

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2015, 6:00 pm

Board Attendees: Karen Welling, Betsy McCrary, Brenda Egli, Becky Lemke, Misi Watters, Gary Brendemuehl, Jason Ledford, Patsy Zielsdorf, Nichole Jesberger, Sheri Witt, Lisa Wendler

Absent: Stacy Hollfelder

Public Attendees: Sue Culbertson, Nathan Rosin, Jennifer Kurtz, Mark Torres, Kellie Feiler, Bill Gilbertson, Jen Hoffman, Aaron White, Mark Breyer

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Secretary Report (Lisa Wendler):
 - Email Vote Affirmation: There was one email vote not covered in the September meeting for payment plans. Karen made a motion to approve the family for a payment plan and Misi seconded. Karen made a motion to affirm the email vote, Jason seconded. Motion passed. Lisa asked about edits to September meeting minutes, there were some minor misspellings corrected. Patsy made a motion to approve meeting minutes, Jason seconded, motion passed.
- b. Treasurer Report: (Gary Brendemuehl)
 - Gary reviewed the account balances.
- c. - Gary and Betsy met with Dave Batterman and Jeff Thornton regarding the money owed between the two parties. These are making progress. They also discussed plans to pay off the pledge loan by spring and how to designate pledges paid once the loan is done. Nichole made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Misi seconded. Motion passed.
- d. President Elect: (Stacy Hollfelder): absent
- e. Past President (Karen Welling): SP Ice Report: Last meeting was Thursday October 14. The plan on the money discussed with SPYHA was presented. Cap Ice has shut down its figure skating programs, we are promoting for those skaters to get ice time here. Willie Tys wants to have another outdoor awning and seating area, the city is requiring him to have outdoor sprinklers. He is fighting that requirement and wants to get the seating done yet this winter. The SP Ice fundraiser is being discussed for next fall with some sort of offsite tailgating event. Karen thanked the SPYHA members who came to help at the rink work day. There will be a figure skating work day since there was a major competition out of town that day. Next SP Ice meeting is November 10.
- f. President Report (Betsy McCrary): Region 4 scheduling meeting is next Sunday, October 25 at noon at Madison Ice Arena. Board Level reps are asked to attend, if necessary they can ask an additional person to help. Level reps are free to start scheduling games, a preliminary version of the leagues is available and will be finalized by Sunday. Next Region 4 meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 21, Lisa will be attending for SPYHA.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee: Sue asked about DIBS signups, all travel except Midgets are signed up. Mites and MiniMites are also not complete. The list of families to get signed up will be sent out to check and get finished. Betsy noted that there are currently 58 openings in DIBS for families to get started on hours.
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee: Raffle tickets are due December 14. ADM levels will go out next week. We are planning on doing the New Year's Eve event again this year, Angie Hadley will chair this event.
- c. Communications Committee: Tara has updated the practice schedule through November, level reps are asked to proof that schedule against the schedule Betsy sent out. NOTE: PeeWee schedule is changed this week from Friday 5:15 to Wednesday 6:15.

- d. Cardinal Cup Committee: Sue had sent an email about a Dubuque team questioning the level they should be placed at, Ecomm and Jason will look at the info and make a recommendation. For tournaments, there are: 1 available slot PWA, 2 for PWB, Squirt B is full, Squirt A has 2. Betsy noted that we need a Cardinal Cup representative for each travel team. These representatives will be given 5 hours of volunteer credits. The committee is looking for ideas for the Beats board idea for this year. One suggestion is a Jambone portable speaker. Other suggestions are raffle baskets or necklaces, especially at the lower levels.
- e. Concessions Stand Committee: Sue and Mark Torres will be on the concessions committee this year. We are getting three new cash registers, similar operation to the old one with reports, etc. These models have automatic cash input (\$1, \$5, \$10, etc) to make giving change easier. We also will be doing admissions in the lower concession stand since we can keep the totals separate and lock the money afterward. Brenda asked why we have three, Betsy noted that during busy times like varsity games we need two cash registers in the upper concession stand. Misi asked if we have made any progress on finding who stole the cash box money, we have no progress. Misi asked about the cameras approved last year for concessions, Betsy noted we were waiting to move into the new office since several things need to be rewired.
- f. ACE Directors: Aaron White said thank you to Betsy and Lisa for staying to post the teams on Thursday. Aaron has received one formal appeal, he is working through that process. We also were short on players for three Squirt teams, Aaron is checking on families who did not register and/or looking at possible ADM players that would be appropriate. Aaron has contacted coaches and we will be discussing later, he also noted that they need to have team meetings once approved. Aaron is tracking level approvals and background checks, etc.
- g. Region 4 Meetings/WAHA Report: no meeting since last month.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS:

- a. MiniMites (Nichole): She is working with Brenda to keep families informed about all activities.
- b. Mites (Brenda Egli): Brenda is working on checking registrations, etc. Lisa will check on jersey orders. Ecomm will be available as for the travel team for checkins the last week of October.
- c. Squirt (Becky Lemke): Recruiting for C team, more to come. Betsy has a skater who we will discuss later in the agenda.
- d. PeeWee (Patsy Zielsdorf): Patsy has been contacted by Waupun and Waukesha for A level games.
- e. Bantam (Misi Watters): Misi has had a lot of requests for tournaments. She has not scheduled any and this will be discussed at the team meetings. There is a parent who volunteered to be team rep for Bantam A. Misi asked about the split squad game in Verona, she will follow up with Tom Lee on the times.
- f. Midget (Sheri): Current roster is at 17 players, this will most likely decrease after varsity tryouts. There is no team rep yet due to this. Jerseys will be handed out this Tuesday, players can use past season socks until the team is finalized. Misi noted that the knit socks are \$12 per pair, the moisture wicking kind are \$15. Mary Suter is ordering samples, we would only have one color for these. Sheri noted that the first game is Oct. 24 in Dubuque. There are three tournaments scheduled: Middleton, Edina and Chicago.
- g. Coaches' Rep (Jason Ledford): nothing to report

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Windowsill Painting:** Lisa received an additional bid from Genesis Painting for \$4500 to do the windowsills and door frames in the rink. As presented last month Livesey Painting had quoted \$6000. Lisa recommended Genesis based on the bid price and the fact that Genesis is an advertiser at the rink. Patsy made a motion to approve up to \$4500 for Genesis Painting, Karen seconded. Motion passed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Membership Changes:

- Betsy received one outside transfer request, but no release has been received. Brenda received an email from a Waukesha player who has received a release from their association. We would need the financial and association release before we can approve.

- Bill Gilbertson came to ask for a release for his son. He does not want to skate with the team he was placed on. He will hear from Middleton by Thursday as to whether there is room on their B team. It is believed that they would need a release from the Patriots too to get to Middleton.
- b) **Coaching Approval:**

Squirts: Squirt A: Matt Meyer Squirt lead and assistant coach A, Paul Vilwock head coach A, Roger Turner Assistant coach. Squirt B: Jason Ledford head coach, Alex Plummer assistant, Todd Koerber assistant, Tom Barnet practice coach. Squirt C: Casey Rufener head coach, Andy Ayres assistant and another assistant TBD. Betsy proposed that Ryan Burke be added as assistant coach for Squirt C and is a parent of a yet to be registered player. Jason asked that all four coaches at Squirt B be allowed on the bench this year. Brenda asked if Roger Turner could be approved as a practice coach for Squirt C as well. Karen asked about the hesitation at the Squirt C level, it was mainly due to not knowing about how to proceed with filling the Squirt C team. Since there is a Misi made a motion to approve the Squirt coaches as presented, Jason seconded. Motion passed.

PeeWees: PeeWee A: Chris Herwig head level and A coach, Steven McCrary assistant, Jerry O’Gara assistant, Jason Ledford practice coach. PeeWee B: Bill Welling lead PeeWee level and head coach, Jeff Wilcenski assistant, Aaron White assistant, Beau Bingham practice coach. Chris Herwig asked about the process of student coaches, Suzanne is coordinating that and she can get him the requirements. Jason made a motion to approve the coaches as presented, Nichole seconded. Motion passes.

Bantams: Bantam A: Head coach and lead Tom Lee, he is still looking at assistant coaches. Bantam B: Head Beau Bingham, assistant coach Nick Kanoff, assistant Dave O’Brien, Dave coached in Oregon at the Bantam level and is relocating to Sun Prairie. Bantam C: Aaron and Tom are meeting with Rich Cray who has volunteered to coach. Rich was forwarded by Misi and works with Bill Gilbertson. Bill Gilbertson was also recommended but asked to have his name removed. Discussion and voting will be held in closed session. Aaron asked that Larry Clemens be approved as a Bantam and Midget practice coach. Nate Rosin asked if the two assistant coaches for Bantam B are nonparent and they are.

ADM: Suzanne has some additional coaches to help: MIniMites: Derek Stephany. Mites: Cameron Thompson, Angela Nerby, Nate Voss. Patsy made a motion to approve as presented, Jason seconded. Motion passed.
- c) **Evaluator Thank Yous:** Betsy thanked all evaluators and coaches, which included: Jason Ledford, Alex Plummer, Andy Ayres, Matt Meyer, Paul Vilwock, Jerry O’Gara, Aaron White, Chris Herwig, Steven McCrary, Bill Welling, Tom Lee, Shad Kernan, Larry Clemens, Jeff Thornton. Betsy noted that evaluating is a difficult job and the evaluators had a lot of discussion and difficult decisions.
- d) **Try Hockey for Free:** The varsity returning players will be helping at the November 7 session. Betsy will coordinate the helpers from the boys team and the Cougars team also has a requirement for community service and has selected THFF as one of their options. The first session is from 9-10am, and the second session is from 11:30 – 12:30. Betsy has two volunteers distributing flyers to the 4K sites around town. Equipment managers have been contacted to help. We will probably have to cap each session to balance out the skaters. This weekend is a MyHockeyTournament weekend. Betsy has Halloween cards and pencils to give out to the MiniMite and Mites to distribute. Volunteers are also going to go to some Learn to Skate sessions to promote as well. Nichole asked for some posters or flyers since her kids do not go to Sun Prairie Schools. Brenda asked about dates/times for the New to SPYHA sessions to pull through the participants and possibly get more kids into our ADM levels. We are limited to 5 sessions for this program, which most likely will be the Saturday sessions.
- e) **Pledge Loan Renewal:** The loan needs to be renewed, hopefully for the last time. This loan was the sum of the pledges from families to help build the rink and was a SPYHA financial obligation used as collateral. It renews every year. The original loan was about \$270,000 and is down to \$32,000. Bank of Sun Prairie is working on the paperwork, but we have to designate unpaid pledges and catch up 90% of these unpaid amounts before renewal. The total unpaid in the last period is \$4500, so we have to pay \$3622 after one family paid this week. Misi made a motion to approve the renewal of the pledge loan, Jason seconded. Betsy noted that the unpaid amount we owe is mostly covered by the original PAC early exit money paid to SPYHA when we closed on the loan and left the old rink. Gary noted that

as members talk to family and friends, remind them to pay any outstanding pledge amounts. Motion passed.

f) Other Business:

- Purchase of New Rink Dividers: We use black foam dividers for Mites and MiniMites. There is another product that looks and acts more like real boards. Betsy sent out a quote to the board, this company is endorsed by USA Hockey. We could possibly write a grant for Region 4 money available for this purchase. Also, we have some games where we have Mites and MiniMites on two separate rinks at the same time for Dane County League, and we don't have enough dividers to separate the ice sheets as required. The Z team is on board with working out the logistics of moving these dividers and would need coaches help, but this would be top of the line equipment. Coaches are on board since this essentially turns each ice sheet into two studio rinks. Jason believes that the ADM practices might use these as well. Patsy asked about space to store these, and Betsy indicated you get a cart to put these on. Lead time is 2-4 weeks to arrive once ordered. Jason made a motion to spend up to \$9000 to purchase the new dividers. Misi seconded. Brenda asked about the two totals in the bid, Betsy indicated it has to do with the length of the sections and we need the higher bid to fit our rink. Motion passed.
- Karen made a motion to apply Megan Burke's late fees to dues. Jason seconded. Motion approved.

Jason made a motion to go into closed session at 7:43. Karen seconded. Motion passed, board went into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION NOTES: Discussion held around player release. No action taken. Aaron asked for approval for Greg Leatherberry to be an assistant coach for Bantam A team. Betsy noted that any lateral roster moves at a level need to have a different roster submitted each game, which in effect means that a goalie can only play for one team per weekend logistically. Goalies can be moved up a level to help. Motion made and passed regarding letter to family regarding leaving SPYHA. Jason made a motion to approve Tom Lee as head Bantam A coach and Greg Leatherberry as assistant coach. Misi seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion held around non parent coaches at Bantam level. This year our non-parent coaches are new and/or have work issues that may interfere with being a head coach. Jason made a motion to approve Beau Bingham as head coach Bantam B and Nick Kanoff and Dave O'Brien as assistants for Bantam B. Brenda seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion was held about adding minimum team sizes to the policy manual for next year for clarity. Discussion was held around labeling of the three Bantam teams. Jason made a motion to approve Rich Crary as head coach of the Bantam C team pending the discussion with Aaron. Karen seconded. Motion passed.

Jason made a motion to approve Larry Clemens and Steven McCrary as practice coaches for all levels. Misi seconded. Motion passed.

Jason made a motion to go out of closed session and adjourn. Karen seconded. Meeting ended at 9:12PM.