

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 27, 2023– 6:00pm

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Meeting was in person at Sun Prairie Ice Arena.

Board Members Present

Past President – Tara Freund
President Elect – Eric Morehouse
Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
Secretary – Kory Schulze
Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens
Girls' Rep – Megan Davis
Bantam Rep – Jennifer Billings
PeeWee Rep – Shannon Trine
Squirt Rep – Casey Moen
Mite Rep – Kylie West
Mini Mite Rep – Tony Uhlenkamp

Board Members Absent

President – Ryan Dunt, Midget Rep – n/a

Attendance

John Searle, Marcy Searle, Brent Henke, Tara Muszynski, Colleen Uhlenkamp, Koreen Pelot, Megan Jordan, Rachel Catania

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Brandon Searle– Bantam eligible player would like to petition WAHA to continue playing at the PeeWee level

2. Affirmation of Email Votes –

- *One electronic vote to allow any u10 and u12 eligible female player to register with SPYHA through 8/31 with the discounted registration of \$100 Jenn motioned to approve the email vote, Shannon second, motion passed unanimously.*

3. Appointments & Membership Changes – none

- *Caitie Sullivan – Bantam come back to SP - Jenn motioned, Kory second, motion passed unanimously.*
- *Fabian Covarrubias - Tony motioned to allow Fabian to play for SP, Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
- *Dom and Barron Bingham - Jenn motioned to allow Dom and Barron to play for SP, Shannon second, motion passed unanimously.*
- *Dawson West – MITE this year, has brother who plays for SPYHA – Jenn motioned to allow Dawson to play for SP, Shannon second, motion passed unanimously.*
- *Layla and Wilbur Weichert – Jenn motioned to allow them to play, Casey second, motion passed unanimously*

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – Kory Schulze

- *Shannon motioned to approve the June 2023 SPYHA Board Meeting Minutes, Jenn second, motion passed unanimously.*
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b. Treasurer – Stephen Elmer

- None

c. President Elect – Eric Morehouse

- None

d. Past President – Tara Freund

- Family lounge should have been done as of mid-August and open. We all need to do our part to help the coaches and create pride in our facility. Let's watch younger kids who have made it a free for all zone and ensure that isn't happening. If you see something, say something.. There is a nice way to say it without appearing like you are yelling at someone else's kid. That said, parents need to understand that kids - players and siblings should not treat the rink like a playground.
- Scheduling
 - Mostly done.. Nobody is getting everything they want but they are getting what they need - Betsy.
 - We have enough times for everything we need including with Dragons. Dragons want to start practice 10/3. They still don't know the number of teams.
 - There was confusion on behalf of SPICE with MM/ Mite and felt they were thrown something last minute by SPYHA. Reminder that all scheduling goes through Zach and team / level reps shouldn't be contacting him directly. One point of contact. That said, through research - Zach asked for them to add Mini Mites on Friday like we had last year. Her original draft only had Mini Mites on Wednesday. He was trying to avoid Saturdays so there is consistency and how busy the rink is on Saturdays.
 - Mini Mites - Wed/ Friday. Games still Sunday
 - Mites - Mon/ Wed/ Friday except for Fri night tournaments. Previously has been 2 or 3. Historical Problem has been that there haven't been able to find times because of number of kids. Games typical Saturday
 - Cougars - Only have practice ice - no games which means no concession revenue. Dave not happy about that for SPYHA sake.
- Grand Opening for Primal Cue is on Thursday at 11.
- Number of teams
 - Mark's recommendation 5-6 Mite teams
 - Squirt 4 teams
 - PeeWee – 4 teams
 - Bantam – 2 teams
 - Midget – not deciding at this time
- *Jenn motioned to allow the Bantam teams to have individual team practice ice on Thursdays - Shannon second, motion passed unanimously.*
- Bantam scrimmages will be on the 12th – extra ice available.

e. President – Ryan Dunt

- Equipment needs - waiting on Equipment committee to submit request
- WAHA new locker room policy
 - Monitoring – players cannot enter locker room without a coach
 - Cell Phones – are not permitted in locker rooms
 - Will need to notify families of these policy changes
- WAHA moving to Game Sheet for scoring
 - WAHA will reimburse SPYHA for 75% of the cost
 - *Kory motioned to adopt GameSheet for the 23-24 season, Jenn second, motion passed unanimously.*

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Volunteer Committee

- Same committee members as last season
- SP Ice has a list of items to post for volunteer fulfillment – 500 hours required by SPYHA
- Role/Committee hours need to be finalized and voted on
- Suggested to increase the Winter Classic rep hours, will be discussed in closed session

b. Annual Fundraising Committee

- Courtney would like to stay on the committee but not be the lead, will be covered in closed session
- c. Communications Committee
 - Social Media packet distributed with category/topic communications with schedule
 - The more lead time the better
 - Every share grows SPYHA's audience
 - Website
 - Close to getting Office365 up and running
 - Tournaments are kept up to date online – overall in a very good place
 - 23-24 teams will be created soon, only keeping 22-23 as historical
 - Travel evals will be posted online as soon as they are finalized
- d. Winter Classic Tournaments Committee - none
- e. Concession Stand Committee
 - Looking to replace the POS system
 - Need to restock the money when we restock the supplies
- f. USA Hockey Initiatives
 - Girls' THFF first
 - Co-ed THFF in November
- g. ACE Director(s) – none
- h. Equipment Managers - none
- i. Jersey Coordinator - none
- j. Spirit Wear / Bags – none
- k. Registrar
 - Players will be uploaded to USA Hockey after 9/1 registration cutoff
 - Received release from Waunakee for 3 players
 - Need USA Hockey numbers for some board members
 - Some members are showing as SafeSport incomplete when they have actually completed it, fix in progress
- l. Region 4 Meeting - none
- 6. LEVEL REP REPORTS
 - a. Mini-Mite
 - October 8 joint parent meeting with Mites
 - Dubuque reached out about Battle on the Bridge registration
 - b. Mite
 - 5 Mite teams registered for Dubuque tournaments
 - Booking all tournaments now
 - c. Squirt
 - All tournaments are booked
 - Hotels for most tournaments are booked as well
 - Dubuque A has a reservation at United Center for November game, 3 hours before the game you play Dubuque, then all go to Blackhawks game
 - Need to sell 90 tickets per team (\$6/ticket), need to prepay the cost
 - Will discuss in closed session
 - d. PeeWee

- Need to book C2 tournaments – Larry will help out

e. Bantam

- Coach Lee prefers 2 larger bantam teams
- Evaluation schedule questions have been received

f. Midget - n/a

g. Coaches' Rep.

- Would like to have a slightly different evaluation tournament
- Coaches meeting Thursday
- Will share information on the new WAHA locker room policy

h. Girls Rep

- 2 PeeWee teams
 - 18 registered, 2 more to register (11/12 are from SP)
- Squirts – 11 players registered (3 are from SP)
- Question on if they will still use 2 sheets of ice, will have a final answer by mid week
- Tournament will still stay as planned
- Request items to Patriots
 - Payment in full up front
 - Advisory Committee
 - Pete Fenster
 - Justin Shefchek

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Registration

- Covered above

b. Girls' Program 2023-2024

- Covered above

c. Delinquency 2022 – Final Notice

- Monthly amount due notifications are going out monthly automatically

8. NEW Business

a. New Codes of Conduct for all individuals (parents/players/board)

- Will be sent out to families

b. Next Board Meeting

- September 17, 2023 at 6pm

c. Adjourn

- *Jenn motioned to adjourn to closed session, Tony second, motion passed unanimously.*

9. CLOSED SESSION

- Brandon Schmidt and Brent Henke were approved to be SPYHA representatives on the SPIce 10 Year Anniversary Committee*
- Justin Shefchek and Pete Fenster were approved to be SPYHA representatives on the Dragons Advisory Committee*
- A bantam eligible player was approved for SPYHA to submit the request to WAHA to play at the PeeWee level*
- Two players were approved to be released by SPYHA when their financial balance is paid in full*