

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2015, 6:00 pm

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

Absent: none

Public Attendees: Sue Culbertson

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a. Secretary Report:

- March meeting minutes: Betsy had one edit on the end of closed session for the draft 2 sent to the board. No other changes needed. Jason made a motion to approve March meeting minutes, Becky seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions.

b. Treasurer Report: Gary Brendemuehl

- Gary announced all account balances.
- The balance on the Pledge Loan is down to \$80,000. This is a reduction of \$20,000 since the last meeting. Uncollected pledge amounts due before July are approximately \$19,000. We will need to pay 90% of the past due balance before refinancing. Betsy noted that previously we had voted to transfer \$10,000 towards the past due pledge loan amounts, Gary will check to see if we
- In 2013-2014, we lost a net of \$5,000 for our tournaments. So far to date in 2014-2015, we have made a profit of approximately \$5,000. Thank you to Sue Culbertson and her committee for turning this around!
- At this point in the concession stand, we have made a profit of over \$26,000. Gary wanted to reiterate just how important concessions is to SPYHA.

c. President Elect: Betsy McCrary

- Nothing to report not on agenda

d. Past President :Jen Kurtz

- SP Ice Report: Next meeting 6:30PM next Wednesday. Nothing else to report

e. President Report: Karen Welling – nothing to report

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Volunteer Committee:

- Sue will send a list of available roles and committees available for DIBS hours and the amount of hours that would be credited with the roles.
- Betsy noted a thank you to Sue and Mary Jo Blumer for their time for the volunteer hour reports!

b. Annual Fundraising Committee:

- Scrip shipping costs have doubled to \$13.50. This could be eliminated by doing the SCRIP Now version which is all online. Some physical cards can be reloaded, but not all.
- We still need a chairperson for the Golf Outing.

c. Communications Committee: nothing to report.

d. Cardinal Cup Committee: Sue asked about the dates for next year and reminded that we won't do a Bantam B since they are hosting state. We have talked to Larry/SP Ice once about the schedule and will do another meeting soon. Most weekends are staying about the same.

e. Concessions Stand Committee: Biggest concern right now is that there are a lot of hours being posted that are not being claimed. Most of the times are not worth hiring a paid staff. We will

continue to put these opportunities in the email blasts, and recommend that level reps send an email to families letting them know about registering for next season now and getting some hours in for next season.

- f. ACE Directors: Suzanne Doody did a midseason survey with coaches, most things were going well. One concern is the mini nets we use which are not in good repair. Jason indicated we will need to replace those. We currently have four, we probably need 6 or 8. Jason will look into the costs. No real issues with student coaches, we will have paper sign-in sheets next year as were used at the end of the season to track hours.
- g. Region 4 Meetings/WAHA Report: There will be a new procedure and review for placing teams in leagues. For Region 4, open positions are: Secretary, Squirt, and Girls if no one else is interested. WAHA directors are continuing to evaluate association classifications, no one is moving this year. Going forward age verification will continue to be done via list from the registrar. WAHA annual meeting will be August 1st in Wausau. There is an association officer workshop the same day. No big bylaw changes. Most rules proposed were recommended to be approved except two: 1) the rule proposed to not allow U8 players not Squirt age eligible to not be able to play in full ice Mite tournaments in March, 2) Recommendation of a wild card weekend for Division 1 to determine the last team in the state playoffs, but due to costs and logistics it was not approved, and 3) the age limit change proposed for July 1 vs. the January date, and 4) there will be a dual roster pilot for the Team Wisconsin age players and WIAA teams. Playdown weekend will be the second weekend in February. There is a Level 4 coaching clinic in Madison this year, we will send everyone eligible to this. Officials across the state are down by 200 total, they are encouraging Bantam and up players to get trained and we will ask to host an official workshop here. There will no longer be a HS1/HS2 state tournament, it will all be Midget U18. This will give an advantage to the teams whose U18 Midget team is their “varsity” level.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS:

- a. ADM U6 (Brenda Egli): nothing to report
- b. ADM U8 (Becky Lemke): nothing to report
- c. Squirt (Stacy Hollfelter): nothing to report
- d. PeeWee (Alison Veldkamp): nothing to report
- e. Bantam (Misi Watters): Misi asked about the proposed meeting about JV, Betsy was informed that a meeting was held between Chris Finkler and the new AD, we will check into this.
- f. High School 2 (Luanne Kostelic): nothing to report
- g. Coaches’ Rep (Jason Ledford): nothing to report.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. SPYHA Policy and Procedures Manual: Tabled. Betsy is targeting the first week in May. She will send out the latest draft and will propose a date.
- b. SP Ice/SPYHA joint meeting date – May 6, 6-8PM.
- c. End of Season Survey: This will go out this week.
- d. Player releases:
 - Paulat family requested a release for their player Ethan, who will be a PeeWee next year. The dad said it is the player’s choice. Jason made a motion to release Ethan Paulat to the Madison Patriots organization, Misi seconded. Motion passed.
 - Trevor Ogden: We released him last year, he attends Monona Grove. Jason made a motion to release Trevor Ogden to the Madison Patriots organization. Becky seconded, Motion passed.
- e. Player Play Up Request: There are three players that have been U8 two years and are petitioning to play up next year to Squirts who are not age eligible. Paul Vilwock (head coach U8 this year) vouched for their readiness. Betsy asked about their grade levels, one will be third grade and two are second grade. Another point was made that we assume these players will play three years of Squirt hockey, they are not approved to move up after this year. Jen made a motion to allow the three 2007 player requests to be approved to play Squirts next year. Stacy seconded. Discussion then centered around available U8 coaches next year, Suzanne indicated we should have enough. In addition, Luanne asked if these players would significantly affect player numbers, therefore affecting playing time or team sizes, and the numbers for next year should work out for a good level with or without these players. Motion passed with one abstention.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SPYHA Annual Meeting date: We are proposing moving the annual meeting and the board meeting to May 31. The election would start at 5PM and the Board Meeting will follow immediately afterword. This year there will be a more formal check in process to ensure all voting members are in good standing. The regular meeting date has a lot of conflicts with spring hockey and baseball. Betsy made a motion to hold the SPYHA annual meeting on Sunday May 31 at 5PM with the board meeting immediately following. Stacy seconded, motion passed.
- b. Nomination Committee: Betsy made a motion to nominate a Nominations Committee of Jen Kurtz and Lisa Wendler, Jason seconded. Duties include sending out the postcard, posting the date of the meeting on the website, and posting bios on the website.
- c. 2015 – 2016 Budget: Ecomm and other board members have looked at the draft budget, we will continue to look at this. Our priorities will be: 1) dues reduction, 2) outfitting of the SPYHA office with permanent furniture/fixtures, and 3) donation of a sign for the outside of the building. This sign is approximately \$25,000 as per the last quote. Other priorities include hanging our banners in the rink and trophy cases. Jason noted that he had a conversation with Jeff Thornton regarding a SPYHA fund that would be available to SP Ice in times of emergency which would be paid back. Gary also put together a proposal of pre-buying ice time similar to how the Sun Prairie School district bought ice before the building was built. This is something we are interested in as ice rates continue to increase.

CLOSED SESSION

Jen made a motion to go into closed session at 7:08. Stacy seconded. Closed session started at 7:09PM.

Board discussed 2014-2015 coaching concerns and association probationary status, tabled for next month with no action taken at this time.

Jason made a motion to go out of closed session at 7:24. Lisa seconded. Closed session ended at 7:25.

Motion to adjourn by Stacy seconded by Jason. Motion approved. Meeting ended at 7:26 pm.