

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2016, 6:00 pm

Board Attendees: Karen Welling, Betsy McCrary, Brenda Egli, Stacy Hollfelder, Nichole Jesberger, Lisa Wendler, Becky Lemke, Misi Watters, Sheri Witt, Jason Ledford
Absent: Gary Brendemuehl, Patsy Zielsdorf (excused)
Public Attendees: Sue Culbertson, Susan Burgard

Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Susan Burgard brought information on the area MiniMite programs for review. We will be discussing this formally for next year after surveying parents and talking to the coaches and ACE Directors. Lots of discussion about possibilities with in house league, jamborees, ability to be flexible for families choosing one or more practices per week, etc. The board will set up a committee to give a recommendation to the board for next year's program. Betsy will contact Suzanne Doody regarding inviting members to this committee.
2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Secretary Report** (Lisa Wendler): December meeting minutes edited and sent out. Jason made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes, Nichole seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. **Treasurer Report** (Gary Brendemuehl): Gary sent out all account balances. Gary has not received an invoice for the goalie equipment from Suter's yet, Brenda will look into it. Concessions net income for the year so far is over \$10,500, 32% higher than last year. Pledge loan balance is down, initial amount was almost \$290,000. It is down to about \$11,000. We are due money from SP Ice from OBHL capital campaign required donations, when this is paid the pledge loan will be paid off. We continue to pay interest on this loan pending their payment. This will be discussed at the joint SPYHA/SP Ice board meeting on January 21. Gary thanks the concession committee (LeAnne Brinkmeyer, Brad Brinkmeyer, Jodi Scherer, Brenda Sanderfoot, Christa Hunley, Sue Torres, Mark Torres) for the fantastic job managing the concessions stand this year. Even though Willie Tys was fully up and running this year, AND we've spent money on upgrades of equipment and registers, we are money ahead. A lot of this is due to the concessions committee picking up extra hours instead of hiring paid staff. Also a thank you to Angie Hadley and her volunteers for the New Year's Eve event. The event netted SPYHA over \$1500 including admissions and cake walk, etc. SPYHA will be sending out W2s for paid staff and tax deduction letters for families donating \$500 or more. Also, board reps should remind families that if they have 5 or more hours left at the end of January for required volunteer hours, they will be sent an invoice for those hours. Gary asked Jason to contact all coaches for requests for reimbursement now so that these can be wrapped up in this fiscal year. Jason made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Sheri seconded. Motion passed.
 - c. **President Elect** (Stacy Hollfelder): Nothing to report
 - d. **Past President** (Karen Welling): SP Ice Report: Joint Board meeting, Thursday January 21, 2016 at 6:30PM. Karen has submitted ref requests for our remaining Cardinal Cups, wondered if WAHA does the ref requests for the state tournaments. Betsy thought yes but Karen will check with Chuck Wilson on that.
 - e. **President Report** (Betsy McCrary):

JV Update: Meeting held before the board meeting. The committee is working on a formal request to the Sun Prairie School District to reinstate the boys JV program AND to add a girls JV program. Brenda asked if the girls side would still be a co-op. Betsy said that out of the 27 players on girls varsity right now about 9 are from Sun Prairie. Jason asked if the school officials are in

support of the JV stuff. Betsy said that they are in support of it if their budget is not impacted and if no other programs would need to be cut to accommodate the addition. The committee is working through the formal process of the school board, which has 5 steps, and one step is completed already. There are turnaround time requirements in the process, so that the process cannot drag out too long. The committee will ask SPYHA membership to add their name to a list of supporters, which we will make available at SPYHA and varsity events. Looking at numbers, the coaches and committee believe that we could sustain both a JV team and a Midget team. The hope is that this could be possible for next year. One idea would be to have the golf outing as the kickstarter for the JV program. There is a puck shortage at the rink, we are not sure why since we bought two cases at the beginning of the year and the rink furnished one. We will purchase more pucks. We will have two buckets of pucks on each rink dedicated to game activities. Team reps should notify opposing teams that we will furnish the pucks for games and they should not bring their own (or take some of ours). This hopefully will keep the non-marking pucks we buy at the rink. Hopefully the pucks will be here for next weekend's games. Coaches meeting last week was a success, there was a DCHOA rep in attendance to talk with the coaches. Another topic was the interaction between the Z team and the coaches. Coaches and players should not expect to get on the ice early even if the ice is not being used. Betsy wanted the board to be aware that in the joint meeting, one topic will be Friday night Cardinal Cup games due to the growth of OBHL and their Friday night schedule. The ice time for our Cardinal Cup was confirmed in July, and the ice for the Squirt C tournament was double booked.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee: Nothing to report
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee: Raffle drawings continue, all winners are posted (first name and city) on the Fundraising page on the website. A full list can be requested from a committee member. Raffle licenses arrived this week for this fiscal year.
- c. Communications Committee: nothing to report
- d. Cardinal Cup Committee: Next weekend is Bantam A, all set, and the Bantam B/C tournament brackets are set. On our way to being done.
- e. Concessions Committee: nothing to report.
- f. ACE Directors: nothing to report
- g. Region 4 Meetings/WAHA Report: Gary attended, main topics were seeding meeting and playdowns. Patsy is signed up for January, Sheri is signed up for February.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS:

- a. **MiniMites** (Nichole): 20 new kids registered for Session 2. 2 are moved up to the Mite level for DCL games due to their age. Nichole ordered more jerseys. There are 5 teams in the DCL. Kids are having lots of fun. Suzanne is still looking for student coaches at the MiniMite level. There is a USA Hockey form to fill out and then they meet with the ACE Director for training. Sue Culbertson volunteered to check the new families for DIBS signup. One family refund is waiting for a reply on equipment return confirmation.
- b. **Mites** (Brenda Egli): Waunakee Jamboree coming up March 5-6. Full Ice tournament for the red level is in Beaver Dam March 11-13. New goalie equipment has been really well received. We have four new sets except a few pieces that are on backorder.
- c. **Squirt** (Becky Lemke): C team record: 3-10-2, B team 10-8-2, A team 8-11.
- d. **PeeWee** (Patsy Zielsdorf): nothing to report.
- e. **Bantam** (Misi Watters): A team 13-12-1, took third in Black River Falls and second in Beaver Dam. B team 24-3, took first in Marshfield and Onalaska, C team 11-9. Betsy noted that the additional two players requested for the Bantam C team that the board approved did not get added in time to the roster to be able to play. Betsy was informed that the Bantam C team will be short a player for the state tournament the first week in March. Since the state tournaments are different weeks for PeeWee and Bantam, the PeeWee players approved for rostering will have a conflict because our policy is that the player's first loyalty is to their PeeWee team. Jason asked that Betsy reach out to the two team coaches to start the conversation on a recommendation for this.

- f. **Midget** (Sheri): Midgets are 13-18-3. They are playing in Chicago this weekend, they are doing well.
- g. **Coaches' Rep** (Jason Ledford): nothing to report

5. OLD BUSINESS

2016-2017 Scheduling: Some notes – we will continue to keep our tournaments on consistent weekends. If the JV team is approved, most likely we will be back to only two Bantam teams. Stacy asked if players would have the same restriction as this year where if they were Bantam eligible, they would be required to play at that level instead of Midgets. *Since midgets is a level up from bantams, any bantam-age eligible players who would want to play midgets would be required to petition the Board. The “play-up” request would apply.* This Friday is a fundraiser for the Midget team at the Madison Capitols game this Friday night, they will be playing Team USA.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Membership Changes:** nothing to discuss
- b) **Try Hockey for Free:** Second session is Saturday February 20 at 11:30am and 2:30 pm. SPYHA is registered and the information is on the website. This weekend again falls on the weekend that all our B teams are in Green Bay, so volunteers will be critical with so many families gone. Betsy was concerned about the follow on program possibilities with skaters, since our MiniMites are pretty full. Stacy suggested some of the higher level MiniMites to skate up for those 3 sessions to switch to skate with the Mite program to make room, which the board thought was a great idea. Kids will get sticks in addition to the jerseys at this session.
- c) **Golf Outing:** Jason will get a date. We are looking for a chairperson and committee members. A description of the duties involved will be sent out to board members.
- d) **February Board Meeting Date:** The regular scheduled meeting on February 21st is an out of town tournament for many teams, the board discussed moving the meeting so that more board members could be there. Betsy made a recommendation to move it to Monday February 22nd at 6pm. Board agreed.

Karen made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 PM. Jason seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:37 PM.