

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Annual Meeting Minutes and
Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2015, 7:00 pm

Board Attendees: Karen Welling, Betsy McCrary, Gary Brendemuehl, Luanne Kostelic, Brenda Egli, Stacy Hollfelter, Jason Ledford, Jen Kurtz

Absent: Becky Lemke, Lisa Wendler, Alison Veldkamp, Misi Watters

Public Attendees: Sue Culbertson, Suzanne Doody Patsy Zielsdorf

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Secretary Report (Lisa Wendler): absent, no report
- b. Treasurer Report: Gary Brendemuehl
 - Gary announced all account balances.
 - Betsy commented that we still have to pay for the ADM nets, Gary already transferred \$1000 into the operating account for this expense.
 - Discussion was held about buying additional dividers, Jason would like to know the cost of mini boards vs. more bumpers.
 - Pledge loan is down to \$58,950, a \$5000 reduction since May.
 - Gary wanted to say thank you to Jen Kurtz at her last official SPYHA meeting. We wouldn't be sitting in the new rink without her and her family. Gary indicated he would not have been on the board without her, and gave a huge thanks to Jen.
- c. President Elect: Betsy McCrary
 - 2&2 challenge: we did Try Hockey for Free and some female initiatives: surveys, USA women's hockey rep at to THFF, and we hosted a women's ACHA tournament the same weekend as THFF. This helped us hit the gold level of 2&2 which is the highest level from USA Hockey. We will get 4 sets of equipment, 12 youth sticks we can give to new players and a patch for our banner. The name 2x2 comes from the idea that you will retain 2 kids at each level and bring in new kids to help the association grow.
- d. Past President :Jen Kurtz
 - SP Ice Report: Pro shop due to open 7/15. Candi (skating director) gave up one day of after school ice for our Bantam and HS2 practice times. We are planning on Mondays from 3:45 to 5pm. These will be skills sessions run by Larry. Kids will be able to drop off equipment on Sunday night for kids who don't drive.
 - Jen commented that she has been honored to be a part of SPYHA and hopes that people realize that there is more good than bad. She also noted she had perfect attendance at meetings until she slipped on the ice in March and broke her wrist.
- e. President Report: Karen Welling – Thank you to Jen, Luanne, and Alison for their service to SPYHA. Karen updated us on a release we approved last month, the mom changed her mind and wants to skate in Sun Prairie. We did not forward the release and we welcome to the SPYHA family. Karen emailed the families who are joining to welcome them and explain SPYHA rules. Jen also noted that we are actively working to collect delinquent dues.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee: hours worked are up to date, not much on DIBS right now. Sue asked if there were private lessons allowed during open skate, Betsy said some figure skaters might have that going on.
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee: nothing to report
- c. Communications Committee: nothing to report
- d. Cardinal Cup Committee: Betsy reported we have dates for the tournaments next year. We are not advertising in "Let's Play Hockey". Holiday Inn is still our premier hotel sponsor, Sue has a new contact since they have changed management.

- e. Concessions Stand Committee: nothing to report
- f. ACE Directors: Suzanne reported that all coaching clinics schedules are online, she will be attending the WAHA annual meeting.
- g. Region 4 Meetings/WAHA Report: nothing to report

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS:

- a. ADM U6 (Brenda Egli): nothing to report
- b. ADM U8 (Becky Lemke): nothing to report
- c. Squirt (Stacy Hollfelder): email was sent regarding summer hockey for this age group.
- d. PeeWee (Alison Veldkamp): nothing to report
- e. Bantam (Misi Watters):
- f. High School 2 (Luanne Kostelic): Luanne thanked the group for her time on the board.
- g. Coaches' Rep (Jason Ledford): nothing to report

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. SPYHA Policy and Procedures Manual: progress was made at last week's meeting. Betsy will have a draft together in 2 weeks, discussion in July and then approve in August. Meeting was attended by Betsy, Lisa, Brenda and Jason.
- b. End of Season Survey: Gary reported that the board went through the survey last week. The majority of the results were positive. We are trying to work with Steve to get a summary of the results on the website. You will have to log into the SPYHA website to view the results, and must be a registered member with a player last year to have rights to view it. There are a few odd comments that the board should respond to. ON the website there will be the slides shown at the review meeting and an open response to common themes and questions from the survey results. If anyone wants to see more specifics they can contact Gary for more detailed results. Jason commented that the coaches do not like the concession hours requirement.

c. 2015-2016 Budget:

- Gary does not think there was ever a comprehensive full operating budget done in the past for SPYHA. He is working on one, we are still missing some costs from Larry about ice times, referees, etc. We hope to have the preliminary budget for the year done to vote on at the July meeting.
- Betsy has done a lot of work with Larry to start scheduling times for the season. Anyone is welcome to join her in these meetings, and we still are looking for another volunteer to help learn scheduling going forward. Betsy also has done a schedule for the Cardinal Cup Tournament dates (see below). She suggested raising the Squirt and PeeWee fees for tournament teams by \$25 to cover rising referee costs. Sue asked if we could drop to a 2 ref system instead of 3, Betsy indicated there is not much difference in cost in doing that. Jen mentioned that we want to maintain the difference between the SPYHA Cardinal Cups and the My Hockey Tournament offerings.

Team	Early Registration	After Dec. 1	Proposed Dates
Bantam	\$825	\$875	A: Jan. 22-24, 8 or 12 teams B&C: Feb. 5-7 (playdowns moved, # teams TBD)
PeeWee	\$725	\$775	A: Dec. 4-6 with Squirts (8 teams) B: TBD (state tournament host)
Squirt	\$675	\$725	A: Dec. 4-6 with PeeWees (8 teams) B&C: Dec. 11-13 (8 teams each?)
Mites	??	\$300	Jan. 9

- Jason asked if the U8 red skaters could go to a mite tournament in Eau Claire as an option. Also had discussion around having a PeeWee B Cardinal Cup even though we are hosting the state tournament again this year. Consensus was yes, Betsy will talk to Larry about available weekend dates.
- Betsy made a motion to add \$25 to all travel team costs for Cardinal Cups and accept the dates as listed. Stacy seconded. Motion was amended to add approving the Mite Jamboree for Mite level only, not mini-mite level. Motion passed unanimously.

- Patsy asked about new referee training, Larry is planning on having one in Sun Prairie, there is a meeting soon to finalize locations and dates.
- Discussion was held about getting dues set at the July meeting. We can adjust at midseason with second half invoicing as usual. With this year's concession proceeds and our current financial position in our accounts, Betsy believes we can fund our administrative and other operating expenses (insurance, utilities, auditing fees, pledge loan interest etc.) through our mandatory fundraising proceeds. This should save the ADM skater fees about \$50 and travel about \$100. We hope to lower dues further with some of the concessions profits.
- Preliminary dues estimates: Squirt \$915 (down from \$1175), PeeWee \$1165 (down from \$1450), Bantam \$1000 (down from \$1315, based on 12 skaters per team), HS2 \$885 (down from \$1190, based on 20 skaters).
- Betsy reminded everyone of the upcoming meeting on Tuesday with the athletic director regarding HS2/JV teams. Jen commented that there are rumors that many high school level players are not going to register until after varsity tryouts. Families should know that after registration closes, SPYHA is not obligated to put them on a team if they don't make varsity, especially if it would cause a sit rotation for the team. Jason suggested sending an email to all families affected by this. In addition, the email should include the fact that WAHA has changed the outlook so that the HS2 team is now a U18 Midget team. Finally, any 2001 players should be registering as Bantams due to team sizes: HS2 is too big and we are planning on 3 Bantam teams.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Golf Outing Requests: Betsy made a motion to allocate \$300 for silent auction and raffle items and to approve 30 volunteer hours and 10 concession hours as raffle items for bid (we will have minimum bid amounts for these). Jen seconded. Sue requested if we eliminate the 10 hours of concessions for coaches to please let them know. Motion approved unanimously. Jen indicated that SP Ice will be donating to the golf outing.
- b) Back to Hockey Night: Betsy would like to do a night for SPYHA members to have a free open skate and get information in front of new and existing families for the season. Jen suggested doing it in August once registration is open and asked what the goal of the event is. Betsy indicated it would be an open house to draw players in. Betsy will have a plan for the event at the July meeting to vote on.
- c) Payment Plan Options: Tabled to July meeting, after changes in policy are done.
- d) 2015-2016 Calendar Raffle: Gary and the fundraising committee would like approval for the calendar raffle for the upcoming year so they can start working on it. Jason made a motion to allow the fundraising committee to start working on the 2015-2016 calendar raffle. Jen seconded. Motion approved unanimously
- e) Appointment of open board positions: Patsy Zielsdorf would like to be the PeeWee rep. Jen made a motion to appoint Patsy to the PeeWee board level position. Jason seconded, motion passed unanimously. HS2 and U6 level positions are still open.
- f) Board level rep money collection process: in the interest of protecting SPYHA and individuals, Jason proposed that individuals should not take cash from families for any expenses. There is too big of a risk of losing the money or being accused of mismanaging it. Possibly cash payments could be made to Ecomm member during posted office hours with an immediate receipt given. We will discuss further and vote in July
- g) Other Business: none

Motion to adjourn by Jen, seconded by Luanne. Motion approved. Meeting ended at 8:53 pm.