the inmates can work on that. Need to turn in the receipts for shooting cage in April to keep the grant.

D. **4th Compressor:** Would be \$4,000 to install. They think we would need to change out 2 valves because the current ones are for a different type of Freon. System should hold up to 200 pounds of Freon. About \$2500 for the electric. 6500K to get compressor number 4 up and running. Discussion on

challenges with current inefficiencies on compressor unit. \$45K for two de-humidifier units. That's just the equipment. One in rink and one on Zamboni room. We could do one dehumidifier for 22,500 and use fan to pull air across rink towards it. Put it on compressor room. Discussion on where we would put it for best efficiencies. Ryan feels we need to prioritize the 4th compressor. Rob asked about renting a portable dehumidifier for the tournament weekend. Rob & Ryan will meet with engineer tomorrow to get compressor in before tournament. Chad thinks we really need to do it. In the long run engineers think splitting system will make it more efficient.

E. **Other:** Hockey 605 advertising campaign was approved via email between meetings.

- Change March meeting to Tuesday, March 3rd ahead of tournament. We'll change if play in game happens that night for varsity
- Hockey Banquet tentatively decided for 3/29
- Bantams have been complaining about rough ice for their practice, but the time is too crunched. Chad doesn't see the schedule changing next year.
- Think about improvements we need for rink. Dave suggested the break wall for Mites.

V. Adjourn - Next Meeting March 3rd, 2015 at 6:30pm