

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2015, 6:00 pm

Board Attendees: Becky Lemke, Karen Welling, Jen Kurtz, , Betsy McCrary, Luanne Kostelic, Lisa Wendler, Alison Veldkamp, Brenda Egli, Stacy Hollfelter, Misi Watters, Jason Ledford

Absent: Gary Brendemuehl

Public Attendees: Sue Culbertson

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a. Secretary Report:

- Discussion on a few minor edits. Betsy made a motion to approve January meeting minutes, Misi seconded. Motion passed.
- Lisa forgot to order the coffee cups we approved for the concessions stand. At this point we will wait until before next hockey season.

b. Treasurer Report: Gary Brendemuehl

- Karen announced all account balances as per Gary's email.
- The balance on the Pledge Loan is down to \$109,920. This is a reduction of \$5,000 since the last meeting.
- Thank You to Angie Hadley and her committee for a successful New Year's Eve event. After all deposits and bills, total profit to SPYHA for this event is \$2,034.
- SPYHA received a Jingles O'Brien scholarship.. Total paid to SPYHA was \$750. This money was deposited back to the scholarship account (although some may yet be pulled out to cover player's team expenses).
- SP Ice Invoices: We've paid the next round of invoices to SP Ice for ice time. A total of \$47,705 was paid. Total for the year now at \$115,245. We have approximately \$15,000 left to pay for the season.

c. President Elect: Betsy McCrary

- Try Hockey for Free is next Saturday: Feb. 21, 12:45 and 3:30 sessions. There are 28 kids signed up for the first session and 13 signed up for second session. Flyers went out to the schools last week, 4K-2nd grade plus Peace Lutheran and Sacred Hearts. Tom Lee will help Jason Ledford in organizing, Betsy will check back with Varsity and Chris Finkler since Varsity plays on Friday night. We are also still actively recruiting a person to shadow the event and take over the event for us for volunteer credits. Brenda commented that it would be good to have a list of volunteer positions and the amount of hours you can earn for each position. Sue will bring a list of volunteer for us to consider hour amounts for next meeting to help recruit.

d. Past President :Jen Kurtz

- SP Ice Report: They are actively talking with pro shop people, which would most likely take over the boardroom. We would move our meetings to the meeting room, we could use the stands and the microphone for the annual meeting and anything bigger. They are working on additional parking. One thought is to have some of the back parking stalls at the back entrance. They are also looking at additional spaces on the north side of the building.
- We are hosting Tier 1 playoffs at the rink March 6-8. Jen has asked that the Tier 1 families would work their own games instead of putting it back on SPYHA. We do not have times for games yet from WAHA. March 27-28 is the PeeWee Tournament of Champions (state champions can come to this from the area). This is the first weekend of Spring Break. Next meeting is March 11 in the morning.
- Region 4 playdowns went smoothly at our arena. 28 games were held.

e. President Report: Karen Welling – nothing to report.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee: Everyone's hours are updated in DIBS through 2/10/15. All DIBS possible hours are up through 3/1/15. There have been some questions about the invoices that were sent out, the Volunteer Committee is handling those.
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee:
 - Given out \$4400 so far, \$2400 to hockey families. 16 prizes still to be awarded.
 - Continued thank you to Bank of Sun Prairie!
- c. Communications Committee: Discussion about any changes for March practice schedule. Ecomm had discussed not rescheduling any of the early time slots since we could not give families enough notice at this point. We will have Steve post the schedule.
- d. Cardinal Cup Committee: Nothing to report. Sue has some ideas for next year. She had to turn many teams away, so maybe some could be 12 teams. She will put ideas together for next meeting.
- e. Concessions Stand Committee: Gary reported that income through 1/11/15 was \$38,700. Expenses are around \$21,000 so far, with a profit of \$18,000. We will not buy a new cash register until next season.
- f. ACE Directors: nothing to report
- g. Region 4 Meetings/WAHA Report: Brenda is on for this Wednesday's meeting. Alison attended last month, mostly covered playdown info and reminder of blue pucks at ADM level.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS:

- a. ADM U6 (Brenda Egli): U6 teams going to Waukesha jamboree next weekend.
- b. ADM U8 (Becky Lemke): U8 also going to Waukesha jamboree next weekend. Some of the kids are going to the Badger game doing the Mites display during the game this Saturday.
- c. Squirt (Stacy Hollfelter): A team went to Eagle River tournament this weekend. They will be sending feedback regarding brackets and other items.
- d. PeeWee (Alison Veldkamp): PWA took second this weekend in the Green Bay tournament this weekend. PWC took second in the Onalaska tournament and also qualified for state. Congratulations!
- e. Bantam (Misi Watters): Bantam A record 26-5-1 and qualified as the wild card for state. Congratulations! Bantam B record 19-10-3, they are going to Green Bay this coming weekend.
- f. High School 2 (Luanne Kostelic): HS2 record is 12-16. Note: we are Div. 2, we have to play a lot of Div. 1 teams to get good games. They will have a good bracket for state. Betsy noted that there was a complaint filed for the Ultimate Hockey Tournament officials names and qualifications that we noted last meeting. Everything was forwarded to WAHA.
- g. Coaches' Rep (Jason Ledford): Nothing to report.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. SPYHA Policy and Procedures Manual: Tabled. We will be doing a meeting eventually to get this done. We've discussed cross referencing current WAHA/USA Hockey policy sections so that members understand what their requirements are.
- b. Concessions Stand Age Requirements: 16 is the requirement based on the concessions and volunteer committee recommendations. In one of the email blasts this month, Betsy had included a summary of the volunteer age requirements for other volunteer hours.
- c. SP Ice/SPYHA joint meeting date – they would like us to have a date in May. We need to have a meeting with Larry before the end of the season to get some planning data going.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Player Release: Paul Houle was released this year at the ADM level. They live in Sun Prairie but do open enrollment in McFarland. Jason made a motion to release Paul Houle for the 2015 – 2016 season. Jen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Planning for 2015 – 2016 season: Projected numbers are:
 - HS2: 31 eligible that are not Bantam age eligible. 7 skaters most likely will be taken by varsity. With a 10% attrition rate, we are looking at over 20 skaters. This has necessitated a sit rotation in the past at this team size. Four years ago we had a U16 and a U18 team, but they had to double roster most of the kids. There is only one team currently as a Midget (U16) team which is Oregon. Betsy will send another email to the athletic director about a JV team and copy the board.

- Bantam: 34, with 10 being age eligible for the HS2 team next year. We will be requiring any kids that don't make varsity in that group to continue to play Bantams given our numbers at the HS2 level. Jason commented that we could have kids play up. We could also double roster to help. We are looking at 3 teams. There is only one Bantam C Region 4 team (Middleton) but we could play some smaller association B teams.
 - PeeWee: 29, which includes a first year ADM skater this year and a few possible AAA skaters. Most likely we will have two teams.
 - Squirts: 40, plenty for three and possibly four teams. Jason indicated that there are up to 4 skaters that may petition to play up next year that are ADM age. There are also many girls at that age. Jason suggested that we start talking to these families now to get a better indication. Becky and Jason will start the conversations.
- c. Funding for state tournament host team: PWB are hosting state this year. Our families are paying the ice fees like the other teams, and will be required to do off ice duties. However, there is concern about the extras that are given out at the state tournaments and asking the families to pay extra. Jen suggested in the future we could consider if a team is hosting state we might not have a Cardinal Cup that year at that level to make sure there is not a big burden on the specific team. Sue said we get 15% of the tshirt sales from the state tournament. Jason made a motion to give the PWB team up to \$300 for the state tournament this year. Misi seconded. Jen commented that for Bantam B hosting next year a state tournament, maybe we don't do a Cardinal Cup for that level. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. 2015 – 2016 Volunteer Hours and DIBS: In order to facilitate the late March Tier 1 PeeWee Tournament, we would like to have those hours apply for families that are done for this year start doing some for next year. In DIBS, we can prepare next year's session now to make that appear. Jason made the motion to have the early 2015 – 2016 volunteer season start early, Jen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - e. 2017 State Tournament application: We would like to do some A tournaments since we have done a few B levels in a row. It costs \$100 for up to four bids. We have not hosted a Squirt level for a long time. Jen indicated that WAHA is considering asking SP Ice to host Div. 1 and 2 HS tournaments in the future permanently. Jason made a motion to apply for the PWA and Squirt A level state tournaments. Motion passed unanimously.
 - f. End of Season Survey: Betsy sent out the questions from last year in an email. We discussed this year's schedule and possible tweaks for next season. We will add questions about practice times (especially early morning and late evening). We discussed wanting to get a U6 home jamboree and a full ice mite tournament again at the end of the season. Jen made a motion to approve doing a member survey at the end of the 2014-2015 season, with appropriate financial allotment. Jason seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - g. Alison made a motion to go into closed session. Jen seconded. We went into closed session at 8:32PM.

CLOSED SESSION

Jason made a motion to go out of closed session. Lisa seconded. Closed session ended at 10:06.

Motion to adjourn by Jen, seconded by Stacy. Approved unanimously. Meeting ended at 10:06pm.