

# **Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, July 16, 2023– 6:00pm

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

## **Board Members Present**

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

## **Board Members Absent**

Midget Rep – n/a, Mite Rep – Kylie West

## **Attendance**

Chad Krogstad, Matt Volenec, Shawn Nelson, Sarah Mahan, Mark Gernetzke, Colleen Uhlenkamp, Betsy McGary, Nate Jones

### **a. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **b. Affirmation of Email Votes - none**

### **c. Appointments & Membership Changes**

- a. Tara motioned for Nolan and Lennon Klubertanz to be released to Waunakee Wildcats, Jenn second, motion passed unanimously.*
- b. Jenn motioned to approve Jerry O'Gara for ACE Director and Mark Gurnetzke for non-travel ACE director, Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*

### **d. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Secretary – Kory Schulze - none
- b. Treasurer – Stephen Elmer - none
- c. President Elect – Eric Morehouse - none
- d. Past President – Tara Freund
  - i. Distributed committee roles and hours, board will review and vote at a later date
- e. President – Ryan Dunt
  - i. Microsoft 365 transition underway

### **e. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Volunteer Committee - none
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee – none
- c. Communications Committee
  - i. Summary of social media data reports handed out, growth throughout the time, THFF helps grow the numbers.

- ii. Committee happy to share any content created. The more members comment or like, it shows up to our friends' feeds and grows membership.
- d. Winter Classic Tournaments Committee - vacancy
- e. Concession Stand Committee - none
- f. USA Hockey Initiatives - vacancy
- g. ACE Director(s) - none
- h. Equipment Managers – none
- i. Jersey Coordinator
  - i. Mini mite jerseys will need to be coordinated and ordered
- j. Spirit Wear / Bags - none
- k. Registrar
  - i. Pre-season communication to be distributed at registration
- l. Region 4 Meeting
  - i. DCOA registration is live. Targeting 14U.
  - ii. Concussions need to continue to be reported.
  - iii. Workshop being held in Stevens Point in August.
  - iv. WHEL registration is open.
  - v. Lisa Martinson resigned from the board - looking at applications now for her replacement.

f. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. Mini-Mite - none
- b. Mite – none
- c. Squirt - 53 Squirts expected to come back this season. Looking to do a drop-in teambuilding activity.
- d. PeeWee - 63 PeeWees expected, 17 of which are girls. Looking to host a pre-season event. Evaluations starting first week of October.
- e. Bantams - Numbers between two or three teams. September 18th would be first skate. Booking for tournaments underway.
- f. Midget – none
- g. Coaches' Rep - Evaluations will be held similar to last year with the tournament layout. Requesting an adjustment that the last two days of evals, they are broken out to have players broken out differently to help best place the players. Working for a September 17 Culture Class/Camp off-ice team-building / classroom / parent education classes. Similarly for peewees and potentially Bantams. Looking to potentially revisit jerseys/mascots. Working on the development plan for each age group.
- h. Girls' Hockey Rep - Having a booth at Corn Fest, want to grow THFF. Girls Hockey Weekend. Brainstorming ideas for culture. Looking to add a 'Girls' tab to the website.

g. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Annual Meeting Minutes - Kory to look at Carries notes from last year and send out.
- b. Girls' Program 2023-2024
  - i. Survey information sent out.
  - ii. Registration - which organization will players register through? No decisions made yet but there is a meeting tomorrow.
  - iii. Last year SP parents expressed they wanted to play in house instead because they didn't have adequate trust in the other association.
  - iv. There are questions on who is the host organization and ensure players understand they are not being sent away to play for another organization.
  - v. If ice is discounted, Patriots would be the only organization to receive the benefit. Also, no formal agreement is in place on if they would book 50% of ice through Sun Prairie, even if it is not desired days/times.
  - vi. Looking to ensure there will be two teams for both squirt and peewee levels.
  - vii. All aspects need to get figured out so SPYHA doesn't lose out on revenue as well as a potential clause to release the players back to SPYHA if they desire.
  - viii. Looking at potentially having the % of the team SPYHA players fill, we pay that % of ice
  - ix. Public comment about if voting for this initiative raises dues for the youth players, please be mindful of costs for all players as greater fees could make it cost prohibitive for other players to get to play.

- x. Per SP ICE - 12 practice sheets of ice per week for travel teams plus 3 hours of skills is currently going in the schedule
- xi. Dragons want 2 sheets per week and also potentially pay extra for skills night combined with SPYHA.
- xii. Megan to get answers from Patriots about potentially registration sharing, expense sharing, etc....
- xiii. Tara to put some numbers together and share with the board on expenses and revenue
- xiv. If SPYHA players want to cross-roster, they need to register for SPYHA first and prioritize that team but then can choose to cross-roster to the girls' team
- xv. *Megan motioned SPYHA creates a partnership with the Patriots for the Dragons, Shannon second, Megan, Larry, Eric, Casey, Kory, Shannon, Tony approved, no against, Tony, Tara, Stephen abstained. Motion passed.*
- c. Delinquency 2022 - Final Notice
  - i. \$11K dues/dibs are outstanding from 2022-2023 season
  - ii. \$25K dates back to later than 2022-2023 season
- d. Updated Policy Manual
  - i. Will be posted online with the changes

#### h. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Budget Review
  - i. Tournaments
    - 1. Raising Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam fees
  - ii. *Jenn motioned to approve the budget, Casey second, Larry, Casey, Tara, Kory, Megan, Shannon, Jenn, Tony, Stephen approved, Eric abstained. Motion passed.*
- b. Registration
  - i. Registration expected to open this week
- c. CC/PayPal Fees
  - i. *Stephen moved that we add a 4% fee to credit card processing charges, Eric second, motion passed unanimously.*
- d. Disbursement policy
  - i. Two signers needed
  - ii. Ryan and Stephen need to be added as signers
- e. Home Tournament Dates
  - i. Gobbler Games - November 25
  - ii. PWA/SQA - December 2-3
  - iii. PWB/SQB - December -10
  - iv. PWC/SQC - January 6-7
  - v. BA/BB - January 19-21
  - vi. PWG/PWG Co Op - January 27-28 [or an alternate tournament]
- f. SPIce Board Level Positions Addition
  - i. SP Ice wants to add two additional board members
    - 1. Want to edit the Bank of SP representative from non-voting to voting position
    - 2. Want to add Eric Sidel as a member at large
    - 3. They want to add additional seats to spread out the workload
  - ii. SPYHA currently has 3 positions of the 7 voting interest
  - iii. Another way to spread out the volunteering, SPYHA can volunteer more and focus efforts on the 10th Anniversary Committee
  - iv. Recent contract amendments were more favorable to SPIce than SPYHA
  - v. Adding more voting members to the SPIce board would dilute SPYHA's impact
  - vi. *Tara motioned to deny the two additional voting positions, Stephen second. Casey, Tara, Kory, Stephen, Ryan, Tony, Jenn, Shannon voted for, Eric voted against, Larry and Megan abstained, motion passed.*
- g. SPIce 10th Anniversary Committee Members from SPYHA
  - i. SPYHA needs to provide volunteers to help partner with SPIce to promote the event
  - ii. *Tara motioned to advertise for two SPYHA volunteers to get 15 hours each to sit on a committee for SPIce's 10th anniversary, Tony seconded, motioned passed unanimously.*
- h. Corn Fest

- i. *Tara motioned to advertise for a volunteer to get five DIBS hours to manage the Corn Fest, Megan seconded. motioned passed unanimously.*
- i. Back to Hockey Party
  - i. We are not doing the back to hockey event
- j. Next Board Meeting
  - i. August 27, 6pm
- i. Adjourn
  - a. *Tara motioned to adjourn meeting and go into closed session, Jenn seconded, motioned passed unanimously.*
- j. Closed Session