

## **SAHA Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2012**

Present: Josh Pettit, Dave Strum, Nicole Trautt, Paul Kurtz, Shawn Christianson, Jason Laurvick, Troy Lambert, Cindy Magnuson, Al Pettingill, Kraig Reed.

Absent: Mark LaFlamme, Kevin Mudrak, Tim Curtis, Pat Golat, Fred Paine.

Motion to approve October meeting minutes by Jason Laurvick with second by Shawn Christianson. Unanimous approval.

### **Officers Reports:**

**President:** No report other than issues that we are going to talk about further down on the agenda.

**Past-President:** Not present.

**Rink Management:** Did not meet. 1) At the next meeting, we need to discuss the ice time discount for ice rental which is currently at 150 hours and how we keep track of this to ensure that the discount is going to the right people. 2) Kevin remains committed to SAHA and we need to stand behind him. 3) Few complaints regarding issues with John Hack. These issues need to be addressed and Dave Strum is willing to bring this information to the next Rink Management meeting so that it can be addressed there. These issues included how he handled the emails and Al Pettingill's offer of donations for the Spartan Room and some emails that have gone out to managers and association members. He will be retiring soon and we will need to be looking for someone to fill this position. Cindy Magnuson is going to look for a job description.

**Treasurer:** 1) Profit and Loss is not balanced but will get corrections by next month. 2) Concession income is picking up since season has started. 3) Girls team and Junior Gold registered for State tournaments. 4) Motion to approve financials by Jason Laurvick with second by Troy Lambert. Unanimous approval. 5) Dave Strum is going to be stepping down as treasurer in April.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance/Insurance:** We are insured.

**Tournaments:** 1) We would like to pay non-USA hockey referees for M2 Jamboree's. This would be one referee per game at \$20 per game. Motion to approve by Dave Strum. Second by Shawn Christianson. Unanimous approval. 2) Purchase labels for game stickers. Nicole Trautt has these. Motion by Cindy Magnuson to have Stacy (secretary) print the game stickers and get pertinent information to Tom at Lenroot for the tournament programs. Second by Shawn Christianson. Unanimous approval. 3) January 18-20 ... The Duluth IceBreakers Girls tournament is taking place in Duluth. There are 100+ teams involved in this tournament so therefore, there are no hotels available that weekend. Troy is working to help get hotels for teams involved in our PeeWee B2 tournament. 4) For the PeeWee A tournament, Mark LaFlamme and Pat Golat are designated as Tournament

Directors. This will need to be changed as they both have players on the team.

**Registration & Website:** 1) Dave Strum recommends for next year doing registration 100% of payment by credit card online. If not online, then 100% payment at registration and payment plans can be set up but they must use a credit card for payment. 2) Outstanding accounts – Dave Strum will have the list updated and calls will need to be made. The lists of unpaid players will be given to coaches. 3) Kyle Hanson does not want to have anything to do with registration next year. The registration committee will need to work on replacing Kyle in this role as there is a lot of work involved in making it run smoothly.

**Equipment:** 1) Referee sweaters. We have three sweaters for referees to use. They will be kept in the equipment room. 2) 8U Girls/Mini Mites screen printing is underway. 3) Termites. Play It Again will sponsor with \$500. Jerseys will cost us \$225. Motion to approve by Troy Lambert. Second by Cindy Magnuson. Unanimous approval. Jason Laurvick will get these ordered in the morning.

**Rinks & Facilities:** 1) Al Pettingill has been able to get some donations of carpet (including installation), desks, and chairs. He would like to use these donations in what we are calling the Spartan Room to make it look more professional/presentable. Nicole Trautt will see if she can get some paint donated so this room can be painted. Al is also going to see if he can get a lock for the door so that this room can only be used by managers and board members. Motion to allow the donation of materials and labor for the Spartan Room improvement project by Cindy Magnuson. Second by Jason Laurvick. Unanimous approval. 2) Five yards of clean sand was donated by Monarch. The Bantam players helped to fill the holes, etc. on the outside rink using this sand.

**Pond Hockey:** Jason Rauner is going to take over the lead role in planning this event. He has touched base with Mike McCoshen. Currently there is \$65,340 in the Pond Hockey fund. Jason's goals for making Pond Hockey better include getting one "large" sponsor (defined as donating \$1500 or more) each year and also trying to grow the number of teams that participate. Advertising is underway. We absolutely need more than 24 teams to make this a successful event. There is a \$5000 grant from the Superior Chamber of Commerce. Looking at creating a specific Great Lakes Pond Hockey website and Facebook page. Jason is going to approach WITC and see if he can get a class to work on branding Great Lakes Pond Hockey. This would start in January. Jason's needs include getting some ideas for a large sponsor which means that they would donate \$1500 or more. Some ideas for businesses he could approach were thrown around. Jason suggested keeping Mike McCoshen on the Pond Hockey account and adding Kevin Mudrak, Al Pettingill, and himself. Motion to add these people by Troy Lambert. Second by Dave Strum and Jason Laurvick. Unanimous approval.

**Bylaws & Policies:** Closed session.

**Development:** 1) It was discussed to get rid of the numbers matrix. Mark LaFlamme recommends this. This number matrix was not followed at the Squirt and PeeWee levels and was followed at the Bantam levels and this caused an issue. Someone suggested looking at what USA hockey is doing and look at our association. Jason Laurvick responded no to this idea and said to look at just our association. The development committee should bring decisions to the board for approval. This issue was tabled to be discussed further at the next meeting. 2) Drake Rekke is on the PeeWee B team. Mom is not involved. Dad has been away with work. Dad was not aware that there was a grade level

move up policy and would like to do a grade level move up for Drake so that he can play with his classmates. Motion by Nicole Trautt to move Drake Rekve up from PeeWee B to Bantam B and deal with other move ups as they come up. Second by Paul Kurtz. Yes votes from Nicole Trautt, Cindy Magnuson, Kraig Reed, Al Pettingill, Paul Kurtz, and Shawn Christianson. Abstain from voting included Jason Laurvick and Dave Strum. Motion passes. Josh Pettit will talk to Tim Curtis and tell him about the approval to move Drake Rekve up. Josh Pettit will also inform the Rekve family.

**Fundraising & Publicity:** 1) Larson Chevrolet ticket deal. Josh Pettit will get in touch with Larson Chevrolet and get all the materials. 2) Regarding Jody Tetzlaff and donating programs for tournaments ... The funeral home bills SAHA roughly \$700 per year for paper, ink, hours, etc. 2) Calendars – There are still some to hand out. Paul Kurtz would like to look at possibly doing packets again next year to hand these out and the idea of not doing candy sales. 3) Super Raffle tickets – There are only 10 left to hand out. 4) Pictures – Forms will be coming soon and will be handed out to each team. Pictures will start on December 10. 5) Upper Lakes Food sales went great.

**Volunteer & Manager:** No report.

**Rules & Referees:** No report.

**Concession:** No report.

**Gilbertson (Ad Hoc):** No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Tim (student from UMD) is working on a school project. He would like to do an analysis regarding declining numbers in our association. Dave and Josh will help to get Tim the information that he needs. Tim will come back to us with the results. Tim is also interested in possibly getting involved with Pond Hockey.