

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey
Association Board Meeting
Minutes
August 21, 2016

Audience: Mark Breyer, Kellie Feiler, Julie Bowman, Brian Sullivan, and Brenda Egli

Call to order by President Stacy Hollfelder at 6:04pm

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – open

The audience was asked if anyone was interested in becoming secretary. As no one came forward, Nichole Jesberger volunteered to take minutes.

Betsy made a motion to approve July meeting minutes as provided. Misi seconded. All approved.

Jason made a motion to affirm email votes authorizing the SP Ice prepayment and Cougar advertising. Misi seconded. All approved.

b. Treasurer – Gary Brendemuehl

Gary reviewed account balances and highlighted items from the balance, budget, and income reports he emailed to the board. There were no questions. Betsy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Jason seconded. All approved.

c. President Elect – Misi Watters
Nothing to report

d. Past President – Betsy McCrary
– SP Ice Update

Betsy reported that the certified audit for fiscal 2015 had been completed. She clarified the financial arrangement with the City, SP Ice, and the Bank of Sun Prairie, which requires the City to place a specific sum into an escrow account each year for the first five years where the rink does not attain debt service coverage (DSC) of 1.5 or higher. It was noted that this is simply an escrow account, it is not money that SP Ice is accessing, and it will revert to the City after the five years is up. The 1.5 DSC is a very unusual and high requirement, particularly for a non-profit. Many for-profit entities would be thrilled with a 1.0 DSC. Having the City fulfill its obligation by placing the money in the account does NOT mean SP Ice is not profitable or is in danger of defaulting on the mortgage. It is just an extra assurance of additional funding because the 1.5 DSC was not achieved.

The rink scheduling software implementation will begin with training on Aug. 23, with installation to follow in mid-September.

Other news includes ongoing work on aging and paid financials, as well as news that one of the Zambonis is going in for a general check-up. Some ideas for fundraising specific to the rink include renewing the glass block campaign (so that the dozen or so blocks needed to finish an area would be obtained), installing a jump seat for the Zamboni, and hosting a hockey tournament for adults, as well as an alumni match and a sled hockey game with the WI Warriors. The tailgate party proposed for September will not happen, as the logistics were too difficult (significant upfront investment for rental of tents, TVs, portapotties, etc.).

e. President – Stacy Hollfelder
– WAHA meeting/conference synopsis

Stacy reported that the bylaw changes regarding WAHA secretary and Treasurer voting rights were voted down and they still have voting rights. There were issues with the wording still be inconsistent. Association fees for not registering on time with WAHA were approved. Bill Spohn was elected Region 4 WAHA Rep.

SafeSport compliance requires back ground checks and a SafeSport coordinator for each association. Locker room supervision is required, and lack of supervision is where most of the complaints come from.

Dos/Don'ts mite hockey – new requirement: 8 years to play up can be 2008 ONLY, and no more that 50% on a team. Cross ice hockey is best – there is a video put on the website. They recommend 40-60 players on ice with 8-12 coaches.

There is a mobile coaching app.

Successful associations do right session highlighted a club excellence tool that boards can use to document year to year things, best practices, etc. Roll-out is coming soon.

The Division 1-Squirt C2 tournament is open. Perhaps SPYHA could look into hosting after registration closes

depending on if we do have two Squirt C teams.

Glass roots Hockey grants for up to \$1000 are available with a Sept 1st deadline. SPYHA would like to apply to be reimbursed for weighted vests.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee – nothing to report
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee
 - Discussion on 2016-17 raffle, New Year's Eve drawing
 - Gary indicated the committee is planning for the 2016-2017 raffle tickets to be set up the same as last year
 - Last year's cookie dough fundraiser sent \$4,116 back to families. Addition of pizza to program will be added to the agenda.
- c. Communications Committee – nothing to report
- d. Cardinal Cup Committee – Sue Culbertson, Chair
 - Committee is discontinuing metals for peewee/bantam, and looking into pins instead on metals. Board agreed this was fine as long as it is within budget. Tournament registration is up and running. Sue mentioned that there was one team looking for off-line registration (currently, teams can pay \$100 registration fee online and send a check for the balance, or pay in full online). There are fees with each option, but the registration fee upcharge is \$5 to \$6. Board confirmed that Tournament Registration is online registration ONLY. We will not make exceptions.
- e. Concession Stand Committee
 - With the Cardinal ice coming out this week, impact on humidity is a concern for the cash registers. Committee is making plans to remove them. There is also a concern for mold in other places (equipment room). Committee is planning for a near date soda sale.
- f. ACE Director(s) – Suzanne Doody
 - Suzanne provided notes that Beau Bingham shared from the WAHA Meeting.
 - Friday night USA hockey and WAHA ran a beginners goalie clinic. This looked exactly like what Larry runs on Sunday's. They did mention that we receive a set of the quick change goalie gear, but they did not have any yet. They should be getting an order in November. There was some question about Total Hockey's bankruptcy, however, WAHA and USA hockey seem to think that based on their large order the company buying out Total hockey will still send it.

Saturday

The NEW Goalie Trainer Coordination Program

USA Hockey has made a goal to have 51% of Goalies in the NHL USA born players by 2030. They have implemented a new 6 phase program to help make this dream a possibility. They also mentioned that there are great coaching tips and videos on the WAHA website under the resource tab. No longer want goalie to be an after thought in practice. Make them part of the team.

PHASE 1 - Each Organization will have a Goalie Rep (This will NOT be Larry, SP will have to have their own rep), Email from all Goalie families

PHASE 2 - Regional Development Practice, Student Coaches (H.S/Bantam) Young players typically look up to these players more then the USA Hockey coaches., Coaching clinics, Parent Education, utilize social media

PHASE 3 - State Coordinators-regional directors-build team

PHASE 4 - Regional Goalie Development Practices - Sat night prior to coaching clinics

PHASE 5 - Wisconsin Invite Camp (2017???) State Version of Warren Skrelaw Camp(National Camp for best goalies in USA)

PHASE 6 - Goalie Education, Symposium, Social Media Outlets, Skill progression Graph/Charts, Video

The Do's and Don'ts of Mite hockey

Coaches need to be in the locker room at all times. 99% of all WAHA complaints occur in the locker room when no coach is present. Ryan Pisek is the Region 4 ADM Coordinator. We can ask them to put on a ADM clinic for us. Don't have to use the USA hockey practices exactly how they are written, okay to change things up. It is very important that we have skilled coaches who give all there attention to the kids. Games will be 3v3 or 4v4. No 5v5. No Full ice mite games before April 1. Any organization hosting or participating before April 1st will face strict penalties.

WAHA Annual Meeting

Bill Spohn was voted in for Region 4 again. Ran against Larry Carrington. Application deadline for grant money from WAHA is due by Sept. 1st.

New Rule changes.

Only 2 teams from a region may be represented in the State tournament unless it is mathematically necessary.

Any game misconduct or suspension by a player or team official within 7 days of playoffs or State will be served in the next game on the schedule.

WAHA will not sanction mite tournaments between Sept 1 and April 1, Any Assoc in violation will be penalized by the loss of right to host a sanctioned tournament for 1 year and the right to host State for 3 seasons. Any coaches in violation will be suspended from coaching for one year ad appear before a disciplinary committee before being allowed to return to coaching.

Player Development on World Stage.

Not much here that would be beneficial on a Youth level, but very interesting from a coaching standard. Basics of the talk was to teach SKILLS. He said there are 405 different scenarios in hockey and it is impossible to teach a system

for each one. The best players in the world are the most skilled, who have a passion for the game. Players need to seize their opportunity when it comes. Coaches job is to teach, develop, Inspire, Evaluate

The Basics of Long Term Player Development

Fed off of what Don Granato said in the previous meeting. SKILLS!!! There is no place in the game anymore for coaches who want to base everything on systems. Short term success long term failure. They spoke a lot about how Finland incorporates tumbling and other off ice training. It is vital for players to get as many touches on the ice as possible. Ideal season schedule 130 practices, 100 off ice sessions, 50 games max. They are no longer selling the ADM model, it is here to stay and the organizations that buy into it and implement it to the fullest will see the greatest results as the players advance.

g. Region 4 Meeting – Suzanne Doody

Suzanne attended the Region 4 meeting on August 17 and she shared the following notes:

President's report

Will post draft minutes within one week on website for association board use these will be voted on at next the meeting a Treasurer's report will also be available

Age Level Reports

RWB - planning meeting will be on Tuesday, August 30th @ 7pm in Verona all participating associations should send a representative with available ice times to share for every 2 clubs, 1 sheet of ice will be required

U6 - planning meeting will be on Thursday, September 1st @ 7pm in Verona same as above. REMINDER - No full ice games for U8 skaters until April 1st. Rogue coaches will lose their coaching credentials for 1 year the affiliated club will lose state tournament hosting rights. Andy Mendek rep this year

Girls report - no rep present – no report

Squirt report - no rep present – no report

PeeWee report - no rep present – no report

Bantam report - no rep present – no report

Ice scheduler's report - Play downs are February 3-5, all ice has been secured

Webmaster report - No webmaster present – none

Ultimate tournaments - Due to rule issues they are not sanctioned this year. They have not been complying with USA hockey rules. They have been informed of this. An email from WAHA will go to all association presidents

Grass roots Hockey \$1000 grants were distributed at annual meeting. Current application is open now through September 1st. Information is on the WAHA website - with the application

Region 4 fall meeting - Held September 21st @ MIA @ 6:30pm a notice will go to the association presidents the meeting is open to everyone who wants to come. The Region 4 general meeting will be held right after this meeting (so it will be later night than usual). If any association is planning to co-op you need to fill out the form found online and send it in

Coaching seminars

The first local Level 1/2/3 will be Sunday, November 6th in Madison at Union South (this is the only 1/2/3 in Madison)

Interstate transfer forms

If a WI player is going to IL or MN (other direction too), the player MUST complete this form this pretty much applies to Beloit, Monroe, and the Capitols.

Flex Hockey

This has been approved by the Board. Currently don't know the "coaching" requirements. This will be like any open hockey session there will be no structure this is just to get kids on the ice there is a need for adult supervisor/coach - waiting on answer as to which. No rosters. No check. MUST be registered with USA Hockey. Kids will show up online as flex player. Flex players can also play on a team

Registrars

REMINDER to registrars to claim ALL players in their district from USAH does your association registrar have the new software? if not, send an email to get the proper forms to get a username and password to get access to the new

software

If any coach has not completed Safesport, they will be redlined until it is done the same with the background check if it hasn't been done since April 1, 2015 all coaches have to be all screened and ready to go before they hit the ice if Safesport or the background check is missing, rosters will not be approved and coaches will not be allowed on the ice for PRACTICES OR GAMES OR ANYTHING if you took Safesport for first time two years ago when it was first mandated to everyone, you need to take refresher this year (30 minutes)

Safesport - coaches, board, team manager, locker room reps (only if they do it often) anyone with significant contact. The one time locker room parent does not need to do it

Wisconsin Hockey Officials

Registration is open (all website issued are fixed) the first seminar will be one week from tomorrow (8/25) in Verona the next one will be at the UW Comp Sci building for classroom and Hartmeyer for skating there will be 4 more in the greater Madison area (the last one being October 30th)

17 officials went to state camp

4 officials went to Ames IA for Central District camp

Officials were invited to Sault Ste Marie, several went to Omaha, others to national sites. The first scholarship was awarded to Hannah from Wilson (this will be a recurring item)

DCHOA

Nano Espenes is the new vice president. Recruiting is underway. DCHOA will be contacting HS coaches to get new officials in early. The recruiting committee will be making calls next week to last season's first-year officials to get them to come back, as there is a typical 35% drop rate among first year officials. Associations should consider policing their parents about how they treat officials. The young ones leave in large part to being berated by parents and coaches. Just like skaters, these kid officials need encouragement and not yelling. Please talk to parents before the season starts to remind them that using social media to vocalize their displeasure with game officiating is NOT an answer. Officials can start as young as 12, but Bantam level and higher is preferred because they work out better. DCHOA is looking for help splitting the cost of seminars so it does not fall on one association (i.e., the association that gives the 4 hours of ice and 6 classrooms for a weekend of education). Bill Spohn suggested applying for a grant

Game Fees will go up 2% for boys youth games and 3% for girls youth games DCHOA is on a 2 year cycle for fee adjustments the grid on the website will be updated soon (don't use it yet). Haas has a plan to simplify the payment process will be using Arbiter sports. They are affiliated with the NCAA. DCHOA is looking for pilot associations this season to test it out. Everyone will be on it next year. It will be one system for tax reporting, payments, etc. One payment a month from the associations should lessen the burden on treasurer. Email pres@dchoa.org if interested

President summary

Start policing your parents. Have them take a walk if they're getting hot; once they're thrown out of a game, they can't come back to that game. There are 4 new board members this year. Pat Baldwin was presented with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service

Club news -There will be a Laura Stamm power skating session in Dubuque August 26-28.

- h. Golf Outing – nothing to report
- i. Member Engagement/Annual Meeting– nothing to report

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. Mini-Mite – Nichole Jesberger
Nichole is fielding emails and answering questions
- b. Mite – open
Nichole is covering this, too.
- c. Squirt – Carrie Rose
Carrie is fielding questions, especially about number of teams, and believes she has found tournaments.
- d. PeeWee – Karen Welling
Tournaments - Washington County in Feb. for PW A and Green Bay for PW B
- e. Bantam – Sue Culbertson
Tournaments Bantam B - Green Bay / Bantam A - Chippewa Falls
Teams get 5 tournaments (4 + Cardinal Cup)
- f. Midget – Suzanne Doody
17 registered so far
- g. Coaches' rep. – Jason Ledford
List of coaches, evaluators 90% complete

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2016-2017 Scheduling Update

Send Becky list of tournaments so she can block of ice times

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Membership Changes (release and admittance requests)

Betsy mentioned that the family who had come in the spring to ask about trying out for peewees continues to inquire. Given that there has been news of some peewee players no longer wishing to play, she wondered if the Board would reconsider (no action had been taken previously), as the family does have family members already in the association and that would be very helpful.

Betsy made a motion to allow Caden Leatherberry to register late for PeeWee evaluations with waiver of the late fee if peewee numbers allow. Second: Jason. All approved.

b. Board of Director Appointments (secretary, level rep for mite)

No new nominees.

c. Midget team as a club sport at Sun Prairie High School

Mark Breyer presented information on the midget team as a club sport, indicating the following arrangement with the school district:

Held to same code as SPHS without being associated with WIAA

- No restrictions (districts)
- Yearbook pictures
- Feels like a transitional team to varsity
- Same academic standards

No written information on the proposal was provided to the Board. After significant discussion regarding the waiver of SPASD policy/requirements, the implication of having players abide by rules they didn't agree to at registration, etc., the Board tabled further discussion and a decision until we are able to obtain more information in regards to the club to allow them to adequately discuss the pros and cons of a club team.

d. Concussion screening

Gary has been investigating providing screening for Bantam/Midget players at the association cost (we had done this previously. UW Health offered it for \$10-\$15/child. He is in further discussion with UW Health for questions like: How do you schedule appointments? HIPPA laws? This will be added to old business for the Sept. board meeting

e. Board appointments (registrar)

Brenda Egli expressed willingness to serve as SPYHA's registrar, as our previous registrar has "retired." Betsy made a motion to appoint Brenda Egli as SPYHA registrar for the 2016-2017 season. Jason seconded. All approved.

f. Coaches' Training Policy

Betsy prepared the following policy to clarify when Level 4 coaching reimbursement would be considered:

"Coaches who are approved by the SPYHA Board of Directors may be reimbursed for coaching modules, as well as for seminar fees for level 1, 2, or 3 (including renewal fees for level 3), by submitting the appropriate coaching reimbursement forms. Coaches who wish to progress to level 4 must apply for consideration by contacting the ACE Director and Coaches' Representative, who will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval. Typically, coaches who are eligible for consideration for level 4 coaching clinics would have at least one year of travel coaching experience, and will have renewed their level 3 certification at least once."

Jason made a motion to approve the policy as proposed. Misi seconded. All approved.

g. Grass Roots grant

Stacy and Jason will work together on submitting the grant by Sept 1, 2016.

h. Other business

- Cookie/pizza fundraiser: Jason made a motion to have SPYHA participate in the Raising the Steaks pizza and cookie dough fundraiser, with all proceeds going to individual member dues reduction. Misi seconded the motion. All approved.
- Midget Assistant Coach: Midget Coach Brian Sullivan indicated that Patrick Miller has indicated he would be available to help coach midgets again this year. With planning underway, he asked if the Board would consider approving him. As the coaches rep was also supportive, Misi made a motion to appoint Patrick Miller as an assistant coach for the midget team. Jason seconded. All approved.

i. Closed session

Betsy made a motion to go into closed session. Jason seconded. All agreed.

During closed session, the Board approved waiver of a no-show fee based on extenuating circumstances around attempted advanced notification, as well as denying a request to waive the \$25 equipment fee for a player.

Jason made a motion to come out of closed session and adjourn, seconded by Jason. All approved.