



# Yankton Area Ice Association

901 Whiting Drive / PO Box 235  
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## YAIA Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Rink Board Room & Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Katie Feimer, Kevin Hunhoff, Brian Wenisch, Terry Haas, Jennifer Livingston(Brunick), Eric Shoemaker, Amanda Bottolfson, Shawn Weber and Ryan Rusher

**Guests:** Karen Schleiger, Terry Pedersen, Julie Perakslis, Eric Shoemaker, Heidi Barry and Sarah Thoms

1. **Called Meeting to Order @ 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Approval of March Meeting Minutes; Motion was made by Terry Haas seconded by Brian Wenisch, Motion passed.**
3. **Old Business**
  - i. **DIBs – Katie Feimer / Sarah Thoms / Heidi Berry/ Stephanie Marlett**
    - i. The committee has met and is preparing the proposed changes to recommend to the Board for approval. Katie asked if there are any suggestions or input to be included to please email one of the committee members.
4. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Curling – Julianna Dick-Ford**
    - i. **No Report**
  - b. **Hockey Coaching – Terry Pedersen**
    - i. Terry would like to have all of the coaching committee meet Bobby Smith to determine if this will move forward. Discussions will continue with coaching.
    - ii. Terry has had discussions with Coach Rozy regarding concerns that were shared at the last meeting and ways to improve the experience for both the players and the staff at Coach Rozy.
  - c. **Figure Skating – Heidi Berry**
    - i. Figure Skating is exploring the possibility of bringing in coaches from other programs for a camp.
    - ii. Figure skating may not utilize Miss Judy next season.



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- d. **Registrar** – Amy Schramm
  - i. Reminder that all Board members will need to complete Safe Sport.
  
- e. **Safety Committee**- Tona Larsen
  - i. **No Report**
  
- f. **Executive Report** – Katie Feimer
  - i. **4-H Leaders Meeting**- Kevin Hunhoff
    - i. Skip Moeller presented to 4-H for approval and was granted to rent the building for Squirt Rollerblade Hockey on Tuesday's @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. in May, June and July.
  
- g. **Treasurer Report** – Jennifer Livingston(Brunick)
  - i. Treasurer's report was given.
  - ii. **Budget** – discussions will continue on this
    - i. Jennifer is working with H&R Block to get items in place to create a budget. They are currently switching from their Zero system to QuickBooks.
  
- h. **Vision Committee** – Shawn Weber
  - i. **Social Committee - Stephanie Marlette**
    - i. Thirsty 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday
      - i. Ice House – 5/25 @ 7:00 p.m. (following Bragging Rights)
    - ii. Other Events
      - i.
      - ii. YAIA picnic – 8/6/2023
      - iii. Yankton Hockey Day & Mite Tourney –
        - i. 12/9-12/10/2023 (alternate date – 12/2-12/3/2023)
  - ii. **Hockey Development - Karen Schleiger**
    - i. YAIA had a booth at the Webster and Beadle school carnivals, both events went well.
    - ii. It was suggested that YAIA consider not having a booth at the river for RiverBoat Days as it does not seem to be an effective recruitment event. The Board agreed to not have the booth but to continue to have a float in the parade.
    - iii. The parade application for RiverBoat Days has been submitted. It was determined bubble gum and flyers will be handed out.



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- iv. Girls Hockey Development - a survey will be sent to form a committee
  - v. Ice Development: Evaluate the timeline. Pre Season ice for “Try” events and “mini-season” hockey/figure skating, potentially two fall LTS sessions instead of fall and spring.
  - vi. The results of the YAIA survey are being compiled. Overall the participation was good. A “Thank You” will be sent to the association for completing the survey.
- iii. **Recruitment Coordinator - Karen Schleiger**
- i. Referral program to be marketed for 2023-24’ season.
- iv. **Alumni Committee - Shawn Wagner**
- i. Scholarship Recipient - Luke Abbott
- i. **Marketing Committee – Lisa Nielson**
- i. Shelby Nilsen has agreed to become the Marketing Coordinator. A motion was made by Shawn Weber and second by Jennifer Livingston. Motion Passed.
- j. **Discipline Committee – Amanda Bottolfson-VP**
- i. **No Report**
- k. **Facility Committee**
- i. **Equipment – Karen Schleiger**
    - i. Open Skate skates and figure skates have been purchased and received.
    - ii. Some helmets were returned damaged and equipment worn out. Karen is working to determine replacement needs and any cost adjustments from the approved equipment budget.
    - iii. Jersey order is being finalized.
  - ii. **Building – Brian Wenisch/Kevin Hunhoff/Terry Haas**
    - i. **Rink:**
      - i. **Rink Wi-Fi-**
        - 1. Brian will gather information and cost to improve WiFi. He will share with the Board when available.
    - ii. **Zamboni - Brian Wenisch**



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1. Terry Haas and Brian will see if they can get the new Zamboni on a trailer to take to Bragging Rights.

iii. **Compressor** – Brian Wenisch

1. Brian is working with Craig to start the process of getting the old system out.

ii. **Players bench mat replacement**

- i. Terry Haas is working on getting the mats replaced with funds raised at the Gala.

iii. **Skate Trainers/Walkers-**

- i. The skate walkers have arrived and are being stored at Ryan Rushers warehouse.

ii. **Warming Area:**

- i. **Locker rooms - No report**
- ii. **Concessions - No report**

I. **State Delegate-** Brian Wenisch

i. **Spring Meeting – 4/15/2023**

i. **Proposals –**

- i. The results from the State meeting had been emailed to the Board. Brian provided information and reviewed the outcomes.

m. **Events Management Committee – Lisa Nielson**

i. **Scheduling**

- i. No Report

n. **Fundraising Committee – Katie Feimer**

- i. The committee met May 3rd and discussed timelines and future fundraisers. It was recommended that the Butter Braid fundraiser continue, but to look at a new company that offers the butter braids and pizza items. It was recommended that this be in November like in past years and to encourage all YAIA skaters to participate.

i. **Fall Gala- Stacey Renken**

- ii. Planning meetings for 2023 Gala have already started.



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- ii. Bragging Rights- Sarah Thoms
  - i. 5/25/2023
  - ii. Burgers & Brats – Need 3 Grillers starting at 4:30 p.m.
  - iii. May use the DIBs setup for donations and helpers
  - iv. Katie will reach out to 4-H to see if the trailer and Zamboni can be stored in the rink area prior to the event.
  
- o. **Key Master** - Sarah Thoms
  - i. All fobs that needed to be turned off for the off-season have been.
  
- p. **Handbook** – Secretary
  - i. No report
  
- 5. **New Business**
  - a. **Registration**
    - i. Rates were increased last season. It was determined registration rates will not increase for the 2023-2024 season. A motion was made by Ryan Rusher to keep registration rates as is. Second by Terry Haas. Motion Passed.
    - ii. Ryan is working on the registration form, Sports Engine has made some changes that may require the entire form to be rebuilt.
  
  - b. **Open Positions**
    - i. There are some open positions for the upcoming season including concessions positions. Trying to determine what other positions need to be filled. Team coordinators also need to be identified and presented to the Board for approval.
  
  - c. **Next Meeting**
    - i. June 13, 2023 at 6:00pm.
  
- 6. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn was made by Shawn Weber, seconded by Brian Wenisch, Motion passed.