

Sartell Youth Hockey Association
Monthly Meeting: Board of Directors
July 13, 2009
Celebration Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 8:12 pm

Present: John Michaud, Corey Hansen, Jon Pinkerton, Rowan McDonnell, Troy Getchell, Carl Koehn, Doug Ferns, Stacey Jurek, Pam Brookins, Bill Worsala, John Lindmeier, Brent Boerger, Dave Erickson, Sean Casey, Jerry Curtes, Dale Randall, Todd M, Michelle Sura, Dave and Tina Yaeger, Mike Windschettl, Joe Haley, Chris Zwiener, Dale Minnerath, Jeff Nelson, Trace Roller, Troy Cameron, Chris Spanier, Melissa Dummer, Gretchen Thompson, Bob Kalus.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: none

Treasurers Report: motion to approve treasurer's report by Jon Pinkerton, second by Troy Getchell. Motion passes.

- When will early registration start to provide an indication of financial impact and player numbers: 3 weeks.
- Doug Ferns: YTD checkbook balance: \$23,513
- Question/Request: Is the budget available (full financials) for members to review? Answer from Ferns; yes.
- Important Point: Doug Ferns – SYHA is in a strong financial position in 09. Dues increases are not required and we are experiencing a balance between economic environment and keeping player numbers.

Gambling Report:

- Approve total paid in June: \$11,151.85 motion to approve by Doug Ferns, second by Jon Pinkerton. Motion passes.
- Pre-approval for august spending: motion to approve by Jon Pinkerton. Second by Doug Ferns. Motion passes.
- June Revenues as of 7/13/09: \$12,683.59.
- Due to State law change of minimum wage to \$7.25 on 7/24/09 it was requested to approve an increase of primary bar-bingo employee who is already making \$7.25 to new wage of \$7.50. Request motion to approve by Doug Ferns. Second by Jon Pinkerton. Motion passes.
- Request of a new gambling printer: approval to spend up to \$300 for new printer. Request to approve by Troy Getchell. Second by Jon Pinkerton. Motion passes.

District 5 Update: Discussion revolved around the upcoming votes required in the August meeting. Items of discussion were as follows:

- Overall Schedule
 - Option 1: 1 inter-district game per opponent which = 9 games and 9 games fewer then current rules. This would require SYHA to work hard to find additional games which are lost to the schedule from previous seasons.
 - Option 2: East/west split in which SYHA teams would lose 3 games. Travel would be more limited.

- Option 3: No change to current scheduling process.
- Meeting Participant Feedback:
 - Do whatever is easiest for game scheduling
 - Stay the way it is now.
 - Can east/west scheduling be done on a collaborative scale?
 - Lots of discussion on anticipated difficulty of scheduling for Bernick's Arena staff.
 - Many commented on the difficulty of scheduling; this would be a highly contributing factor to the decision process.
 - The overall consensus was to leave the schedule the way it is today simply due to game scheduling and already difficult to get ice.
- Create Double Elimination Tournament:
 - End of year Squirt weekend tourney at all levels: later in the season there is much available ice. The goal is to make use of this ice to host a double elimination tourney for all levels.
 - Timeline: after MN State High School tourney.
 - Association must declare by December 09.
 - Games would be in addition to the game total for D5, but not extra billed to players.
- New MN Hockey Rules 2009-2010 Season
 - Players must play; city where they go to school OR stay where they are (grandfather). Moving back and forth is no longer legal.

Bantam Team Discussion: parents from throughout the Bantam level were invited to the meeting to discuss what was best for the players; was it better to play 2 teams with 20 players, or 3 teams with 13-14 players. Additionally, SYHA looks to be short 1 goalie if the 3 teams are the favorable option.

- Need to find a goalie. Can we solicit Little Falls or another nearby district who will not be able to play in his home district? Will D5 allow a goalie to waiver to SYHA?
- Can we find 6+/- players to make 3 more solid teams.
- Can we move a goalie up from PeeWee?
- We can't really make concrete decisions until early registration numbers are fully known.
- In fairness to the players and the rest of the association; we need to communicate to all players/parents before tryouts.
- Question: when is our deadline to declare our rosters/structure? Answer: not sure...maybe August.
- If we all agree that we do not want our kids to sit on the bench on a large team, and the bylaws do not require the coach to spread out the play to all players, then why don't we change the bylaws? Was it appropriate for SYHA to ensure all players were being given equal ice-time?
 - Primary response: at this level winning is part of "having fun" so it is important for the kids to have a chance to win. At the same time, it isn't in the best interest of the coach or SYHA to mandate too much to the coaching team. The general agreed-upon approach was to let the current methods stand.

Adjourn: 8:13 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Doug Ferns. Second made by Jon Pinkerton.