

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2017, 6 p.m.

Audience: Kathy Howe

Past-President Stacy Hollfelder called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Misi Watters, Brian Sullivan, and Suzanne Doody were noted as absent. Brenda Egli arrived late.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – Betsy McCrary

Minutes from the November meeting were distributed to the Board. There were no email votes. Stacy made a motion approve the November meeting minutes. Nichole seconded the motion. All approved.

b. Treasurer – Nichole Jesberger

Nichole had reviewed the account balances. The \$50/skater capital campaign amount still needs to be sent to SP Ice, and the bleacher money that was in capital campaign through fundraising also needs to be moved to the operations account now that the invoices have been paid. Nichole believes the costs of the new equipment were taken from the equipment fund. Betsy questioned concession, scholarship, and referee expenses in the budget vs. actual, as they don't seem quite right. Nichole will check on it. She also noted that checking is a little short, as it is waiting for concession deposits.

Betsy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, with clarifications coming for the questioned items on the budget. Stacy seconded it. All approved.

c. President Elect – Brian Sullivan

Absent

d. Past President – Stacy Hollfelder

– SP Ice Update

No meeting scheduled this month. Dave Batterman has not yet provided a firm date for the joint board meeting.

e. President – Misi Watters

Absent

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Volunteer Committee – The volunteer committee is asking for information on coaching hours for those who track them. These will be evaluated after the holidays.

b. Annual Fundraising Committee – First drawing has been held. Checks will be printed this week. Working on having winners posted.

c. Communications Committee - nothing

d. Cardinal Cup Committee – Communication to mite jamboree is a bit of a struggle.

e. Concession Stand Committee - Nothing

f. ACE Director(s) – Suzanne thanked Coach Finkler and the high school players for helping with Learn to Play. Unfortunately, Try Hockey for Free is in early March, which is high school state weekend, and they are hopefully busy!

g. Region 4 Meeting

Next meeting is Dec. 20, and Brian is planning to attend.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS

a. Mini-Mite – Kristie Tennie – Kristie asked if there a requirement to be a mini-mite? Basic skating ability is required (e.g., at least one learn to skate session). She noted concerns about the rink's learn to skate program, that it is turning kids off, and we can lose them, especially if they are not in the school district (e.g., outlying areas like Marshall). Feb. 24 there is a jamboree in Sauk.

- b. Mite – Paula Austad – Jamboree checks needed, she will work with Nichole. Capitals sent info about various game options. Paula will look into this more. 50/50 raffles secured for SPYHA for first race, Cornfest, and Fourth of July at midget races. She would propose that money just go to SPYHA; however, organizing volunteers was a little challenging, as some wanted to leave after two hours, which was two hours before the race started, because there were only two hours of volunteering given.
- c. Squirt - Carrie Rose - Nothing
- d. PeeWee – Chris LaRowe – Nothing
- e. Bantam – Brenda Egli – Nothing
- f. Midget – Suzanne Doody – Absent
- g. Coaches' rep. – Jason Ledford – Nothing

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Evaluation Policy – revisiting in January/February
- b. New Year's Eve – Chair is Chris Neises. Volunteers in DIBS. Please ask team reps to share this in weekly newsletter and remind them about the need for volunteers/volunteer incentive and the need for the cake walk.
- c. Banner update – Nothing at this point.
- d. Hockey "Unlimited" Event – Holding the date for Nov. 3 at Angell Park Pavilion, but looking for other suggestions. Carrie and Paula would like to send a survey monkey and see what members are thinking is a good idea for gala or casino event or if they have some other ideas. All agreed that a survey monkey is a good way to go. Also would like to set fundraiser being dedicated to something, for example, like an LED display board. The idea isn't just a fundraiser, but also a social time for parents. Paula will pick this up after the holidays.
- e. Share Nights – Paula will work on after holidays. Discussed Chick-Fil-A and other ideas.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Membership Changes (release and admittance requests)

Kathy Howe appeared to ask SPYHA to accept Cecilia Howe as a transfer from the Patriots, who have already provided a release. Kathy explained that Cecilia's sister plays with the DC Diamonds, and they have practices on Wednesday night, too, so it would work well for the family.

Carrie made a motion to accept Cecilia Howe as a mini-mite in Sun Prairie, Nichole seconded. All approved.

Rosters will be finalized as of Dec. 31, Brenda asked Jason to remind coaches that any double-rosters Scores need to be uploaded by Dec. 31 for Region 4 website.
- b. Appointments (committee)

None.
- c. Pucks

Mites might need a few more blue pucks. There are more in the office.

There continues to be a puck shortage, especially at squirt skills. Bantam and midgets coaches use their 30 pucks in their puck bags for practices, and then divide them again at the end of each practice. Chris asked who provides pucks for tournaments. There were conflicting answers. There was some discussion about a puck-turn in bin, and asking players not to pick them up and keep them, but to return them. Squirt Skills is the biggest issue/need for pucks.

Jason made a motion to order 200 more pucks. Chris seconded the motion. Everyone voted yes except Betsy who voted no. Motion passed.
- d. 2018-2019 Scheduling

Tony had asked for a big chunk of the schedule by the end of the year. This isn't feasible; however, Betsy proposed at least adding Cardinal Cups to the schedule to start. Betsy reviewed estimated numbers, which will require some decisions, although not necessarily at this point.

Stacy made a motion to set the below Cardinal Cup Schedule, Jason seconded. All approved

Squirt A/PeeWee A – Nov. 30-Dec 2 (likely Dec. 1-2)

Squirt B/PeeWee B – Dec. 7-9 (likely Dec. 8-9)

Squirt C – Jan. 4-6

Mite Jamboree – Jan. 5

Bantam A / B- Jan. 25, 26, 27

e. Placement of players mid-season (mite/mini-mite) / Transition program

Mite program is a challenge. DCL deadline to add/change teams was Dec. 8. There are concerns that there aren't coaches at the mite level to add players. Adding more players to existing teams isn't fair to the current players for DCL games. Families have already been told that players should start with mini-mite registration to have a consistent approach.

Jason made a motion to close mites registration. Nichole seconded. All approved.

Nichole asked if SPYHA could sponsor a pre-mini-mite transition program / learn to play program. That's essentially what we did this year, right after Try Hockey for Free.

f. Insurance review / potential adjustments

Betsy reviewed the information that had been sent to the Board concerning current insurance level.

Currently, our content limits (replacement coverage for SPYHA property in the ice arena) is \$30,000. With the cost of two sets of new jerseys, plus the concessions equipment, new goalie equipment, and overall "rental" equipment, we should consider raising it to \$50,000. Other changes are switching workers comp from a state pool to SFM and considering data breach insurance.

Betsy made a motion to increase our contents/replacement coverage to \$50,000, change our workers' comp insurance carrier to SFM, and decline the data breach insurance option. Stacy seconded the motion. All approved.

g. Other Business

It seems like some of the heaters in Tubbs might not be working again. Also, the temperature in the meeting room and SPYHA office quite cold.

h. Closed session - none

Motion to adjourn: Jason. Paula seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Email votes:

1. Jason made a motion for the squirt A team to play in 4th tourney as long as it is a local tourney with no hotel costs needed and they do not exceed the total game limit. Nichole seconded the motion. Motion passed, with Brian, Chris, Paula, Carrie, Brenda, Nichole voting yes, and Betsy and Stacy voting no. Jason abstained. No vote was received from Suzanne or Kristie.
2. Jason made a motion to add Noah McCrary and Jared Witt to midget roster. Suzanne seconded the motion. Motion passed, with Carrie, Chris, Paula, Stacy, Suzanne, Brian, and Nichole voting yes, Betsy abstaining, and no vote from Brenda or Kristie.