

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2016, 6:00 pm

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

**Absent:** Nichole Jesberger (excused)

**Public Attendees:** Sue Culbertson, Mary Jo Blumer, Suzanne Doody, Rich Crary, Bill Gilbertson, Matt Knutson

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Coach Rich Crary came to discuss some issues with the Bantam C team. He had concerns early in the season related to the number of skaters on the team (10) at the Bantam level due to illness/injury/checking. He also had concerns about tournament selection for the team. He believes there was miscommunication regarding the double roster situation that was approved. There was a situation with the OBHL game schedule and an overlapping practice schedule with the Bantam C team. In addition there was concern about the number of trophies handed out for the Bantam C Cardinal Cup. These situations were discussed, it was agreed that everyone is trying their best to make the program fun and fair for all teams and that we continue to learn for the next time from the issues that arise.
2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Secretary Report** (Lisa Wendler): January meeting minutes edited and sent out. Patsy made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, Sheri seconded. Motion passed. Email votes: On February 2 Misi made a motion to spend up to \$1260 for Genesis Painting to finish the inside window and door surfaces. Becky seconded, motion passed. On Feb. 9, Brenda made a motion to accept Bode Rosol into what is left of the Mite season pending his financial release from Green Bay. Karen seconded, motion passed. Motion to affirm email votes by Misi, seconded by Jason, approved.
  - b. **Treasurer Report** (Gary Brendemuehl): Gary sent out all account balances and read them at the meeting. Gary announced that SPYHA has successfully paid off the pledge loan which originated at \$279,000. Great job SPYHA! Invoices went out to all the teams who made state tournaments. Any team that played more than one playdown game had that added to the invoice as well. Gary will start sending out the outstanding dues reports this week and we will need board level rep help with getting these dues collected. Interim volunteer hours invoices have been sent out. Gary is starting the annual audit with Wipfli this week for the fiscal year that ended June 2015. Sentry Insurance is again doing a premium audit for our insurance coverage. Jason made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Misi seconded. Motion approved.
  - c. **President Elect** (Stacy Hollfelder): Nothing to report. Congratulations to all teams who made state tournaments (6 out of 9).
  - d. **Past President** (Karen Welling): No SP Ice meeting since the Joint Board meeting in January. Next meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM. If there are issues to bring up please send to Karen.
  - e. **President Report** (Betsy McCrary):
    - Try Hockey for Free was Saturday Feb. 20. There were 70 skaters in the two sessions. WKOW came and did an interview during the first session. Great turnout of volunteers including the Midget team and the Bantam A&C teams, as well as players from the boys and girls varsity teams. We were a little short on coaches for one of the sessions in particular. Larry helped out too. Lots of positive comments from parents and kids alike. There is a transition program for three sessions and the registration is open. We currently have 11 skaters registered for this. Big thank you to all volunteers that took all equipment back, aired it out, and other various activities. We will need additional on ice help for the transition programs from Midget and Bantam teams. These times

are: Saturday Feb. 27 from 12:45 to 1:30, Saturday March 5 from 11 to 11:45am and Wed. March 9 from 5:30 to 6:15PM.

- There was an accusation leveled by an opposing player that a racial slur was uttered by a SPYHA player during a playdown game. This comment was not heard by a referee or other adult and has been unable to be substantiated. At this point WAHA considers the matter closed. It should be made clear that WAHA takes these matters extremely seriously and will level a game misconduct penalty if an accusation is found to be true. There will also be a 410 hearing which would require the coach, parents and child to appear before the WAHA board and it is not uncommon for a year's suspension to be the punishment.

### 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee: There are many families who still need to complete hours. Most sessions that are on the calendar are filling up. Some of the late Sunday games on March 6 still have many openings. The recommendations from the committee on the policy manual are as follows: 1) Stipulate something more specific on the cancellation policy, including the number of days before the claimed item.
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee: One drawing left in March. We just started a new Schwann's campaign, so if you are ordering from them go to the Fundraising page to see the details. The AmazonSmile fundraiser is also renewed, if you order from there, go to AmazonSmile.com to register SPYHA as your charity and your orders will get a percentage back to SPYHA.
- c. Communications Committee: nothing to report. Betsy has a nice photo gallery from Try Hockey for Free up on the website. Lots of cute kid pics.
- d. Cardinal Cup Committee: Considering not printing programs next year or passing off to SP Ice since there are advertising agreements that include this.
- e. Concessions Committee: Haven't had to hire additional concessions workers, everyone loves the new cash registers. The SPYHA coffee mugs are here and on sale for \$7 each, then you get a large beverage for the small price.
- f. ACE Directors: Dane Co League games are done. Suzanne is trying to get a date for the first meeting for next year. Suzanne thanked the board members for getting more student coaches for the extra skaters. Betsy reminded Suzanne and Jason to have coaches turn in their reimbursements since we haven't had a lot yet this year.
- a. Region 4 Meetings/WAHA Report:
  - 1) January: Patsy attended. Notes: SP has been at all 5 meetings, attendance is very important. They are going to try to post meeting minutes on website. RWB: it is difficult to schedule when teams opt out of games. There will be a new scheduling system next year. They asked that during the season teams not do other tournament games in order to keep to RWB schedule. Squirt: 2 game reports with misconduct by parent in one and player in another which was not reported on scoresheet. Reminder that scorekeeper is part of the officials team for the game and all events need to be recorded from before, during and after the game. Playdowns seeding and game times are on the website. Reminders about rules for coaches and teams for playdowns. Reminder on WAHA app: can share photos here. Playdown games follow WAHA rules for clock running time if they are late. Bantam – MCF match penalty for kicking and received suspension from games and practices, they take these very serious and the numbers of instances are rising. They are setting high suspensions to emphasize. Club news: Stoughton 3 on 3 is still open, pond hockey tournament 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Feb. Reminder about pond hockey tourney in Middleton 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Feb.
  - 2) February: Sheri attended. Notes: Region 4 president noted observing parents yelling at officials in stands during playdowns. Asked all associations to lead by addressing this when it happens. Suggested approaches: a) Ask the person to take a quick time out by the concession stand, explain that if the official asks them to

leave they don't get to come back, explain they are doing their best and calling plays as they see them unfold in front of them. Tell them to enjoy the game. B) Have coaches tell their parents that any issues with officials will be dealt with in a calm manner, by the coach only. Noted THFF coming up and thanked hosting associations. Sun Prairie was the only association with 2 sessions. Ice scheduler reported 82 playoff games scheduled and completed, treasurers have invoices and should pay asap. WAHA Report: playoffs went well, one minor issue being dealt with. Thank yous extended to the exec committee for assisting with a presence at all play down games and to the associations that send board reps to these meetings as attendance has been very low. Note on seeding: 25 championship games and of those, 18 teams were seeded as #1 going into playdowns, and then also won the championship game. Associations are being asked to claim the high number of unclaimed registered players (which Marge addressed last week). Total of 18,239 registered hockey players in the state. Patches will be distributed at the next meeting. March 16th. Please have only 1 rep from each association get their scoresheets to Tom Hanson ASAP. (Patsy noted she would like to send the scoresheets in as soon as possible, please let your team reps know to get their score sheets in and Patsy is sending an email as well). Seedings for state tournaments for all levels excluding midgets, are up on the WAHA site. Midgets will be complete in another 2 weeks to allow for team managers to get more scores entered. 2 remaining meetings for this season. March will be distribution of patches and April will be elections. There may be 1 or 2 summer meetings. Misi is attending the March meeting.

#### 4. LEVEL REP REPORTS:

- a. **MiniMites** (Nichole): absent but wanted to ask if their parents could use the skate rental skates for their parent game on March 12, Betsy will check. She also does not have enough medals for the New to SPYHA Hockey group for the end of the year season. Betsy will find a way to get some medals refurbished for these kids. One suggestion is to reuse the existing medals that were not used this year at the Bantam level.
- b. **Mites** (Brenda Egli): Waunakee Jamboree coming up March 5-6. Full Ice tournament for eligible players is in Beaver Dam March 11-13. Brenda feels that the new transfer who is a 2007 birth year should be offered the opportunity and the board agreed. There have been many questions about petitioning to play up for next season. Parents should plan to come to a board meeting in April or May so that this can be approved.
- c. **Squirt** (Becky Lemke): Squirt A 12-19, B 13-16-3, C 8-15-3. No teams made state this year.
- d. **PeeWee** (Patsy Zielsdorf): PeeWee A 14-8-3, going to state in Beloit, first game vs. Chippewa Falls. PeeWee B 16-17-0, hosting state, first game vs. Stevens Point.
- e. **Bantam** (Misi Watters): A team 21-15-2, earned the Region 4 spot and will play Hudson the first game. B team got runner up in playdowns, will play Middleton at state. C team 14-14 and earned the Region 4 championship to go to the state tournament in Hudson, will play Eau Claire.
- f. **Midget** (Sheri): Midgets are 15-24-4. They are headed to state as runner up in Hudson. Sheri asked if the host site sets up hotels or should the team find their own. Sue commented that the handbook says the host association is responsible for recommending and booking hotels for teams making state tournaments. The team rep should call the Hudson association to find out if there are blocks reserved. Sheri also asked if the board recognized seniors on the Midget team, Betsy has donated pictures of the seniors done by Empire in the past, she is arranging this again. There has been some discussion about keeping the jerseys. In addition Sheri will send out an email about the last home game for the seniors so that association members can come to support the seniors and the team. The last home game that is currently scheduled is this weekend. Betsy noted that there is an additional game on the schedule but Sheri indicated that game is not currently scheduled. There will be cake this Sunday at the 11:15 game.
- g. **Coaches' Rep** (Jason Ledford): nothing to report. Jason recommended you thank your team coaches!

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

a) 2016-2017 Scheduling: Jason made a motion to approve the below dates for Cardinal Cups, Stacy seconded. Motion passed.

- Squirt A/PeeWee A Dec. 2-4, 2016
- Squirt B/PeeWee B Dec. 9-11, 2016
- Squirt C Jan 6-8, 2017
- Mite Jamboree Jan. 2017
- Bantam A/Bantam B Jan. 20-22, 2017

Betsy noted that the playdowns are moving back to Feb. 3-5 2017 for next season. She also noted that next year's season schedule shows that both Christmas and New Year's are on weekends. Discussion about board approval of tournaments next year for teams in order to fill the schedule on weekends that we know we can't have home games.

b) **Golf outing:** no date scheduled. Angie Hadley might want to chair that event. Jason will check.

## - NEW BUSINESS

a) **Membership Changes:** nothing to discuss

b) **Injury Refund request:** A Bantam player has had multiple injuries this year due to hockey, causing him to miss approximately 50% of the season. For the ice time and referee costs, their total applicable refund is \$433. Jason made a motion to refund the player \$435 once their complete volunteer hour commitment is completed. Misi seconded. Betsy noted that no additional funds will be asked for from the team families and SPYHA will cover this amount of expenses. Motion passed.

c) **Proposed edits to policy manual:** As noted above, we will address the specifics on cancellation policy for DIBS items. Betsy also came across another section regarding disciplinary action when reported by coaches. The section of the coach handling the issue to start needs to be put first in the manual where now it is listed after the disciplinary committee section.

d) **State Tournament Bids 2018:** Betsy asked recommendations for our bid. Jason recommended the Squirt level be prioritized. Betsy noted that generally our C team is easiest to qualify for state, hardest is A team. Brenda recommended Squirt A, then PeeWee A, then Bantam A, then Squirt B. Lisa will register our preferences.

e) **2016 – 2017 Volunteer Hours Set Up:** Betsy asked if there were any edits to the DIBS plan for next year. Lisa noted that since we have been in the rink for two full seasons now, it would be great to run a report on how many concessions and other hours we actually use vs. what we require. Betsy noted if we don't put a new registration out for next weekend we may not have some experienced people doing these slots in a very important weekend period.

Stacy made a motion to allow families with their 2015 – 2016 volunteer season completed to get credit for non-concession, scoresheet and clock only hours worked during the Tier 1 playoff tournament on March 6-7 for the 2016 -2017 season. Karen seconded. Motion passed.

Stacy made a motion to go into closed session at 8:27PM. Jason seconded. Closed session started at 8:29PM. There is a member family who has come to the board in confidence to ask for scholarship money. The circumstances and need have been verified, but they have asked to keep their name private. They have asked for the remaining amount of \$1300 to be given as scholarship to the family. Brenda made a motion to award a scholarship of \$1300 to the family, Lisa seconded. Motion passed. There was a discussion about another situation regarding playing time, the family has addressed the issue with the coach of the team. Jason will address the issues with the coach. Jason made a motion to go out of closed session and adjourn, Karen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. Jason seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:47 PM.