

Shawano Hockey League Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 7th, 2016

5:30 PM Shawano County Park

1. Call to Order (year signifies the point in the 3 yr term for the upcoming season)
Greg Rusch Yr 1 – President Pat Wescott Yr 2 – Vice President
Sarah Dittman Yr 3 - Registrar Kim Dillenburg Yr 3 – Secretary
Jason Davids Yr 2 – Rink Manager Jeff Huntington Yr 1 – Marketing
Andrea Blanke Yr 1 – Concessions Monique Knope Yr 3 - Fundraising
Ben Hilbert Yr 2 – Program Director Open Yr 3– Volunteer Management/Game Scheduler
Tressa Dorn Yr 2 – Treasurer Jason McKeefry Yr 1 – Equipment Manager

2. President Report – Greg Rusch

- a. Election Ballots & Bios handed out

Season in review – off season

- Took part in 4th of July parades in Bonduel
- Took part in Pulaski Polka Days Parade with Zamboni
- Operated the SHL Fair Stand at the Shawano County Fair. We teamed up with local vendors Twig's Soda, El Tequila's, Pigeon River Brewing and Nueske's Meats.
- Attended many school open houses with SHL material displayed
- Ben Hilbert and a crew of volunteers hosted the 2nd annual SHL Golf Outing in August at the Shawano Lake Golf Course. The golf outing raised funds that were used to purchase the off his shooting area.
- Knope Heating & Cooling installed a chiller coil for our dehumidifier to help the dehumidifier's efficiency. The cost was covered by funds received from the Crawford Family Foundation and donations from Knope's.

Season in review – Hockey season

- Increased our registered skaters from 110 last season to 120 players this season

The Growth of Shawano Hockey thru the years.

| | Bantams Ages 13-14 | Pee Wees Ages 11-12 | Squirts Ages 9-10 | Mini-Mites & Mites Ages 4-8 | Total Skaters Ages 4 - 14 | Net Increase or Decrease |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2007 - 2008 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 51 | |
| 2008 - 2009 | 8 | 16 | 11 | 13 | 48 | -3 |
| 2009 - 2010 | 14 | 11 | 16 | 12 | 53 | +5 |
| 2010 - 2011 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 31 | 68 | +15 |
| 2011 - 2012 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 26 | 65 | -3 |
| 2012 - 2013 | 8 | 13 | 18 | 36 | 75 | +10 |
| 2013 - 2014 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 42 | 88 | +13 |
| 2014 - 2015 | 14 | 17 | 21 | 58 | 110 | +22 |
| 2015 - 2016 | 15 | 17 | 22 | 66 | 120 | +10 |

Season in review – Hockey season (continued)

- Heather Hilbert and Lynn Hrabik were our instructors this year for the Learn to Skate Program.
- Offered an Introduction to Hockey program this year. Thanks to Heather & Ben Hilbert for helping with this program.
- Installed a new wheelchair ramp, many thanks to Paul Van Roy, Jeff Huntington and their crew of volunteers. Funding for the new ramp was received from the Crawford Family Foundation.
- Continued to have adult open hockey on Wednesday and Sunday nights
- WIAA High School had 15 players playing at a varsity reserve level this season.
- WIAA High School team hosted their annual “Best Seat in the House” fundraiser.
- Skate with Santa had well over 150 children on the ice on 12/19/15.
- Green Bay Gambler 50/50 Raffle on 1-23-16 at Resch raised over \$1,891 for the SHL.
- Mites & Mini-Mites played at intermission of Green Bay Gamblers games again this season.
- SHL hosted 2 “Try Hockey Free Days” in November & February – 30 children attended.
- Bantams took 1st Place in the Shawano home tournament
- Squirt A took 2nd place in their away tournament in Onalaska
- Pee Wee’s places 3rd at the Rhinelander tournament.
- Squirt A, Pee Wee’s and Bantam’s competed in the Division 4A State Tournament.
- Full Ice Mites team attended tournament in Antigo and placed 4th.
- Bantam team attended the State Tournament in Manitowoc and finished 3rd.
- Squirt A team attended the State Tournament in Cumberland and won the Consolation Championship.

Looking Forward

- We will strive to continue increase the membership in the league with an emphasis to increase the participation of girls in the SHL.
- Continue to promote SHL in area parades and school open house to raise awareness of hockey in the Shawano, Bonduel, Pulaski, Clintonville and surrounding areas.
- We will be operating the SHL fair stand again this year during the Shawano County Fair.
- Continue to promote the USA Hockey ADM approach to hockey skill development.
- We are hoping to offer the Hockey Introduction Program again next season.
- Work very hard to continue to keep hockey Fun, Safe & Affordable for our members.
- SHL to host 3rd annual golf outing on August 13th at Shawano Lake Golf Course.
- The SHL will be hosting the Division 4A Squirt State Tournament in March of 2017.

Thank You’s - On attached sheet

3. Vice President – Pat Wescott
 - a. V.P. Message
4. Treasurer – Tressa Dorn
 - a. Financials
5. Rink – Jason Davids
6. Program – Ben Hilbert
 - a. 10,000 Puck Challenge
 - Program overview
 - When does it start?: May 2, 2016.

- Who will coordinate shot totals

7. Fundraising – Monique Knope

- a. Off Season Fundraising Events – Please watch for emails for the following fundraising opportunities
 - Packer Family Fun Night Tickets
 - Charlie's County Market Brat Fry
 - Shawano County Fair
- b. Thank you to everyone that helped with fundraising this season.

8. Marketing – Jeff Huntington

- a. Surveys – Thank You to everyone who took the time to fill out a survey. These are very important to the SHL Board to let us know what is working and more importantly what we need to focus on to improve the program.
- b. SHL Sponsor List – Please thank & support these businesses (Sponsor list attached)
- c. Summer parades – watch for emails

9. Volunteer Management/Game Scheduler

- a. 2016-2017 volunteer hour changes
 - \$100 Volunteer Fee paid at registration in a form of a post-dated check
 - The SHL Board is continuing to review how to more evenly distribute the league workload especially with rink set up and take down.

10. Participant Equipment – Jason McKeefry

- a. SHL Equipment – Please check you SHL equipment in with Jason
- b. Game Jerseys returned
 - Also a reminder that game jerseys should not be used during practices.

11. Friends of the Crawford Center Award – El Tequila's

12. Rick Stautz – Hall of Fame Award Presentation: Awarded to Greg & Liz Wittman.

13. Public Comment:

14. Election Results: Tanya Stender, Jon Plosczynski and Monique Knope were voted to the board.

15. Set next meeting date – Sunday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m.

16. Adjournment: 7:30.

17. Team Presentations – Program Director Ben Hilbert & Coaches

- a. Mini-Mites
- b. Mites
- c. Squirts
- d. Pee Wees
- e. Bantams

Thank You's

- Parents – for choosing the SHL for their child to participate in the sport of hockey.
- Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches & Student Coaches – for all the hours, it is truly appreciated. Especially the Mite/Mini Mite on ice coaches, we appreciate all the help you give these young players as we begin to teach them the proper hockey skills.
- Team Managers – For helping the league and coaches by keeping the player families informed on game times, practices and lining up volunteers to run the clock and so forth.
- Heather Hilbert & Lynn Hrabik and all the Learn To Skate volunteers
- Concession Lead workers
- Zamboni drivers
- John & Kim Dillenburg, Jason & Jamie Specht and Skeeter & Heather Beaulieu for the use of their heavy equipment (skid steers, scissor lifts, ect..) during the hockey season.
- Skeeter & Heather Beaulieu, & Jon Plosczynski for providing snow removal this season.
- Open skate volunteers
- Parade coordinators, candy tapers
- Jason & Jamie Specht for the use of their truck and trailer to haul the Zamboni in this year's parades.
- Parade walkers
- Golf Outing volunteers
- Fair stand workers
- Code of Conduct Committee members
- Erik & Jennifer Steffens for coordinating the Green Bay Gambler 50/50 Raffle.
- School Open House volunteers
- Try Hockey Free Day volunteers
- All SHL members that learned new jobs this season; Zamboni, scorer's table, ect..
- Locker room supervisors
- Karen Wegenke for her help on recording volunteer hours.
- Home Tournament and 2016 State Pee Wee Tournament Volunteers
- Members who went above and beyond this year for rink set up and take down.
- SHL Board Members

Thank you to everyone for a great season. The Shawano Hockey League truly appreciates the efforts of all our families. See you next year!