

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2017, 6 p.m.

Audience: Jerry O’Gara, Sue Torres, Mark Torres, Brenda Egli, Chris Neises, Scott Cumming, Seth Tomlinson, Mike Culbertson, Dan Deprey, Aubrie Deprey, Terri Deprey, Ryan Smith

President Misi Watters called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Chris LaRowe and Kristie Tennie were noted as absent.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark and Sue Torres mentioned that they had run into bantam coaches and were interested in having

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – Betsy McCrary

Minutes from the September meetings have been distributed to the Board. There were no email votes since the last board meeting. Stacy made a motion approve the October meeting minutes. Jason seconded the motion.

All approved

- School skate updates: The school skate coordinator had a family emergency. Please keep them in your prayers, as it is very serious. Misi and Stacy stepped up to help Betsy manage last night’s skate, which was well attended for the first one and went very well.
- Try Hockey for Free: Planning is in full swing. Registration is open. We have a need for bantam and older players to help on the ice, and coaches as well.

b. Treasurer – Nichole Jesberger

Nichole reviewed account balances. The SP Ice “budget plan” invoice has been paid for October.

Stacy made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as written. Jason seconded it. All approved.

c. President Elect – Brian Sullivan

Nothing to report

d. Past President – Stacy Hollfelder

- SP Ice Update

Had an SP Ice meeting about two weeks ago. Maintenance fund SPYHA provided is almost all spent, Dave will provide a summary of what was done with the \$15,000 provided. With respect to glass blocks, the next batch is supposed to be installed by the beginning of the HS hockey season. Stacy passed on a reminder to SPYHA skaters that open skate is for everyone. No hockey hot dogging. With respect to banners, the lift rental from Ideal Crane is expected to be donated. Tony is working on timing with that.

e. President – Misi Watters

Nothing that is not on the agenda

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Volunteer Committee – no one present to report

b. Annual Fundraising Committee – raffle cards were dispersed at evals, still a few in the office, team reps will need to help get remaining cards distributed. All cards (stubs) have to be in by Dec. 4.

c. Communications Committee – Lisa Wendler has all practices entered through Dec.

d. Cardinal Cup Committee – Sue Culbertson provided an update: Monica Gross has done a nice job on getting all of the tournaments filled. However, the Polar Cap Bantam B team has backed out. Monica is contacting other teams that have been turned from the Bantam B tournament. Monica indicated most teams are paid up. There have been several registrations received for the mite jamboree. The trophies have been ordered and we are re-plating 4 trophies 2 left over from last year and 2 left over from the year before. The committee would like to suggest that we go back to medals for the mite jamboree and squirt players only. Deppies is working on getting us a price for those. Sue spoke with John Handlen from Kollegetown and they are going to do our printing again this year. Programs and bracket boards. Elite embroidery is going to do tournament shirts again this year. Now that teams are chosen and parent meetings will be soon; just a

reminder that each team will need a cardinal cup rep. A cardinal cup rep meeting is planned for the first week in November; as that will be less than a month away from our first tournament.

- e. Concession Stand Committee – Sue Torres shared that they are looking for concession checks. They have just been signed.
- f. ACE Director(s) – Jerry O’Gara reported that they finished evaluations. He thought it went really smoothly, had jersey numbers pre-assigned, which was great, could evaluate from minute 1. Eval jerseys will be kept in tubs to make it easier to dedicate for next year. Most evaluators were available for each session, a few were there for just three. It is a stressful time with a few upset parents. Please contact Jerry with concerns. He has data, notes, etc. able to share as necessary. He is happy to discuss if any issues. He was not as involved with bantams, but has some feedback to keep on radar for next year at bantams. Jerry has some ideas to improve. Brian thought bantams went really well, very well organized, as he was one the bench for the split squad teams. Jerry is really excited about coaches’ development. Breakouts and beverages is coming up soon, with a request for funding later on the agenda.. He has arranged for the assistant coach from Badgers, Mark Stroebel, to present. Chris Finkler was involved in last one. Jerry believes in the importance of networking. Chris Finkler was also at both bantam split squad games as well. He wants to be visible.

g. Region 4 Meeting

Chris LaRowe attended the Oct. 18 meeting and provided the following email report.

The Region 4 scheduling meeting is on Sunday, October 29, from 11:00-2:00pm at MIA. Sauk Prairie is planning to have a Squirt-level all-girls team this year. The deadline for Kelsey Fenton scholarship applications is Wednesday, November 1. League placement information should be available and distributed (to Association Presidents) in near future. Sport Engine is working with USA Hockey to create an Association database by zip code. Reminder for Associations to verify birthdates and submit spreadsheets to WAHA. Reminder that coaches need correct modules and Safe Sport refresher prior to November. There is a Level 1 officials’ seminar at 10:00am on Sunday, October 22, at Madison Turners (it is not sold out, so walk-ups will be accepted; be there by 9:30am, if interested). They have 80 Level 1 officials, so far. Wednesday, November 15, is the deadline for all of the following: registering teams for the 2018 State Tournament, concussion compliance forms, Safe Sport compliance forms, playing rosters and concussion education requirement

Stacy will help with coordination of birth date confirmation.

Brenda Egli attended the Sept. 20 meeting, and provided the following report:

WAHA Region 4 Fall Meeting – Sept. 20, 2017

- Tom Hansen talked about registrar duties:
 - USA Hockey no longer uses the consent to treat or code of conduct
 - Coaches can’t be added to roster unless SafeSport and modules are done.
 - CEP modules must be completed by the end of December.
- Don’t play in unsanctioned tournaments – keep an eye on Dells tournaments
 - Possible loss of hosting ability if you play or invite unsanctioned teams
 - Reminder: No full ice mites from Sept. 1 through April 1.
- WAHA restructured, VP’s are now section directors and there is only one VP.
- Baraboo/Dells/Delton merged are now south Central Cyclones (level 2)
- Open 2019 State Tournaments: Squirt C2, PeeWee C2
- If managers are listed on the roster, they need SafeSport
- By Nov. 15, submit concussion training, rosters, state tournament sign-ups
 - If associations miss the deadline, there could be discipline (possibly no state tourneys)
- Reminder that mites have same transfer rules: either play at “home” or obtain a release.
- Encourage ALL associations to accept the 2 and 2 Challenge (2and2challenge.com)
- Try Hockey for Free Dates are Nov. 4 and Mar. 3. Girls Hockey weekend Oct. 7 & 9, Twitter is @girlshockeywi
- Play down Weekend Feb. 2-4
 - Report game results by Jan. 1
 - Seeding meeting is Jan. 3 at MIA
 - Bring two copies of roster to seeding meeting.

- Playdown schedule released Jan. 22.
 - Considering a rule change to allow girls to roster laterally
- Will discuss at WAHA level, could change next year
 - WHOA –Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association
- Another level 1 clinic Oct. 22
- New rules: faceoffs on dots, no icing for bantams and lower
- 65% of referees are more than 20 years old, 35% of those are older than 16.
- #1 reason not to return: bad incident with coach or player
- DCHOA is willing to attend coaches' meetings
- Larry Carrington will be doing off ice officials training.
- There's a 35% turnover rate of officials
- Average lifespan of a ref is 3 years.

Region 4 Meeting

- Stoughton needs two peewee goalies
- Scheduling Meeting Oct. 29 at MIA, 11 am to 2 pm
 - DCHOA will be there to show how to request officials
- Fenton Kelsey applications due by Nov. 1.
- McFarland has girls program this season
- Need number of teams and their levels by Nov. 4. If you don't respond then no scoresheets
- Next meeting Oct. 18.

Stacy will be attending the November meeting. Note that some board members still need to sign up to attend a meeting.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. Mini-Mite – Absent (Kristie Tennie)
- b. Mite – Paula Austad -There are 48 mites. Jerseys are here and done, will probably pick up this week, Jeff Jesberger is getting colored stickers. Paula needs copies of medical forms. She asked about follow up from the intermediate size nets, and if anyone ever went back to Suter's. They were not really made for what we used them for. Suzanne will look into it.
- c. Squirt - Carrie Rose – parent meeting tomorrow night – Carrie has lists of tournament options per team. players who were not squirt-age were placed on teams.
- d. PeeWee – Absent (Chris LaRowe) – Parent meetings tomorrow night
- e. Bantam – open. Mike Culbertson shared that Sue had been checking into tournaments, and is not finding much that match our bantams' schedule. Most that would work are already full. They may need to look to IL / MN.
This can be a challenge. Some people don't always want to be told where to go for tournaments. Paula had challenges last year finding tournaments as well. Nichole said some were willing to hold for short time.
- f. Midget – Suzanne Doody. Midgets' first practice Tuesday, first tournament this weekend. She has jerseys already. Player/parent check-in will be around 8 pm.
- g. Coaches' rep. – Jason Ledford. Nothing that isn't already on the agenda

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Evaluation Policy – Based on previous discussions, this topic will remain under old business to start modifications. If the Board doesn't want to talk about it now, start brainstorming individually. Jerry has been reaching out, but lots of ideas. He will quarterback coordinating, take notes and discuss, Jerry will do some legwork. Carrie asked Verona what they do. They do not allow any parents, evaluations are closed, non-parent evaluators at each level. Everything is based on numbers. (We just had jersey #'s and colors). Evaluators are in Mezzanine. One idea is to also get survey monkey input from membership and share what the data collected with a focus group or committee would have to sift through it. Probably don't want to do it right now, too much emotion, want constructive info. End of year might be a good idea to ask about evaluation process. Jerry would like to educate before giving chance to evaluate. Beginning info . . . then move on. Complaints – in charge of solutions
- b. New Year's Eve

Need to solicit for chair at parent meeting, Mites have red, white, and blue games on New Year's Eve. Need more bodies (maybe six – some could just tie skates together) in skate rental with such high volume. Consider a charge for skate rental, perhaps ask PAC what are they seeing for volume – are people starting at one place and going to the other?. Discussed premium on DIBS hours for non-concessions.

Jason made a motion to offer 1.5 credit for 1 hour of non-concession volunteer hours. Brian seconded. Motion passed, with Jason voting no. We will try to get these posted ASAP. Misi will ask PAC for thoughts on skate charges and attendance/traffic.

- c. Banner update
Waiting on Tony to get lift from Ideal Crane.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Membership Changes (release and admittance requests)
Houle family in McFarland needs annual release for Paul. Stacy made a motion to release Paul Houle for 2017-2018 session to McFarland. Jason seconded. All approved.

Aubrie DePrey – Terri, Aubrey, Dan attended to request that the board revisit the denial of Aubrey's release from Sun Prairie to the Polar Caps. Because she plays with DC Diamonds, they didn't know the exact the process. They believe board maybe was told something different on by Polar Caps program organizing regarding who they would take.

Aubrie addressed the board and thanked them for listening. She is asking for a release, for the opportunity to play at a higher, more competitive level, but with no checking, and she wishes to still play with girls. She wants to be treated like another U14 player who played for Sun Prairie who was released, and wants the same opportunity.

Terri DePrey added that since our first request, they went to DC Diamond board meeting, where they don't technically need release, and talked to their board, who unanimously voted to support Aubrey to move on. They have 17 kids who are registered, plus 2 double rostered players. Originally going to have 2 competitive teams, and but parents chose to have one full team comprised of players from A through C level. They also surveyed the girls, and they approved of Aubrie's departure. They have full support from Diamonds, as they have more skaters than they need. The President understood that there may be some more understanding. Terri repeated that they are looking for same treatment. They were out of town for the last meeting and didn't realize the importance of presenting to the board. The Polar Caps program offers a competitive level of skating, competitive without checking.

Jason asked if the game schedule has been completed? Currently this team would be playing teams in I IL and MN, with tournaments in MI.

Dan DePrey added that he didn't realize that it would be like this. They bought a block and always been supportive of Sun Prairie Youth Hockey. Aubrie wants to improve herself.

Betsy explained that SPYHA doesn't really have an appeal process for these circumstances; however, WAHA does and that was shared with the DePrey family after the information regarding SPYHA's decision to not release Aubrie was communicated last month.

Jason explained fragmented approach, difficulty of situation.

The family is really frustrated that a different approach was taken where one girl was released, and one wasn't. She's getting to play at an A level.

Misi reported that a release request was received via email from the Accardo family. Their request is to be released to McFarland; however, since they were released to SPYHA from the Patriots, this causes some complications.

Requests will be addressed in closed session.

- b. Appointments (committee, bantam board level rep)

Brenda Egli said she would do it if no one else comes forward, but wants to offer opportunity to someone who needs the hours! We will try one more time at team meetings and if not, could do by email. The only people willing to step up (Sue Culbertson has also offered) don't need the hours.

Nov. 19 is next board meeting.

c. ACE Director funds request

Jerry is requesting some funding for the breakout and beverage coaching sessions. He is thinking of having two or three (Nov., Jan. something near end of season) and is hoping for a couple hundred dollars for appetizers and soda. Nichole made motion to set aside \$1,000 for 2017-2018 season. Second: Suzanne, All approved. Adult beverages will be on your own. Jerry will just turn in receipts.

d. 2018-2019 Scheduling -

Tony communicated to Betsy as scheduler that he wants SPYHA scheduling done by an April 1 deadline. Cardinal Cups will need to be figured out. Stacy wondered if we need to look at a PeeWee C cardinal cup?

Jason noted we have paid this position in the past. Jason made a motion to reduce Betsy's dues by half, as she already did the hours. Paula seconded. During discussion Betsy declined the offer. Motion passed. Betsy voted note.

Carrie offered to consider taking on 2018-2019 scheduling responsibilities.

e. Player refund request

A mite player was in a car accident after registration, and his physician is not allowing him to play hockey this year due to injuries sustained. The registration fee is noted as not being refundable; however, in extraordinary circumstances the board has allowed an exception, and Ecomm has agreed it is appropriate in this case. Jason made a motion to refund the \$50 registration fee for this mite player. Carrie seconded, and all approved.

f. Coaching selection

Jerry and Suzanne have lists of recommended coaches. Misi invited any audience members who had feedback on specific coaches to remain for a short time in closed session to provide that feedback. .

g. Midget Goalie discussion

Brian noted that we have a goalie that is coming back to association who is midget age and is only one on our wait list. Brian has a fear of not having a goalie after high school tryouts, as they only have one goalie registered right now for midgets, and that goalie is trying out for the high school program.

Jason made a motion to take Cody Neises off the midget wait list, and allow him to register for 2017-2018 season, waiving the late fee. Stacy seconded.

Ryan Smith asked why there was a need for this, and it was explained that many midget players were eligible for the high school program, and we expect to lose at least half the team after tryouts.

All approved.

h. Fundraising ideas for 2018-2019

Carrie wanted to share an idea that Fond du Lac had; a hockey unlimited dinner. They would raise \$12,000 to \$20,000 from this dinner. She has experience from Budweiser as a donor as well. It is kind of like a carnival. This could take place of golf outing or raffle cards. Pros are that the dinner gets people out who aren't golfers. Education foundation does something similar. Options include alternating years with golf outing, could go semi-formal, gala-type, etc. It could be an over-21 event. Paula thought we could potentially use the raceway. Event could be in early November, silent auction items, selling a ticket to a dinner, drink tickets, 7 to 10 pm. Casino night theme has been fun. Night for parents to get out, friends to get out. Open to everyone. Misi said there was a hockey unlimited when they were younger. If you tied it into an alumni hockey weekend it could be fun.

Paula shared golf outing feed: it was difficult to find donors. They raised \$4,814.79 and had 44 golfers. The odd amount was because of a fill the skate activity. Carrie said one donation was over \$8,000 at a

hockey unlimited event. Also, golf outing is fiscal year end for some companies. If we had a whole year to work on it, it might be better to change. If we wanted to do it, we would have to look at a venue now.

As follow up, Paula also still has some under armor bags and cozies, and would like to sell them. Paula will look for permission from donors.

Paula also shared that the outing did not receive much support from families who would be the most likely to benefit from the JV program. Would like to see something that benefits everyone. Betsy explained JV obligation and why the golf outing was tagged as helping to support that.

We could try it, or alternate it with the golf outing. Since the card raffle brings in \$32k in profit, so this would be in addition to raffle, but maybe replace the golf outing. Could try it once. Paula will look at dates. She believes we could get half off Angell Park. It will be added to old business

Paula Austad also mentioned bringing back share nights: Chik-Fil-A, Orange Leaf, Erberts & Gerberts, Culver's, Day One, Burrachos, etc. She will work on this.

i. Other Business

- PeeWee request to skate on bantams. Sue and Mark Torres asked that Cooper Torres be considered to move up to Bantams. They weren't aware of the number situation and thought maybe they could help out. Current numbers are 32 peewees, 24 bantams. There are lots of options, double roster, etc.
- Midget state tournament 2017-2018 – Brian is asking the board to consider other options. The midgets won't be competitive in a U18 tournament against teams that don't have high school varsity and/or JV programs especially. Based on other tournament attendance, they could play for free in MI (just accommodations and meals). Another option might be a Northwest Chargers series, which could be a fun experience. Giving up the state tournament would end the season a little earlier, but he believes it would be more cost-effective. Brian thinks the kids will be ecstatic. Stacy made a motion to not register midgets for State tournament, Jason seconded, all approved.

j. Closed session

Stacy made a motion to go closed session, Jason seconded. All approved.

No action was taken on the request of the peewee player to play up. Any play-up discussions would need to involve evaluators and coaches.

Board determined they will not revisit their previous decision on the release request for Aubrie Deprey.

Accardo release request was granted.

It was noted that we need to do a better job of requiring an annual review of transfers and taking an active rather than passive role with that.

The following appointments were made for coaching:

Level	Candidate
Bantam A	Tom Lee – Head Coach
	Steven McCrary – Asst. Coach
Bantam B	Jeff Witt – Head Coach
	Jeff Wilcenski – Asst. Coach
	Bill Welling – Practice Coach
PeeWee A	Matt Meyer – Head Coach
	Paul Vilwock – Asst. Coach & Skills Lead Coach
	Andy Ayers

PeeWee B	Casey Rufener – Head Coach
	Todd Koerber – Asst. Coach
	Sean Watters – Asst. Coach
Midgets	Nick Kanoff – Asst. Coach
Squirt A	Jason Ledford – Head Coach
	Aaron Kostitchka – Asst. Coach & Lead Skills Coach
	Rick Nesbit – Asst. Coach
	Tom Barnett – Asst. Coach
Squirt B	John Handlen – Head Coach
	Casey Rufener – Asst. Coach
	Tory Phippen – Asst. Coach
Squirt C Red	Dan Cordeman – Head Coach
	Brad Brinkmeier – Asst. Coach
Squirt C White	Tory Phippen – Head Coach
	Steve Tubbs – Asst. Coach

MM – Head Coach	Brendan Shaughnessy
MM	Chad Ryan
MM	Christopher Spang
MM	Jerry O'Gara
MM	Joel McCue
MM	Kevin Klubertanz
MM	Sarah Mahan
MM	Suzanne Doody
MM/MT	Angela Nerby
MM/MT	Peter Fenster
MM/MT	Rory McGarry
MM/MT	Ryan Brigowatz
MT	Alex Plummer
MT	Jeff Jesberger Play in
MT	Jeremy Brigowatz
MT	Nichelle Veldkamp
MT	Ryan Woode
MT	Tim Krull

Betsy made a motion to adjourn from closed session and adjourn the meeting. Stacy seconded.

All in favor.
Meeting
adjourned at
9:52 pm.

Email votes:

Motion	By	Second	Voting	Outcome
Motion to allow Scott Cumming to be an assistant coach on the SQC White team	Suzanne	Nichole	Brian, Carrie, Suzanne, Chris, Jason, Kristi, Betsy, Stacy	Motion passed
Motion to appoint Greg Robinson as an Assistant Coach for the Squirt C Red team and Nate Voss as a Squirt Practice Coach to help with Skills, etc.	Nichole	Brian	Suzanne, Jason, Nichole, Betsy, Stacy, Paula	Motion passed
Motion to approve Chris Herwig for bantam A (assistant coach)	Jason	Betsy	Chris, Brian, Suzanne, Nichole, Carrie, Paula, Stacy, Chris, Betsy, Jason	Motion passed
Motion to approve William Sutton as a Squirt C White assistant coach	Betsy	Nichole	Jason, Stacy, Betsy, Carrie, Chris, Suzanne, Brian	Motion passed
Motion to approve: Neil Burgard as the Head Coach for Mites for the 2017-2018 season. Sean Watters as a Coach for MiniMites for the 2017-2018 season. Tony Scheid as a Coach for MiniMites and Mites for the 2017-2018 season. Larry Clemens as a Coach for Mites for the 2017-2018 season.	Brian	Nichole	Nichole, Suzanne, Jason, Stacy, Carrie, Chris, Betsy	Motion passed
Move to add Tom Wendler as an Assistant Coach for the PeeWee B team	Chris	Stacy	Stacy, Brian, Suzanne, Carrie, Jason, Nichole, Paula	Motion passed
Motion to approve Alex Plummer as a Squirt B coach	Stacy	Carrie	Stacy	On hold for meeting
Motion to appoint Brenda Egli as the bantam level board rep for 2017-2018	Stacy	Suzanne	Carrie, Stacy, Brian, Jason, Chris, Paula, Nichole	Motion passed
Motion for Jeff Witt to be a coach for the Bantam A team for 2017-2018	Stacy	Suzanne	Carrie, Brian, Chris, Suzanne, Jason, Paula,	Motion passed
Motion to allow 2 of the predetermined PWs to play bantam B for the 2017-2018 season. Those 2 players will be selected in order from the list determined by the coaches and evaluators.	Jason	Betsy	Suzanne, Carrie, Jason, Brian, Chris, Betsy, Stacy	Motion passed

Motion to approve Bill Welling as a coach for the bantam b team for 2017-2018 based on the new information on placements and coaches moving to different teams	Jason	Betsy	Suzanne, Brian, Chris, Stacy, Betsy, Jason, Paula, Carrie	Motion passed
Motion to move Josh McCrary from midget wait list to active roster spot effective immediately	Brian	Suzanne	Jason, Suzanne, Chris, Brian, Paula, Nichole, Carrie (Betsy abstain)	Motion passed
Motion to add Jerry O'Gara as an assistant coach for Bantam B	Brian	Suzanne	Paula, Nichole, Chris, Stacy, Jason, Betsy, Carrie,	Motion passed
Motion to allow two of the following squirt-age players (Owen Barnett, Easton Gross, and/or Jack Plummer) to be temporarily rostered on the PeeWee B team for games the weekend of Nov. 18-19, contingent on agreement from their squirt coaches, PeeWee B head coach, and parents of the players.	Betsy	Suzanne	Chris, Suzanne, Betsy, Carrie, Stacy, Brenda	Motion passed