

YAIA Board Meeting

February 11, 2014: Meeting Minutes by Julie Perakslis

Board Members in attendance: Julie Perakslis, Dave Withrow, Max Roesler, Bryan Schoenfelder and Rob Barger.
Absent: Jamie VanWinkle, Mike Krajewski

Committee Members & guests in attendance: Sue Zavadil & Pam Erickson; Figure Skating, Randy Eichacker, Dave Spencer, Rhonda Schenkel, Mike Freeman, Ryan List

Approval of January Minutes: Motion by Dave to approve, seconded by Rob and passed.

Treasurer's Report: \$6,000 pending to 4H for Insurance. Dave Spencer thought this might be for 2 years. Rob will call Mary at 4H regarding to confirm insurance expense. Referee fees also still need to be paid from this weekend. We have not received January & December Open Skate deposits yet—expecting a strong deposit given the number of Open Skate sessions over the Christmas holiday. Randy is working on a solution for stronger accountability with concessions money handling. Mike got an extension on our taxes. Motion was made to accept treasurer's report sent in by Mike. Rob approved and Dave seconded. Passed.

Committee Reports

Coaches: Chad is working on the cages—they were back-ordered. He's looking into the possibility of building them ourselves. \$1100 was approved via email for two cages on January 29th

Registrar: Rhonda Schenkel Reporting

- Rhonda is going to coaches for state award patches for Squirt – Varsity players. She is also compiling a list of first year players to receive pucks at end-of-season banquet. She says we have enough pucks in-house for this.
- *Volunteers:* Rhonda has contacted those who have not met their volunteer obligation and let them know when their checks will be cashed
- *Participation Numbers:* Learn-to-Skate: 51 people this year. 38 in 2nd session. A 6 person increase from the 45 we had last year. 10 learn-to-skaters moved into MiniMites, Mites and Squirts. Hockey: 233 members this year, 34 more than last year. Rob asked how many families in the association. Randy responded following the meeting with: 183 families in all of YAIA programs
- *Squirt Tournament:* Gwen Wenisch was the coordinator and did a great job. 12 teams total participated (10 visiting). Total net profit from tournament is \$5,529.35. Total gross income was \$8,212. Recommendations for future is not to ask teams to pre-pay gate, just let them pay when they arrive. During the Squirt Tournament, the 4H/YAIA Kitchen Remodel Committee held a raffle basket fundraiser. All hockey teams and each 4H club donated a basket filled with a variety of items to raffle off. \$795.00 was earned on this raffle for the kitchen remodel.
- *Discover Hockey*(for free): March 1st from 4pm – 6pm with registration at 3:30pm.
- *Free Jerseys:* Rhonda took a webinar at USA Hockey that earned our association some free jerseys
- *Sam Tronnes Grant:* They gave us \$500 last year which we spent on equipment. Rhonda and Terry are working on this year's larger grant
- *Riverboat Days Float Committee:* Someone needs to take this over.
- *Summer Building Use Request:* Parks & Recreation asked if we could use the rink building for summer activities. Due to expense for lighting and cooling and need for adult supervision for all activities, board decided to suggest to Todd he use Westside Park and hire the older former hockey players to assist.
- *Mite In-House Showcase:* March 1st & 7th 6:15-7:30
- *Optimists Skills Event:* For ages 7-13: 3 Groups: 7-9 year olds, 10-11year olds and 12-13 year olds. Saturday, March 1st , 9:45am – 12:15pm

Equipment: Randy Eichacker reporting

- **Bucs Jerseys for the Boys JV** and probable Varsity teams next season. We have 4 jerseys left right now, 2 seniors graduating and 11 Bantam's eligible to move-up. This is a potential increase of 9 players and only 6 available jerseys. Randy suggested getting sets now rather than waiting and dealing with a potential back-order/delay when all the other teams are ordering. Minimum order is 12 sets at a cost of \$60-\$65/jersey. Rob made a motion to order the jerseys and Max seconded, motion passed.
- **Proposal on Carpet/Flooring:** Randy passed around information on a flooring/carpet proposal for the board to consider. No decision needs to be made yet. See attached. The quote is through Becker, which is the best price Randy has been able to find so far. To replace everything would cost about 4K. The flooring rolls are cheaper than interlocking depending on which way we want to go.
- **Registration:** Rhonda has gotten in touch with Kendra Bakke to start learning registration. Nancy Wenande will help as well. We need to get prices for next year set. Randy would like to start the 2014/2015 registration year this summer to streamline the process and get it going earlier this year.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Randy is working on a new proposal for volunteer hours to strengthen the current program. He will send this around to the board for review.

Facilities/Kitchen: Rob Barger/Ryan List Reporting

- **Kitchen:** donations are coming in. Rupiper Travel has donated a trip to Alaska. There is a Kitchen Remodel Meeting on Tuesday, February 18th.
- **Zamboni Garage Door:** Ryan re-wired the door to open only if light switch is on. This should stop the random opening of the garage door in likely response to an area garage door opener.

Figure Skating: Sue Zavadil & Pam Erickson Reporting

- Figure Skaters did well in Blaine, MN last month and won the percentage trophy again.
- Sue asked about sharpening skates. Randy said to take them to Ace. They need to be sharpened prior to turn-in
- Weekend of February 21st 2015 is reserved for In-house Program. This date was cleared with Rhonda already. Figure Skaters are asking for YAIA concessions for this one

Disciplinary

- Nothing to report

Financial: Dave Spencer Reporting

- Dave Spencer had 250 invites made up for March 15th "Burn the Mortgage" event starting at 5:30pm. It will be a brief ceremony followed by a free Open Skate until 9pm. Food will be served. Dave will ask around about donations and/or the association will cover the meal expense for guests. Kiwanis and all legacy and start-up donors will be invited along with current and former association members.
- Order of prioritization of facility needs:
 1. Lights
 2. Bleacher replacement with handicap access
 3. Cat walk for dryland and warm-ups (similar to Aberdeen's) We need to check with building inspector on this and make sure we have any necessary licensing

Marketing: Julie Perakslis Reporting

- Rob is going to talk to Knology about internet for streaming video in the rink area so we can watch games remotely. Also checking on possibility of internal voicemail for rink phone so calls can be directed to mailboxes appropriate to that group/area and one number can be given out for all association purposes.
- Discussion on selling season tickets, Open Skate gift certificates and student passes next season.
- Discussion on possibility of selling YAIA merchandise at Ace and also on locking down our logo's for YAIA approved use only. Rob is checking with Merchandising Committee on this

- Dave Spencer suggested we have the Mites/MiniMites collect pucks and get announced ahead of JV & Varsity home games next season—a couple at a time to drive their continued interest. We are doing this with all the MiniMite-Squirt girls this weekend for the last Girls JV home game.

Old Business

Approval of Shooting Cage Funds: This was approved by the board for 2 at \$449 each/approximately \$1100 total via email.

Election/Banquet/Ice Removal Dates:

- Applications for Board Nominations need to be in by 2/15.
- The Banquet is March 23rd.
- The last open skate is scheduled for March 15th after the Mortgage Burning Party.
- We only need a couple of days' notice to take out the ice.
- Ice has to be out by April 1st for turn-over to 4H. We will decide on date at next board meeting.

Handbook Recommendations:

- Dave Spence suggested that any problems we ran into this year is a good place to start
- Team Selection Process needs to be improved
- Volunteer requirements will change. Randy is working with some ideas to strengthen volunteer support
- Student Passes to be included?
- Update School Policy to reflect the policy set by YSD this year

New Business:

- Girls U12 Team: Mike Freeman asked to put together a U12 Girls Team. The team would play friendly games against Brookings, MN teams and any other available SD team that fields a girls team
- U12 Girls Division is not part of league play, so girls participating can still play on a Squirt-JV team
- Mike plans to have a meeting with female hockey player parents next Thursday
- The board approved Mike moving forward with a U12 girls development team

Motion to adjourn made by Max and seconded by Julie, then passed.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Kiwanis/4H Equipment Room