

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
July 17, 2016, 6 pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sue Culbertson, Aaron White, Brian Sullivan
Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

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2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – open

- **Karen made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Nicole seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

b. Treasurer – Gary Brendemuehl

- Betsy presented Gary's report. It was noted that concession made an additional \$5,000 over last year. A big thanks was given to the concessions committee. All but one person from last year's committee has committed to returning for the upcoming season. **Misi made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Nicole seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

c. President Elect – Misi Watters

- Nothing to report.

d. Past President – Betsy McCrary

- SP Ice Update

- There was no SP Ice meeting in July, nothing to report.

- JV hockey update

- Betsy sent an email to membership on 16 Jul with an update on the reinstatement of JV hockey. The school board had said that they were in support but wanted the athletic director to work with us to figure it out. The question was raised about ice costs being part of the athletic budget while others sports' fields' costs are part of building and grounds. The DPI requires the accounting to be done a certain way, and ice fees have to be in the athletic budget (considered a rental fee). During the meeting it seemed that the athletic director and assistant superintendent were starting to realize that you can't look at hockey the same way as other sports, just by the athletic department budget. Have come up with 3 different categories to evaluate over time. They were Title IX, Sustainability, and Opportunity Gap.

It is not true that if we add boys JV that we have to add girls JV. We don't have to match exactly. Have to address relative proportionality. Sufficient opportunities have to be provided, but it may be another sport. The school district will do a survey to see if girls have the opportunities they want and need.

There is a movement to eliminate individual booster clubs across all sports. Would like to see the girls and boys hockey booster clubs come together. The school district would also like to see if they could negotiate a better ice rate.

All of the ideas that were presented by the school district to address opportunity gap we are already doing, scholarship, free hockey, rental equipment. Possibly

get involved with community schools, maybe we could get into more gym classes, possibly do something in a gym like floor hockey, were all ideas raised during the board meeting tonight.

Mark Breyer asked if the midget team could become a club at the high school. This would allow for meetings to be held at the school, pictures in the yearbook, and announcements to be made at school. Would need to look into the code of conduct at the high school and how it applies to club and coaches for the midget team.

The good news was that in 2017-2018, there would be a JV hockey team. The entire plan needs to be approved by the school board (possibly the August agenda).

- e. President – Stacy Hollfelder
 - Nothing to report. Asked the board and SPYHA members in general to be kind this year. There is too much insanity happening in the world (another 3 police officers shot), let's not add more craziness around a youth sport.

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
 - Lisa Wendler is setting up registration this week. Should go on the WAHA website this week.
- e. Concession Stand Committee
 - Sink parts are ordered for both upstairs and downstairs sinks.
- f. ACE Director(s)
 - Jason and Aaron are meeting to put a game plan together for evaluations. Aaron will be starting to get people locked in.
- g. Region 4 Meeting
 - No meeting until August.
- h. Golf Outing
 - Great participation in hole sponsors, but we need golfers.
- i. Member Engagement/Annual Meeting
 - Nothing to report.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. Mini-Mite
 - Nothing to report.
- b. Mite
 - Nothing to report.
- c. Squirt
 - Starting to get some questions about registration and evaluation dates.
 - Betsy provided the dates (have since been emailed to everyone).
- d. PeeWee
 - Karen wondered if level reps should start looking at tournaments. Yes.
 - Send Gary and email to get registered.
 - Misi will start looking for Bantam tournaments.
- e. Bantam

- Nothing to report.
 - Mike Schmidt had expressed some interest in possibly being the board level rep.
 - He would have to come to the next board meeting.
- f. Midget
- Registered for all of their tournaments.
 - The tournaments are Middleton, Ann Arbor, South Bend, and Edina.
 - Many teams are looking to schedule games with us.
- g. Coaches' rep.
- Plans to see what evaluators will be in about a week.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2016-2017 Scheduling Update
- Nothing more from Becky.
 - She has some questions for Betsy.
 - Midgets will have 5:30 a.m. skills on Mondays, but not after tournaments.
- b. Mini-Mite/Mite Program Options
- Heard back from Sauk and Stoughton about doing something other than the DCL for mini-mites.
 - They are in.
 - This might be the best year to pull out of DCL for mini-mites because there aren't that many returning players that would know any different.
 - Would be easier for the mini-mite rep without DCL.
 - **Nicole made a motion that SPYHA withdraw from Dane County League (DCL) at the mini-mite level. Jason seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**
- c. Jerseys
- Association owned or member owned
 - Marcie presented info about the jerseys and advocated for member-owned jerseys (her opinion)
 - Jason said if you want your own jersey, order one.
 - May have more accountability if you own your own jersey.
 - Betsy is concerned mostly about the cost, new squirts or kids that play midget then make varsity.
 - We charge cost of socks plus some for jerseys (\$70).
 - We charged more in the past when the player kept the jersey.
 - We have 60 or so jerseys that are totally useless, way too big.
 - Picked up samples on Friday.
 - Kolletown is ordering extra beyond what we need.
 - **Betsy made a motion to continue with association owned jerseys. Jason seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**
- d. 2016-2017 budget
- Betsy presented the budget.
 - It is very similar to last year.
 - **Betsy made a motion to accept the 2016-17 budget as proposed. Jason seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Membership Changes (release and admittance requests)

- The Patriots have accepted Ethan Paulet.
- b. Board of Director Appointments (secretary, level reps for mite and bantam)
 - We **NEED** a secretary.
 - Per our by-laws a secretary is pretty important and has certain jobs that they have to do.
 - Sue Culbertson expressed some interest in the Bantam level rep board position.
 - **Betsy nominated Sue as a bantam level rep. Jason seconded the nomination. Sue accepted the nomination. Sue was approved unanimously.**
 - Sue joined the board for the rest of the meeting.
- c. Midget Coach Discussion
 - Aaron recommended Brian Sullivan as the midget U18 coach for 2016-17.
 - Want to get it done early because things need to start happening for that team, like scheduling.
 - **Jason made a motion to approve Brian Sullivan as the Midget U18 coach for the 2016-17 season based on the ACE director recommendation. Misi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**
 - Nick Kanoff was mentioned as a possible assistant coach for this level.
 - Brian would like a meeting with all the midget age kids and one parent prior to registration.
 - It would be good to know numbers so tournaments will get scheduled (U16 vs. U18).
 - We need to know our numbers.
- d. Golf Outing Donations
 - **Betsy made a motion to approve/authorize 10 concession hours and 30 non-concession hours (two separate donations) waivers donations to the golf outing. Jason seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**
- e. Other business
 - Back to hockey day, September 18 (afternoon).
 - Suzanne and Carrie volunteered to help organize this event.
 - Possible banner raising during this time.
- f. Closed session
 - **Jason made a motion to go into closed session. Nicole seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all.**
 - A full scholarship and waiver of volunteer hours for the 2016-17 season was approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jason. Karen seconded the motion. Approved by all, meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.