

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2017

Audience: Matt Stafford, Jessica Draper, Kellie Feiler, Ryan Smith, Laura Smith, Tracy Hohn-Paulat, Luke Rollins, Michael Rosol, Brenda Egli, Lisa Martinson, and Kristin Krull.

President Misi Watters called the meeting to order at 3:22 pm. Coaches rep Jason Ledford noted as absent.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bleachers look great! Misi thanked everyone who helped get them done.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – Betsy

Minutes from the August meeting had been distributed to the Board. There were no email votes since the last board meeting. Stacy made a motion approve the August meeting minutes and affirm email votes as presented. Nichole seconded the motion. All approved.

b. Treasurer – Nichole Jesberger

Nichole had emailed out balance information to the board. It is still wonky because of registration payments with no corresponding invoices, which will be coming. Operating budget will be a little off as well until she starts sending invoices. Stacy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Paula seconded. All approved.

c. President Elect – Brian Sullivan

Nothing.

d. Past President – Stacy Hollfelder

– SP Ice Update

There was a meeting this past week. The second Zamboni is done, with maintenance completed but not back on site. Bleacher install was this week. Tony gave a brief update. He brought up figure skating and understanding that they need their time. He does believe that to make money, though, changes were needed. Figure skaters will get their ice, but may not always have the best times. The rate sheet was approved, but it is just guidelines for Tony to work under. The board did address concerns about prime ice, which had been proposed from 5am to 8 am on weekends. Prime rate now begins at 8 am on weekends.

e. President – Misi Watters

Nothing.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Volunteer Committee – No one was present from the volunteer committee. However, they were given the sign-in sheets from the bleacher project. Lots of members are not registered for DIBS. Reminder given that it must be done every year. It should be done as part of registration. A computer to sign up will be available during check-in, but could cause delays if people do not take care of it before then.

b. Annual Fundraising Committee – Angie Hadley had emailed information indicating that tickets are being printed, should have them soon.

c. Communications Committee – no issues known (no one present to report)

d. Cardinal Cup Committee – Betsy reviewed information from registration that was available – There are two openings for squirt A and B, one for squirt C. PeeWees are full, and there are three openings for Bantam A and two for Bantam B. Mite jamboree registration is not open yet. Betsy will follow up with Lisa Wendler.

e. Concession Stand Committee – Brats and hot dogs are going up in price slightly (they have been the same price for several years, even going back to the old rink). Preparations are underway to get ready for busy season.

f. ACE Director(s) – Suzanne Doody reported that both coaches meetings had decent attendance. Jerry O'Gara has the evaluation list submitted. Reminder that Sept. 18 is SafeSport deadline for refresher.

g. Region 4 Meeting – Next meeting is Wednesday, Carrie is going. Brenda Egli will also be going for registrar. Misi sent the sign-up genius. Sign up for main and alternate. Jason will need to sign up for two since Gary went as alternate last year.

3. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. Mini-Mite – Kristie Tennie has had a few parents reach out to her via email with questions. She sent her first newsletter out, and is getting ready to send the next one. About 20 people got equipment during the Back to Hockey Celebration.
- b. Mite – Paula Austad is working on jerseys with Elite, and needs to follow up with Josh. Neil Burgard (mite coach) shared that the DCL wants two jersey colors for teams. She will price out at Kollegetown. We have budgeted about \$30/jersey
- c. Squirt – Carrie Rose noted Squirt B team is booked for the Green Bay tournament in February. She needs a list of open weekends for A and C teams. Betsy will send list of open weekends
- d. PeeWee – Chris LaRowe has PW A team is registered for a tournament in River Falls in early January. B already set in Green Bay in February.
- e. Bantam-open – Thank you to Sue Culbertson for helping with family communication and other level rep tasks when there has been no one.
- f. Midgets – Suzanne Doody - nothing to report
- g. Coaches' rep. – Jason Ledford - absent

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2017-2018 Scheduling Update

Scheduling meeting is set for Sun., Oct. 29 at MIA from 11 am to 2 pm. Stacy will need the game list to start scheduling refs. Paula has volunteered to help with squirt scheduling to get some experience. Nichole will make name tags for attendees, since she has some extras from the Back to Hockey celebration.

Paula mentioned that have been some general schedule questions for mites and mini mites. Betsy will post some general information on the registration page to help families with some guidelines as to when mites and mini-mites are typically scheduled.

- b. Golf outing – Paula Austad
Planning is going well, but they would like to see a few more golfers. Please register!
- c. Outstanding unpaid volunteer hours-next steps
Nichole shared that payments are coming in. She will send out an updated email. They with outstanding invoices will need to have paid before their child can participate in evaluations.

On the first night of evaluations, need to have Ecomm plus board level rep. Level reps should also have families verify emails. That is where we all send emails to! Thanks for reaching out to people with outstanding invoices before we need to confront them during check-in, which is awkward.

- d. Banner update
Brenda Egli is coordinating this and waiting for Tony to schedule the lift guys. They are being spread out in the office. Question was asked about banners from other tournaments. Brian has some in his garage, too. Nichole suggested to have all of the kids sign it, and then have it put in the rink. Brenda will talk to Tony about options.
- e. SP Ice/SPYHA Joint Agreement
Betsy reviewed the updated version of the SP Ice/SPYHA Joint Agreement, and made a motion to approve. Stacy seconded. All approved.

As an update, it was noted that the \$15,000 from SPYHA really helped with the extensive maintenance the Zambonis needed. Also, there were issues with the water treatment that ultimately caused stress on the compressor. A new water treatment company has been selected, and things should be getting better.

- f. Tournaments
Green Bay has been suggested as an option for Bantam A registration, as Bantam B's are already signed up for Green Bay. *(Note: This tournament was found to be full, and Chippewa Falls was substituted, with some minor scheduling adjustments.)*

g. Jersey budget adjustment

When we prepared the budget, consideration wasn't given to the full jersey cost, just the allotment that is in the dues for jersey funding. Where we budgeted \$50, we should have budgeted a full cost of \$70. Chris LaRowe made a motion to adjust the budget accordingly. Betsy seconded. All approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Membership Changes (release and admittance requests)

An email request was received requesting the release of Aubrie DePrey (2004) to the Polar Caps for their girls bantam team. She has skated with the DC Diamonds for years. This will be discussed in closed session.

Tracy Hohn-Paulat requested the release of Ethan Paulat to McFarland. Ethan had been released to and played for the Patriots last year, but they have decided not to offer him a spot this year. Ethan is a 2004. This will also be discussed in closed session.

b. Appointments (committee, bantam board level rep)

Paula will help plan nights out (for fundraising) after golf outing.

c. Skate up request

Matt Stafford made request Brock Stafford to play up from mite to squirts. He was a U6 red, one year mite red last year, and had a letter from Larry Clemens. He skated since 3. They would like to see him play squirts. Brock is a birth year 2009.

Stacy made a motion to allow Brock Stafford to go through Squirt evaluations for 2017-2018 season. Carrie second. Jason Ledford had been consulted and had no issues. There was some concern about having only one year at mites. Brock had started his career at Waunakee. It was explained to the family that squirt placement was not a given, this was just permission to try out. Motion passed 8-1, with Suzanne voting no.

d. Registration update

Midgets have 26 registered, with one super senior, Caden Sanderfoot, who has declared interest but is under the delayed registration program approved by the Board.

Bantams have 24, PeeWees have 32, and Squirts appear to have 48 at first glance, however, there is a duplicate registration and one player who registered for squirts has requested to move to mites because he is a first-year squirt new to hockey. Of the 46 squirts, 44 are age-eligible.

At this time, there are 24 mini-mites registered, 23 are for both sessions and one is for the Oct-Dec session. There are 39 mites registered.

e. NYE

Angie Hadley received info from PAC, and has asked if SPYHA wants to host the New Year's Eve (NYE) event with PAC again this year. There are some challenges finding volunteers. It was mentioned that clarification was needed for what was required for the cake walk. Brenda was in lower concession last year and it was crazy. They ran out of skates in 40 minutes. We don't have the skates to provide all sizes for everyone.

Discussed possibly adding a "bonus" for those who volunteered that night. Last year there was a drawing for several Willie Ty's gift certificates offered by the Board as a last minute incentive. Despite the challenges, the Board consensus was to move forward, but to actively plan things more in advance and determine what incentives or bonuses can be offered, and to clarify that skates are first come, first serve, and maybe have an add-on charge.

f. Level 4 coaching request

Earlier this year the board approved a coach for level 4. He ran into another SPYHA coach at the level 4 training, who hadn't realized that there was an approval process. Jeff Wilcenski needed to go to level 4, and was going to do it at own expense. Betsy made a motion to approve up to \$250 for two nights hotel and the cost of the level 4 coaching clinic for Jeff Wilcenski. Stacy seconded. All approve

g. Other Business

None

Stacy made a motion to adjourn to closed session. Nichole seconded the motion. All approved.

h. Closed session

– Outcome of items in closed session:

- Aubrie DePrey release to the Polar Caps was denied.
- Ethan Paulat's release to McFarland was granted.

– Evaluations

There was a discussion regarding the use of parent evaluators who have players at the level they are evaluating. This is allowed per our evaluation policy, but there is concern about perceptions about this. The board proposed that the ACE Director consider nonparent options if possible. Going forward, assessment of the evaluation policy as it pertains to parent evaluators will be added to the agenda.

– Midgets

The midget-age player with no formal hockey experience has been assessed, and he was approved to register for midgets. Details will be worked out between Brian, Suzanne, and ecomm.

Midget numbers post-high school tryouts could be challenging. The board approved a 'wait-list' registration that would not collect money, but would allow players who were interested in joining the team post-high school evaluations to indicate their interest, and we would have their contact information and be able to determine appropriate fees and allow them to join the team after high school tryouts.

Motion made to end closed session and adjourn was approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.