

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Annual Meeting Minutes and
Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2016, 5:00 pm

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

Absent: none

Public Attendees: Sue Culbertson, Mike Culbertson, Suzanne Doody, Kellie Feiler

Meeting followed directly after the annual meeting and was called to order at 5:38PM.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a. Secretary Report (Lisa):

- Email Vote Affirmation: Gary made three motions and Brenda seconded via email:
1. Motion to approve SPYHA doing a race sponsorship amount not to exceed \$500. 2. Motion to approve a raffle basket donation not to exceed \$100 in value. 3. Motion to approve up to twenty (20) volunteer credits through DIBS for the 2016/2017 season to members that agree to fill volunteer openings in support of the race and festival (openings as posted on the Mengelt Race website). Misi made a motion to affirm. Karen seconded. Motion passed.
- Misi made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Patsy seconded. Motion passed.

b. Treasurer Report: (Gary):

- Gary announced all account balances. He sent the report on the revenue for the Cardinal Cup tournaments. Gary thanked Sue Culbertson for all her help. When she took over the committee, we were losing money overall for the tournaments. This year we netted approximately \$6000.
- Jason asked about the savings account balance and whether it was earmarked for anything. The only large invoice we are waiting on is from WipFLI for about \$5K to \$7K for the audit. Betsy reminded the board that account has all of the concessions profits included in it, and we draw from that account for expenses and dues reduction for next year. There was discussion about using some of the savings money to earmark in an account to use before the individual association members who guaranteed part of the rink mortgage on a personal basis, or to further reduce dues. Part of the money has already been allocated to the JV program, should it materialize.
- Gary asked the board to think about budget items for 2016 – 2017, which will be drafted at the June board meeting.

Jason made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Becky seconded. Motion passed.

c. President Elect: Stacy

- Thank you to everyone who stepped up to run for the board next year!

d. Past President : Karen

- SP Ice Report: next meeting is Tuesday May 17 at 6pm. Joint board meeting is June 14 at 8PM.

e. President Report: Betsy

- Betsy read an email from a skater's family on the Midget team, she was appreciative of the opportunity to skate this year.
- Boys JV Hockey Update: We received formal notification that the assistant superintendant declined the approval of the JV boys team for the upcoming season. Next option is to file an appeal to the school board. The appeal was filed on May 14. It is

submitted to the president of the school board with an explanation. Betsy read the appeal letter, which respectfully appealed the decision and asked the school board to put the appeal on the agenda to consider at the May 23rd meeting. If the school board declines to consider the appeal, the next option would be to go to the annual budget meeting to ask for the funding for the team. After discussion of the process, Betsy noted that it is ok at this time to contact school board members to ask for their support. Betsy will provide an email template for skaters and parents to use.

- USA Hockey Goaltending Development: There were representatives chosen from each state to attend goaltending specialist training. Larry Clemens and Tyler Lewis attended this training. They will help associations put together goalie training. Each association will need a goalie coordinator to organize the training.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee: nothing to report
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee: nothing to report
- c. Communications Committee: nothing to report
- d. Cardinal Cup Committee: WAHA website will update next year's tournaments starting in July.
- e. Concessions Stand Committee: Thank you again to everyone who stepped up to do concessions this weekend, it is much appreciated!
- f. ACE Directors: nothing to report
- g. Region 4 Meetings/WAHA Report: Betsy will post Region 4 meeting notes to the website. The notes reviewed the rule and bylaw changes that we discussed in April. Highlights: There were several end of year suspensions at the coaching level. Elections were held for Region 4, they are still looking for a RWB Director, who does the scheduling for the Dane County League. They noted that several associations had travel issues, and they will work on a pod system. The girls' director is also willing to step aside if someone would like the position. At the WAHA level, they indicated the registrar passwords will be distributed soon. USA Hockey registration is open as of April. Protect Youth Sports will be linked with coaches' registration this year. Unregistered players should be claimed by associations by their zip codes. WAHA annual meeting is Saturday August 6 at 1:30PM in Wausau. WAHA elections will be held. Bill Spohn's position is up for reelection. The workshop for associations is also that morning. It is a good review of USA Hockey guidelines and best practices for new board members. They will also have a goaltender coaching clinic on Friday night. SafeSport will be linked to the rosters for coaching next year. Region 4 had only 6 complaints last year, and as the largest region that was less than other smaller associations. There may be the possibility of making SafeSport mandatory for all parents in the future. In other regions, there were unscreened and untrained referees being used, but since DCHOA is in place in Region 4 this is not a concern here. There may be association reclassifications coming. The rule change proposal regarding age changes to follow MN rules was rejected. The proposal to grandfather players after two years transfer in an association is still being considered. There was a lot of discussion regarding non-sanction of 8 and under full ice tournaments from September 1 to March 1 including a one year suspension for sanctioned tournaments for associations running these tournaments.
- h. Golf Outing: more information coming soon.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS:

- a. ADM U6 (Nichole): Nichole checked equipment rental and payments for the summer. She called families regarding payment for volunteer hours still due from this season.
- b. ADM U8 (Brenda): Brenda checked equipment return and provided a list of families to bill for summer rental.
- c. Squirt (Becky): Becky contacted families who owe for volunteer hours.
- d. PeeWee (Patsy): Patsy thanked the board for the flowers for her dad's funeral and for all the support from SPYHA during that time. She also asked if there is a need for scoresheet coordinator for last year that she would like to do that again. She would like to suggest to Region 4 that they give associations patches at the beginning of the year since they have not had all the patches now

at the end of the year for two years. We get patches for tournaments in September but we have not had enough to cover for league games for our teams.

- e. Bantam (Misi): Misi emailed families with outstanding balances.
- f. Midget (Sheri): Sheri followed up with families still owing for volunteer hours. Sheri thanked the board for having her on the board this year.
- g. Coaches' Rep (Jason): nothing to report

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2016 – 2017 Scheduling Update: Becky is working on it, there is a good outline after working with Larry. The biggest issue is regarding approval of the JV vs. two Midget teams possible. There are 30 Midget only (not Bantam eligible) players in the association possible for next year. There are 33 Bantam age players. Assuming there are 6 players taken for varsity, there would be 24 which would be a sit rotation at Midget like two years ago. Team sizes at the upper levels are still in the air due to the JV uncertainty.
- b. SPYHA Policy and Procedures Manual: Sheri proposed edits to the double roster policy. New wording will specify coaches with double roster players being required to attend a board meeting to specify parameters for the double roster purpose. This will be approved next meeting.
- c. End of Season Survey: There were 74 total responses out of 238 skaters. Gary will summarize by level and report back at the next board meeting. We will review comments in closed session.
- d. MiniMite program 2016 – 2017: Nichole sent some thoughts in an email. She proposed giving some options to families, and reducing some sessions during Cardinal Cup tournaments since ice time is tight anyway. Also proposed was ending the program earlier after Dane Co League is done. Also proposed is looking at holiday weekends and eliminating those practices. Betsy noted that the more options you have for newer families, the logistics of explaining and monitoring get difficult. Nichole noted that the coaches had difficulty continuing to add kids to teams and practices. Nichole asked for a recommendation from the board for either planning on doing DCL or not. It was suggested that we contact other associations to see if they are interested in doing a smaller version of a game schedule that is more local.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Player Release: Paul Houle asked for a release, this has been done for multiple years to McFarland. Misi made a motion for Paul Houle to be released to McFarland, Jason seconded. Motion passed. There is a request from a 2004 (PeeWee) player to be admitted to SPYHA from Sauk. He would like to try out with SPYHA but will most likely not get a release from Sauk and would need to make the PeeWee A team. Lisa noted that any time we allow an out of district player to try out for our teams, it takes a spot away from one of our association players to make our A team. No motion was put forth.
- b. June Board Meeting Date: Misi made a motion to move the June meeting to June 26th instead of Father's Day on June 19. Jason seconded. Motion passed.
- c. Office Expenses: Betsy bought a projector and toner and went over budget on office expenses. Jason made a motion to approve the \$650 for the projectors, Misi seconded. Motion approved.
- d. Tables and Chairs: Betsy noted that Costco has table and chair sets for good prices. The tables and chairs we have in the board room are very heavy, old and mismatched. Betsy would like to have the board consider buying some of these sets for the rink.
- e. Jerseys: KollegeTown quoted \$68 per jersey for the home sets, they are recommending red for home and black for away jerseys going forward. Elite will have a mockup done soon as another quote. The jersey coordinators are also putting together a proposal for moving to families buying jerseys to keep. Brenda asked about the possibility for reversible jerseys for MiniMites/Mites.
- f. Scoresheet coordinator: Jason made a motion to appoint Patsy Zielsdorf as scoresheet/patches coordinator. Sheri seconded. Motion passed.

Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Staci seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:54PM.