

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

Board Attendees: Karen Welling, Betsy McCrary, Brenda Egli, Becky Lemke, Misi Watters, Gary Brendemuehl, Jason Ledford, Stacy Hollfelder, Nichole Jesberger, Lisa Wendler

Absent: Patsy Zielsdorf, Sheri Witt

Public Attendees: Kellie Feiler, Suzanne Doody, Jen Kurtz, Sue Culbertson, Neil Burgard

Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a. Secretary Report (Lisa Wendler):

- Email Vote Affirmation: Karen made a motion to approve a player payment plan request, Patsy seconded. Stacy made a motion to approve Betsy's email plan for evaluating and approving Mite players for the Squirt C team, Sheri seconded. Misi made a motion for another player payment plan request, Patsy seconded. Misi made a motion to accept a player transfer from Waukesha, Sheri seconded. Stacy made a motion to approve the Mite players to play up to Squirt C from the coaches' list, Becky seconded.

Bantam C coaching approval: Jason made a motion to approve Bill Gilbertson as assistant coach for Bantam C, Brenda seconded. Motion passed with 6 for and 5 abstentions. Lisa made a motion to approve Eric Leckel as assistant coach for Bantam C, Sheri seconded. Motion passed.

Jason made a motion to affirm all email votes, Misi seconded. Motion passed. Karen made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as sent via email, Jason seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

Please remind parents NOT to park in the 10 reserved Willie Tys parking spots on days other than Monday. A very few background checks still needed, due today.

- b. Treasurer Report: (Gary Brendemuehl): Gary sent all financial reports via email, arrived late to the meeting due to team game.
- c. President Elect: (Stacy Hollfelder): Stacy has entered all home games on the DCHOA website, some team reps still need to specify opponents which is required.
- d. Past President (Karen Welling): SP Ice Report: Willie Tys awning structure is up, tent coming soon. Someone is donating money to install bleachers in both rinks over the holidays, there will be a crew to do this and we will need volunteers. Office hours for Larry begin Nov. 16 and are posted on the office window for rink business. Karen asked about stickholders for the locker rooms, SP Ice has this low on the priority but if SPYHA wants to donate they are happy to have them. Brenda indicated that Doug Maughan is willing to make the stick holders if the cost of materials would be covered, Jason will contact Doug for a design and cost. Prairie Athletic wants to know if SPYHA is interested in dryland training during the season, most likely offsite (PAC 24) for now but possibly are considering adding to the building to have a facility at the rink in the future. Jason advocated for the concept if it was onsite and would be optional. Jen Kurtz will talk to Paul Swalve from PAC to move the concept forward. Karen had a request from a Z team driver to make sure that the players (especially MiniMites and Mites using the open locker room) not to carry the bag through the lobby. Jason asked about the ADM nets, one has a skirt missing, it was there originally. Jason also asked about having full buckets of pucks for skills sessions, sometimes the Z team does not give as many of them as the coaches ask for. Karen was asked if SPYHA teams could carry one extra set of jerseys in case of forgotten jerseys. The team rep would be responsible, this will need to be requested by the team rep and they will sign them out. Team reps need to work with Marcie Rauls if they want to do this.

- e. President Report (Betsy McCrary): Try Hockey for Free summary was sent out to the board, we had 78 participants between the two sessions out of 96 registered. There were soccer rainouts that took players away. Great showing from the association, especially the Bantam Cs. We had a special commendation for Ryan Hebgen and Tyler Carpiaux. Jason suggested we write up a flyer commending these players and post for all to see. For THFF we had coaches from every level and lots of help. A big thank you to the equipment room managers (Brickl, Carpiaux and Kreitlow), the Z team and everyone who helped. Thank you to Suzanne Doody for stepping up as head coach, and thank you to Marissa Pruitt and Jessica Rausch for helping on the committee. Thank you to SP Ice for donating the ice time, and thank you to Cap City Cougars for helping at the event. Kathy Thornton took pictures and we will be putting news in the paper. The Midget team went as a group to Jason Fehrman's visitation, SPYHA did send a plant to the funeral and the team did a collection. This was very appreciated by the family. Betsy noted that Jason built the benches we use for the open locker rooms and we use for THFF. We had 14 players sign up for the transition program, which is a good percentage. Nichole said that those who came this week got checked in with equipment etc. pretty well.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee: Nothing to report
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee: Nothing to report
- c. Communications Committee: Jen asked if the SP Varsity schedule could be put on the SPYHA calendar, Lisa will do that this week.
- d. Cardinal Cup Committee: Three weeks to our first tournament! There is no Squirt C rep yet. All tournaments are full except Bantam A which is at 9 out of 12. Sue asked about the raffle board idea, one item would be a Bose speaker. All other items (trophies, etc) are ordered. Tournament programs are in progress. Misi will check on her company (Acquire) donating the raffle board items again. Lisa needs to check on the rules posted for the Mites Jamboree on the website.
- e. Concessions Stand Committee: We need volunteers to start filling concessions stand slots. We have been using a lot of paid worker time and kids can only work until 7 pm. Money for concessions is applied to dues reduction for next year. Sue asked about credit for concessions training, it is supposed to be 0.75 hours per family, not per person. The transition to the new cash registers is going smoothly.
- f. ACE Directors: Suzanne is getting some student coach volunteers, all is good.
- g. Region 4 Meetings/WAHA Report: Lisa attended on behalf of SPYHA in October. At meeting they gave a draft of the leagues that were finalized at the scheduling meeting and reviewed the seeding procedures for Playdowns. League placements determine your opposing pool for playdowns, there must be 4 teams at a level to have a league. If there are 8 teams at a level they would split into two pools (red/blue). There was a procedure to appeal placements, but they didn't do any moves this year since this is the first year of trying the procedure (based on size of association and number of teams fielded) and they want to see how it goes. Playdown seeding will be the same as last year with coaches attending and agreeing on seeding. The RWB (Dane Co League) schedule was promised by Nov. 1, and the president of each association was to receive the game codes for the team reps to report scores in November. There was a reminder to have all SafeSport training for coaches done by Nov. 15, there were only two possible coaches still needing this training. Also registration for state tournaments for 2016 were due by Nov. 15, this is complete for SPYHA. WAHA reported that they are going to define the Tier 1 and Tier 2 associations as per USA Hockey, this will help in national level competitions. They are also investigating "Flex Hockey" which has been started in MN and is a type of recreational hockey opportunity. The vision is to grow the game and to have the ice arenas, not the youth associations, run this program. The goal is to start this next season, more details to come. Reminder to associations that each team can have only two out of district players. There is a WAHA app available, the vision is for this to be the main communication resource in the future. Tom Hansen reminded teams that rosters are due Nov. 15 except for Bantams that need to wait for varsity placements. All coaches must be verified in SafeSport before finalizing, other coaching modules due Dec. 31. Gary is representing SPYHA at the November 18 Region 4 meeting. They are still looking for a Secretary and Squirt level ALD for Region 4.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS:

- a. MiniMites (Nichole): nothing to report not already covered.
- b. Mites (Brenda Egli): Brenda is working on getting Mites signed up for the Stoughton jamboree and working the clock during the RWB games.
- c. Squirt (Becky Lemke): all going well. Squirt As are 3-3, Squirt Bs are 3-3, Squirt Cs are 0-4. We had two 8 year olds from the Squirt B team playing for the Cs this weekend due to player injuries/absences. After today (Nov. 15) we cannot do this. Jason asked if we should identify 2 or 3 kids to roster to the Squirt C team in case of emergency, we can add players not already at Squirts to the roster if we choose. Jason will ask Casey if there are any other 2007 players that could be on the roster for emergencies.
- d. PeeWee (Patsy Zielsdorf): absent, nothing to report. PeeWee Bs are 4-3. PeeWee As are 3-4.
- e. Bantam (Misi Watters): Bantam As are 3-2, Bantam Bs are 5-1-1, Bantam Cs are 3-3. Nick Kanoff told Misi that the year is going really well and he is really loving being a coach this year. Bantam Cs are worried about their roster being short due to injury/illness, we could double roster PeeWee As if necessary. Bantam As lost one player to DeForest varsity and is down to 13 players.
- f. Midget (Sheri): absent, Midgets are 3-2-1, they won the Wright Angles Big Bear tournament in Middleton last weekend. There are two new players added to the roster, one transfer from Kansas City and one from Verona who now goes to SP high school. There may be one or two more now that varsity tryouts are over. Coach Sullivan would like to talk to any interested players before registration. The Midget goalie has been sick for over a week, Jake Thornton did play this weekend since he is Midget eligible and can help out occasionally. Misi clarified whether the players who did not make varsity will pay the late fee and they will. Also, there are no guaranteed roster spots. Sheri congratulated the three Midget players who made varsity via email: Trent Behnke, Quentin Gross and Josh McCrary. So the roster is down to 17 without any new additions. Coach Lee has agreed that Owen Leatherberry be added to the Midget roster, he will need to dress for 5 games before Jan. 1 to be eligible.
- g. Coaches' Rep (Jason Ledford): nothing to report not on agenda.

5. OLD BUSINESS

No old business still on agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Membership Changes:** nothing to address
- b) **Varsity Program Advertising**

Jen Kurtz came to talk about possible advertising for the Sun Prairie Varsity game programs by SPYHA. Most players on varsity have come through SPYHA, and there is a Youth Hockey night that is geared to SPYHA with prizes, free admission, etc. Full page ad is \$400, Troy Giesege is developing the ad content. Jen suggested possibly doing a coupon for the concessions stand. Stacy asked what the Varsity Booster club does, they provide sandwiches after games, Gatorade, chocolate milk and water for all games, warmups and socks for the team, pay for the hotel rooms for long trips, upgrade the bus transportation to long trips. The school district pays for coaching and ice fees. Jason made a motion to buy a Platinum Level (\$400) ad in the varsity program, Nichole seconded. Motion passed.
- c) **Mite/MiniMite Coaches:** Marine Yoo has moved and is no longer a coach for SPYHA. Coaching additions for approval: Brandon Benjamin, Mites; Scott Cumming MiniMites. Jason made a motion to approve these coaches, Becky seconded. Motion passed.
- d) **Varsity Refunds:** Policy says fees can be reduced minus registration fee, \$55 capital and scholarship funds and any ice time used. Fees paid for raffle cards are refunded for cards returned. In the past, we have put the \$100 registration fee toward the ice time fees used. Bantam calculation: \$161.18 is the cost they owe. Midget calculation: \$181.66 is the cost they owe. Jason made a motion to refund dues minus \$160 for Bantams and \$180 for Midgets in addition to any cards returned. Misi seconded. Misi asked about the socks, they were include in the calculation. Motion passed.

e) Other Business:

SP Ice/SPYHA Joint Board Meeting: They have requested a Tuesday or Thursday but not a date that there is a boys or girls varsity game. Thursday Jan. 21st has none of the above and is the proposed date, usual start time is 6:30PM.

Roster Requests: There is an official request to roster Owen Leatherberry on the Midget team. Coach Lee has agreed. Jason will talk to Casey Rufener about the Squirt C situation and Rich Crary about the Bantam C situation and the follow up with the coaches and players families required. All final rosters need to be done by Dec. 31. Brenda made a motion to double roster Owen Leatherberry to the Midget team, Jason seconded. Motion passed.

Socks: Jason wants to have white socks to go with our red socks. There have been some issues already with ripping and running. Misi will contact the rep to see what we can do about the quality issues.

MiniMites League: Neil Burgard came to talk about the schedule for MiniMites at the RWB league. The league schedule is 10 games not 6 as we had thought. We have been asked for a sheet every week to accommodate this schedule for the 10 weeks, which we do not have available. Discussion was held about the program as we approved it versus what the RWB league is developing. Neil will work with the league on resolving this.

Jason made a motion to go into closed session at 7:54. Stacy seconded. Motion passed, board went into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION NOTES:

Discussion was held about additional goalie rostering on the Midget team, his focus is school so he would not be available for all practices. He has mentioned being a player/coach on the team and serve as a mentor. The question comes in about fees. There are two more midget players possibly registering, and one is a goalie. Discussed dues that would apply. Motion to charge \$245 player fee plus \$55 cap campaign/scholarship fee, to be reevaluated at midseason with \$10 per practice as an estimate. Motion passed.

Squirt C team refunds for players quitting: Discussed various player situations. Board approved refunds that would apply to players who decided not to complete the season, as well as costs for Mite players who were invited to roster on Squirt C from Mite level

Stacy made a motion to go out of closed session and adjourn. Jason seconded. Meeting ended at 8:43PM.