

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
September 18, 2016, 6 pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Casey Rufener, Tim Davis, Mike Tamboli, Paula Austad, Kellie Feiler
Meeting called to order @ 6:08pm

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – open

- **Karen made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Nicole seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.**
- **Nicole mad a motion to affirm the email vote of support of the Midget team attending a 6th hockey tournament. Sue seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Treasurer – Gary Brendemuehl

Gary presented a summary of the report he emailed to the Board.

Betsy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Sue seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

c. President Elect – Misi Watters

Nothing to report.

d. Past President – Betsy McCrary

- SP Ice Update

Cardinal ice is back in. There were unknown issues when it came out. After the ice melt, the center sand sunk. Connections at the boards “popped off” when new sand went in. This caused the ice to not set in certain areas. Rink-Tec came in and made attempts to fix the issue. A machine was brought in to “stretch things out”. The tubes were reattached to the concrete edge. It is hopeful that this is long term fix. Painting of the ice happened on Wednesday night. Everything is back up and running now but the ice went back in 1.5 weeks late. While this caused a loss of income, one of the insurance policies SP Ice carries covers it.

There is active work on a fundraiser tournament for April 2017.

There needs to be a couple more days of painting rooms and we should be in good shape.

The glass block campaign is kicking off again. SP Ice would like to do an entire section at a time. SP Ice could do a couple rows, if necessary, but would prefer not. Forms for donating a glass block will be available on SPYHA soon; they should be on the SPICE website now. The next section for installation is marked (Tubbs).

Financially, things will pick up as the OBHL fall/winter groups open.

Jodi Scherer is Larry's new administrative assistant. Many will recognize her as a hockey parent. She will be working in the office a couple days a week. She will have the office on other side of board room wall.

e. President – Stacy Hollfelder

Nothing to report.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Volunteer Committee

This is likely Sue's last time as the lead coordinator. The committee is setting up a meeting for the next person.

b. Annual Fundraising Committee

- Discussion of changes for this year

All raffle tickets are now at the printer. The State of Wisconsin has approved the ticket format. KollegeTown will do the printing at a significant savings over past years. There is a change in how to collect payment for the tickets as the Division of Gaming has clarified state law for youth sports associations. We will be setting a separate deadline to turn in tickets - by the first drawing. Gary will be providing new wording to send out to the association.

SPYHA will give out tickets as usual (1st night of each team's evaluation/practice for Midgets) but the families cannot pay for them up front. If a family wishes to “keep” them, they will need to fill out, and turn in all the tickers with their single check payment. Everyone will now be billed.

SPYHA requests that everyone turn in tickets and money during office hours so they are in someone's hands. The SPYHA dropbox can be used as a last resort.

The 1st drawing will take place on Monday, December 12th at 4:00 pm.

The due date for turning everything in will likely be Monday, December 5th before office hours end.

A letter will be going out with complete instructions.

c. Communications Committee

All Level reps need to encourage their families to sign up for SPYHA email blast. Information is located on the front page of the SPYHA website. Email blasts are automatically sent to Facebook and Twitter. Betsy will move the link further up the page for better visibility.

If a family hasn't been getting cool, graphic emails, they are not signed up. ☺

- d. Cardinal Cup Committee
Bantam B tournament is half full.
PeeWee B and Squirt A tournaments are also half full.
- e. Concession Stand Committee
The concession stand is open. This weekend was the 1st weekend open of the season. Gary's financial report showed that concessions is down about \$1,000. This is in part due to the fact that really nothing was going on this summer in the rink. There were some tentative events scheduled for July and August that fell through. So the setback is expected to be temporary. There was also a lack of volunteers this first weekend. Concessions will be open for the OBHL C tournament IF volunteers can be found. Concessions has decided they will NOT be utilizing paid staff for that weekend.

Two training sessions were held on Back to Hockey day. Both were well attended; mostly by new families.

Special Thanks to Misi for the use of the dehumidifiers in concessions and the equipment rooms. Now with Cardinal back up, things seem to be going ok.

- f. ACE Director(s)
Two pre-season coaches meetings are scheduled for September 26 and October 6 at 7:00 pm in the SPYHA board room.
- g. Region 4 Meeting
The next meeting is next week, Wednesday September 21st at 6:30pm. The unusual time is due to the fact that this meeting will follow the WAHA meeting. Sue is attending this meeting and Nicole will be attending the one in October.
- h. Member Engagement/Annual Meeting
Becky not present/Nothing to report

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. Mini-Mite
New jerseys have been ordered, they are plain red, not reversible. These will work with the colored pinnies that Jason purchased. We ordered the same size assortment as last year, and we have a few left over from last year as well.
- b. Mite
We received an email from UW-Madison about the Mites being on their list for the between period skate. We are currently 6th on the list. They are waiting on other teams to chime in as to what dates they want. We sent the dates we are available.

Many families picked up equipment today at the Back to Hockey event. And a nice stash equipment was donated.

- c. Squirt
Carrie has been fielding a lot of questions about how many teams, players, when are tryouts, etc.
The check for the Green Bay tournament went out. We are assuming we are in since Sue has been getting hotel emails.

Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam Bs are all assumed to be in at Green Bay.

- d. PeeWee
Nothing to report.
- e. Bantam
The Green bay tournament confusion has been fixed. The tournament used to be 3rd weekend in February and is now the 4th weekend.
- f. Midget
24 registered players
6 tournaments scheduled and paid for
schedule done/almost done
parent meeting @ 5pm on Sunday, September 25
- g. Coaches' rep.
Jason not in attendance/Nothing to report

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2016-2017 Scheduling Update
The October practice schedule is on calendar. Big thanks to all the level reps for combing through the spreadsheets to ensure the calendar is correct. As always, the calendar could potentially change.

- b. Midget team as a club at Sun Prairie High School
Betsy made a motion to decline the opportunity for the Midget team to be a club at the high school this season. Karen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. Concussion screening
Gary followed up with Lisa last week. She is still working with UW Health. September was crazy and they were not able to fit this in. We are pursuing the end of October/beginning of November for the screenings.
Midget, Bantam, and 2nd year PeeWees are being considered this year. Following, we will be doing this on a 2 year cycle.
The fees will be paid for by SPYHA; parents will not be paying for this. SPYHA wants to use this as a way to give back to families.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Membership Changes (release and admittance requests)
Tabled until after we talk about team numbers.
- b. Board appointments (secretary, level rep for mite)
The was interest in position of Level Rep for Mites. Paula Austad came forward. Her son, Raymond, will be a Mite this coming season.
Betsy made a motion to approve Paula Austad for the position of Mite level rep. Nicole seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. Level 4 coaching clinic approval
Karen made a motion to approve Jerry O’Gara for reimbursement for attending a Level 4 Coaching Clinic this year. Sue seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- d. Final travel numbers/out of district players
SQ-44 (possibly 42 depending on certain issues)
PW-30
BA-30
MD-24

We don’t want fewer than 11 players on the Squirt C teams. We could go down to 3 SQ teams and all the 2008s would stay at the Mite level.

Casey Rufener recommended having four teams since his experience last year was that his team (the C team) struggled. Betsy addressed concerns from last year when we had players quit early in the season, and WAHA has stated there is a limit to the number of 2008 players that can be on a Squirt team.
Jason advocated for 8 year olds who have 3-4 years of ADM experience, should play Squirt hockey. He agrees that no 7 year olds should be in Squirt hockey.

Betsy made a motion to approve four Squirt teams for the upcoming season, with the stipulation that the C level teams will not have initial placement rosters of fewer than 11 skaters. Misi seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Betsy made a motion to approve two PeeWee and two Bantam teams for the upcoming season. Misi seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

The Midgets will have one team (with an *). If the Midgets play extra JV teams, there may need to be a split the team. We are currently unsure if we will receive permission to play these extra JV games with the existing U18 roster. If needed, we can create a separate U16 roster.

Currently have the following games:
home/away recip with Verona and Janesville
game with Sheboygan
game with Arrowhead – Away
home/away recip possibility with Middleton

- e. Other business
Coaches locker room
Todd Draws will make improvements to the coaches locker room. We will be storing all the new equipment that Jason has purchased in this room for safe keeping.

Nicole made a motion to reimburse Todd Draws’ silent auction winnings for his work on the coaches room. Carrie seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Jason made a motion to approve \$1200 for buildout items purchased by Todd Draws. Misi seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

- f. Closed session
Jason made a motion to go to closed session. Misi seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

The evaluators list presented by the ACE Director was approved as modified by the Board.

A travel level scholarship was approved, with contingencies to be communicated to the family.

An out-of-district player was allowed to try-out at the peewee level.

Motion to adjourn was made by Suzanne. Misi seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.