

SYHA Board Meeting Minutes
Board Meeting October 19, 2015
Somerset Ice Arena

In attendance: Dan G, Dan M, Dawn, Fred, Shannon, Stacey, Deb, Vicki

Non Board: Tim Dornseif

I. Welcome and Presidents Message:

Jr. Spartans numbers up from last year, retention is better. Dan G. will follow up with non-returning families.

II. Approve September Minutes:

Discussion for using Quickbooks for tracking family payments. Dan G. has used it to pay bills, very user friendly. May have to order QB checks. Dan G. will check with an association member about setting up a server at the rink.

Motion to approve September Minutes: Deb Q motion. Fred second. Motion passed.

III. Financial Report: Still a few outstanding Blaze families' fees. Dan G. is tracking. Registration deposited last week. Ngin will transfer funds for payment plans into our account. We should reconcile total from registration with families who registered. Motion to approve: Dave, Second Deb. Motion carried.

IV. Building and Maintenance: Boards are straightened on bottom, need to look at straightening the top. Randy's dad will help with that. Zamboni will be painted. Paint donated by Advance Auto Parts in NR. We will put decals on it. Chris Nelson has done all of the prep work. Bernards will continue to sponsor, we are looking to sell the other side. Installed plexi-glass in front of the new Zamboni door. Bleacher heater timer has been installed. Should possibly turn them on once or twice per week to keep the moisture out. Dan G. will make a list for painting nights; Monday nights will be good for this, as all teams practice.

Sink in concessions is leaking by the handles. Dan G will take a look at it.

Dan G. will get the front door over to Gary that has rust on it now that the weather is cooler.

V. Committee Report: coaches committee; met with all coaching staff, went over expectations, curriculum, etc. Great turnout for mite coaching. So far, coaches are doing a great job. Hours spent coaching will be counted toward volunteer hours; Dan G. will email that list to Stacey; make sure to make expectations clear. Dan will email the board who the coaches and managers are.

VI. Old Business:

A. Registration Night: Dan M sent email about what went well and what didn't. Discussion about next year and what to fix. THFF maybe doesn't need to be

online registration; discussion about how to alleviate the back up. Possibility of having everyone sign up online; maybe move registration to a weekend. Equipment went better with stations.

B. Financial Assistance form looks good to everyone.

C. Outdoor rink: need people together to build the outdoor rink. Have a good idea of where the rink should be located. Don't think blacktop needs to be removed; will drain properly. Will put white paper down. Discussion about hooking outdoor lights up. Poles should be removed. No use for lights out there, there are more efficient lights available now. Dan G. will email committee about getting rink built.

VII. New Business:

A. Mite Program: We have an agreement with Amery, Grantsburg, River Valley, and Baldwin; no charge for jamborees. Guidelines for leveled teams. Jamborees are full. With the older kids, will play some extra games with those associations. Discussion about 3x5 nets for Squirts and down. Instead of trophies, we give a promo idea (small pucks, sticks, etc.) Fred will see if the t-shirt and hat guy is available

B. Girls U10: discussing two teams. Goal is to get to 22, a few girls who haven't registered yet. Will know in a couple weeks.

C. Parent meetings; set up for Wednesday and Thursday this week. Randy will cover rules and behavior information from the by-laws. Discipline process and steps. Dan G. will talk about the testing with squirts, pee wees and bantams, character ed. for peewees and bantams. Explain to JS team that we own the rink, the importance of volunteering, etc. Dan G will talk about the program of the JS now. Stacey will look through notes about what to cover in parent meetings. Will also collect any missing registration forms. Shannon will send out emails for people who are missing information. Shannon set up a mail merge for this.

D. Rink projects: create schedule: Dan G. will make a schedule for painting and rink projects. Will start week after next, as Dan has testing next week.

E. New POS system, ability to accept credit cards: Deb did some research on POS systems; waiting on a call back to set up some meetings. Discussion on fees for using credit card. Discussion about setting a minimum dollar amount to use a card. We want to be able to keep inventory and run reports on the POS system. Deb will look into the Square program that runs off the IOS device.

F. Registrar position: Dave M motion to appoint Shannon Ducklow as registrar. Stacey second. Motion approved.

Move Board meeting day: keep Monday nights at 6:30

Equipment: Dave identified some families who are first time skaters, will refund their lease fee. Short on gloves; need for goalie pads for level 3 JS skaters. Play It Again Sports will work with us. We have an old set he has set aside for JS. Need new equipment soon.

WW Stars Coop Reps: Tera Stock is currently one of the Somerset reps on the coop committee, but now lives and registers in New Richmond. Will see if Cathy Cranston is interested in being the new rep. Discussion about lack of information about the coop activities. Would like a copy of their meeting minutes and possibly a monthly update at our board meetings.

Tim Dornseif: girls are in an international tournament in N. Dakota. Looking at fundraising for teams. Question about selling on an individual team basis. Discussion about if the fundraising money would go back to individual families, instead of teams. NR and Somerset associations don't allow individual teams to fundraise.

Asked about Fruitopia smoothies and selling those in concessions.

Suggested talking to Culver's about selling in concessions. Order cups, they provide sale sign and spoons.

Discussion about selling pizza in concessions on a more regular basis. Discussion about having Heggie's pizzas here; Dawn had contacted them: you have to buy 100 and it has to be delivered to a business.

Need to discuss options with entire board.

Discussion about who is going to track credits and money raised. Money has to stay within association; we cannot reimburse families for their fundraising directly.

We do not do individual team fundraisers; we would consider an association wide fundraiser crediting families, but not reimbursing.

Agree that we may be willing to do this association wide. Discussion about timeline. Should be done by Thanksgiving. We will mention this to parents at the parents meetings.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Dan G. Deb Q. second.