

# Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 8, 2024 – 6:00 pm

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

## Board Members Present:

President – Eric Morehouse

Past President – Ryan Dunt

Incoming President – Mark Gernetzke

Secretary – Sara Pieper

Bantam Rep – Jennifer Billings

PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen

Squirt Rep – Tracey Miller

Mite Rep – Allison McKee

Mini-Mite Rep – Tony Uhlenkamp

Girls' Rep – Megan Davis

Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

**Board Members Absent:** Squirt Rep – Tracey Miller

**Attendance:** Zak Gordon, Tim Clavette, Colleen Uhlenkamp, Anastasiia Stanila, Scott Vandenberg, Megan Jordan

1. Public Comments
  - None
2. Affirmation of Email Votes
  - a. Motioned to approve Karin Staley to serve on the Fundraising Committee
    - *Jen motioned to approve the email vote for Karin Staley to serve on the Fundraising Committee. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - b. Motioned to approve adding a player to Bantam B roster
    - *Jen motioned to approve the email vote to add a player to the Bantam B 2024-2025 roster. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - c. Motioned to approve double rostering 4 Squirt goalies to PeeWee
    - *Jen motioned to approve the email vote to double roster 4 Squirt goalies to PeeWee. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
3. Appointments & Membership Changes
  - a. None
4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Secretary – Sara Pieper
    - *Jen motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - b. Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
    - Treasurer report was sent in advance of the meeting.
    - 80% of dues have been collected; a few families are yet to submit raffle ticket payments.
  - c. President Elect – Mark Gernetzke
    - None
  - d. Past President – Ryan Dunt
    - None
  - e. President – Eric Morehouse
    - Helmets being marketed online that say they are compliant with safety requirements, but they are not. Reps will send a note to teams notifying them of the non-compliant helmets.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Volunteer Committee
    - The Volunteer Committee discovered that some individuals are signing in at the concession stand for shifts that do not match their registered DIBS shift. Volunteers should communicate with the Volunteer Committee to discuss variations and seek approval.
  - b. Annual Fundraising Committee
    - SPYHA families and fans have shared that tournament baskets have been small, and we need to produce higher-quality baskets.
    - SPYHA families and fans can still donate tournament baskets, but it's not required.
  - c. Communications Committee
    - Communications update was sent in advance of the meeting.
  - d. Registrar

- There are a few coaches who still need to complete the CEP requirement before 12/31 and there are two team reps who have not completed their SafeSport training.
  - e. Groundhog Games Tournament Committee
    - We are halfway through Groundhog Games.
    - SPYHA families will be charged \$150 if they do not meet the minimum shift allotment during home tournaments.
    - Our tournament cancellation policy is that there is no refund once we are inside the 30-day window.
  - f. Concession Stand Committee
    - None
  - g. USA Hockey Initiatives
    - None
  - h. ACE Director(s)
    - None
  - i. Equipment Managers
    - None
  - j. Jersey Coordinator
    - None
  - k. Spirit Wear / Bags
    - Bags are expected in the next few days.
  - l. Region 4 Meeting
    - None
6. LEVEL REP REPORTS
- a. Mini-Mite
    - Gobbler Games went well.
    - THFF transition program players will be offered the opportunity to join 4 Mini-Mite practices.
    - There are 11 Mini-Mites registered for the second session.
  - b. Mite
    - Badger game outing was a success.
    - Awaiting the final schedule for second-half season games.
  - c. Squirt
    - Working on details for an all-Squirt outing.
  - d. PeeWee
    - Patriots did not show up for a game because they had the game time noted incorrectly. We will discuss this in a future session if we need a policy (e.g., do we charge for ice time, refs, etc.).
  - e. Bantams
    - Getting a lot of cancellations because of MyHockey rankings.
  - f. Coaches' Rep
    - Classroom is going well. It's not about wins and losses right now. We're focused on long-term development and culture.
  - g. Girls Rep
    - Dragons 10s and 12s attended UW Women's game.
    - Reached out to SPYHA coaches with female players to see if they'd like to play in an all-girls tournament.
    - Working on details for another youth Dragons event.
7. OLD Business
- a. Social media policy review
    - Reviewed drafted Communications and Social Media policy.
      - Need to update registration to include a box to tick if you'd like to opt out of photo policy
      - The policy needs to be updated to include that it applies to all communications on behalf of SPYHA (e.g., Try Hockey for free flyers, website).
    - The policy will be updated and shared with the board for review before the January board meeting.
8. NEW Business
- a. Next Board Meeting
    - January 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm
9. Adjourn
- Jen motioned to adjourn. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
10. Closed Session
- Approved 5 DIBS hours for Adam Hegg for producing the Groundhog Games tournament banner.
  - Concession stand price increases due to the cost of goods.
    - Discussed opening concession stand on Mondays from 4:00-8:00 pm.