

**Yankton Area Ice Association**  
Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2014 – 6:30pm  
Ice Rink Meeting Room

**Board Members Present:** Max Roesler, Mike Krajewski, Rob Barger, Ryan List, Julie Perakslis & Heath Larson

**Guests Present:** Chad Kapla, Rob Stephenson, Kevin Perakslis, Rhonda & Darrell Schenkel, Pam Erickson, Randy Eichacker, Kara Weinandt, Kendra Bakke, Jim Palmer

**Approval of July meeting minutes:** Max, motion to approve, Ryan seconded. Motion passed.

## II. Committee Reports

- A. **Registrar:** Team Coordinators met last night. Rhonda met with Kendra last week. Kendra will work with team coordinators to get registrations in. She will be getting pamphlets and flyers out to schools in the next couple of weeks. Walk-in registration is September 14<sup>th</sup> 3-6pm. Schools will put in folders in elementary school, but leave at front desk for interested kids at the middle school level.

Dave spoke with Dan French with the SD state hockey Association. He feels that, in Yankton, we should get registrations in by end of June. We will discuss this further at a later meeting.

- B. **Figure Skating:** Pam will add an adapted code of conduct form to Figure Skating program. Hockey Code of Conduct form was created by USA Hockey. The board will vote by email to whether to approve the FS code of conduct as written by August 19. FS are still in process of recruiting coaches. There is a training aid package to coach higher-level students. There is an online subscription training program that costs around \$300/year. Pam would like to be able to use this to offer training to coaches. Pam would initially purchase it for the year but would be reimbursed, as this would be part of coaching fees. There would be one login for all the coaches. No issues from board on this matter.

FS would like to put on their fall fundraising garage sale the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of October. There are no issues with scheduling for those days. Pam is okay with funding going into general account. They had previously used this and other fundraisers to pay coaches. As long as they can still pay coaches, they are okay with putting all funds in main account. Ryan suggested combining FS & Hockey apparel committees. Then they can be sold and ordered together. Lisa Barger, Michelle List and Sandy Vavra are handling fan gear on the hockey side. Pam will have her apparel person contact Lisa, Michelle & Sandy.

Pam created job descriptions for her “dibbed-out” positions, which she will give to Randy for the website.

- C. **Recruitment Coordinator/Discover Hockey:**

Kara Weinandt will do this for one year. She would like an assistant to be ready to take over for next year. Carol Larson and Nancy Hetherington called Rhonda and are interested in helping. Both have worked Discover Hockey before and are familiar with registration and the process.

First Discover Hockey is a 2-on-2. November 8 and February 21 are dates requested by USA Hockey/Discover Hockey for 2-on-2s. Kara will check with Discover Hockey Coordinator to see if we can change the date on 2/21 by a day or two, as there is a conflict with a Figure Skating competition that weekend. November 8<sup>th</sup> is available for Discover Hockey. The recommended time is 4pm -6pm with registration at 3:30 (after open skate), Kara is going to schedule for this

time. We also need a time for Discover Hockey Girls. We will run it on October 12 also from 4pm – 6pm with a 3:30 registration time. We did not have ice for it last year, but it still worked out, though we anticipate getting ice in the first week of October this year.

Northern Plains District: “Grow the Game.” They want us signed-up for these Discover Hockey dates by August 15. Kara plans to have us signed up by then. Kara has all the information on Grow the Game. Kendra will send Kara necessary forms filled in from last year to help her register this year. Chad will make sure the JV/Varsity level players help and that they have the necessary coaches.

#### D. Coaching

1. **Level of play for JV and Bantam:** Dave has been talking with Dan French of State Hockey Association. PeeWee level we are looking at A, B & C. That looks like it will go through. It will be done by population of the city. State said we have to play a Varsity and a JV team and we cannot field two Bantam B teams. We’ll have to play one ‘A’ and one ‘B.’ The State Board felt YAIA has been around long enough and we need to move our players up to the next level. Bantam situation is difficult. It looks like we will have 21 skaters. Not enough for two teams, but we can only field 20 on a team. After discussion, to ensure nobody is left out of play, Chad & Dave decided the best solution is to pick four of the best Bantam Players and move them up to JV (if they and their parents are agreeable to it). At the JV/Varsity level, we have 25 players. If we pull four up, we have 29. Chad felt this would be an ideal number for Varsity/JV and for Bantams. Dan French with the State Board felt if we moved our best Bantams up, we could probably play Bantam B. Our options, given no formal appeals process, is Dave can write a letter tonight requesting two JV split equally team. The State felt we were already creating a Varsity/JV team when splitting by ability. Following a spirited discussion, Ryan made a motion that we follow the State’s decision and Chad’s suggestion that we field a Varsity team and a JV team, then move four players up from Bantam (if those kids and parents agree), thus allowing us to field a single Bantam B team of 17 players. Rob seconded. Motion passed. Rob Stephenson suggested Dave write a letter explaining the request to play down to the state in the hope that next year the State will be more open to two JV teams instead of a Varsity and playing down at the Bantam level. Dave suggested parents write letters to the state board as well. We will review our bylaws to make sure moving Bantam players moving up are covered and Randy will change the handbook to accommodate moving up by more than one level by birth year by adding “by coaches recommendation and following board approval” to the section on move-up play.
2. **Ice time:** Julie made motion to accept the Ice Schedule as presented by Chad; motion was seconded and passed.
3. **Colorado Hockey Group:** Fell through. The two coaches got excellent coaching jobs and could not make it.
4. **Red/White scrimmage:** Chad would like to lock-in Sunday, October 5 – 25. Chad wants the players on the ice as much as possible. Date set to have ice is October 5<sup>th</sup>. Chad is looking at all evening times, some on the weekends. Cost will be \$50/player. Chad would like to use money earned from this to pay for coaches.

5. **Other:** Coaches meeting is 6pm on August 27. Coaches meeting for Figure Skating is scheduled for August 26. Discussion on paying young coaches from USD or Mt. Marty who have played hockey and know the sport. Brookings gets coaches they pay for from SDSU. Brookings & Rapid City do extra fundraisers to pay the coaches. Chad suggested looking at travel pay compensation to start with. Chad has located a college student interested in coaching at Bantam level who played high school in Minnetonka; one of the best high school programs in Minnesota. Rob Stephenson suggested we use good coaches at the lower levels to really develop the kids. Dave suggested developing a vision of where we want to be with paid coaching staff in the future.

#### E. **Financial**

1. **Financial report:** \$1,700 still coming in from 4H for Northwestern, \$500 comes out of FS for incorrect deposit and goes into Kitchen remodel account. Marc Mooney needs balance sheets & statements and last 3 years tax returns. Registration funds are starting to come in.
2. **Combining FS & Main checking:** FS okay with this. It will make financials a lot cleaner and easier. Ryan made a motion to combine FS into Main account and close FS account, Max seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Continue the Miracle Campaign:** Marc Mooney, banker, thinks we can have a loan by the end of the month for new aluminum bleachers, updated lighting, radiant heaters and a newly constructed equipment room, estimated to be \$89,457. Loan will be for \$90,000. Marc needs quotes from the companies and he needs a list of who has pledged and what the pledge amounts are. We have over 60K+ pledged already. This is a 5-year note. As soon as we have a signed note, Rob can send it to the bleacher company and they can get rolling. It should only take them a week to install, but bleachers will not likely be ready until early November. Discussion on whether plastic covers had been agreed upon at earlier meeting. Rob will get another quote with the seating on it. Pam suggested if opportunity exists to add plastic later, perhaps move forward with aluminum now so as not to slow us down. Ryan said the plastic seating is added at location even if ordered together. Heath suggested we could also possibly cash flow the plastic seats if we get the pledges in. We would have to go back to 4H to sign a new note if we increased the loan amount to include plastic seats now. Ryan and Rob do not think 4H will agree to a higher loan amount. (Although 4H signs the note, they do not pay anything on it). Heath made a motion to go with proposed renovations and Mike seconded. Ryan abstained. Rob will get an estimate for the plastic seating and we will look into cash flowing the seating if/when get enough pledges in to cover it. Mike will have paperwork to Marc Mooney by end of business Thursday.

- F. **Disciplinary:** Kevin will meet with Ryan Mors on training rules. Kevin will also be Safesport Manager.

#### G. **Equipment:**

Handbook items regarding admission for players: Randy suggested a roster with pictures at admissions so players can watch other players' game. We could also make a student ID. Ryan suggested pass along charge \$5 (or cost of card) to make a student pass for YAIA association

member players/Figure Skaters to watch all games. We will talk to Jamie of Affordable Expressions about doing this. Kristina K is also working with Jamie and Seniors to get Senior portraits up early in the season. We decided we would sell **Student Activity Passes for \$25.00** for non-YAIA member students to get into Yankton games excluding state tournaments. We will also **raise the gate to a flat \$5** for everyone over 10 to help cover increased referee costs. (Under 10 is still free).

**Jerseys:** Students can wear jerseys on game days/nights to school for PeeWee and above. Parents are not allowed to wear jerseys.

Randy will also set-up selling gift certificates for concessions and for gift certificates at concession. We will have to work out with City Open Skate gift certificates. We can sell skate cards for Open Skate gift certificates. Julie will contact Jill at PrintSource about printing 1,000 calendars. We need them before September 12.

G. **Scheduling:** Nothing to report at this time.

H. **Marketing:** Julie will write a press release for hockey registration: Sept. 14 walk in 3pm-6pm. Julie will also contact USD and Mt. Marty to see if they will put something in their student papers about recruiting for coaches for Hockey and Figure Skating.

**Team coordinator** meeting went well. We have a coordinator at every level. Randy said this would be a learning curve year.

We will be registering online for background checks through NGIN. It will be free to register as a coach. The cost to the association will be lower and is billed at end of season at \$10/background check. Turnaround will now only be 24hours. If there is an issue with a background check, the state will contact our Registrar who will turn it over to Safesport Coordinator.

**Open Skate:** Brittany Orr from City of Yankton is preparing the Open Skate contract. She is asking if fees will stay the same. We agreed at a previous meeting we would keep everything the same, but we are asking for a maximum of four and 2-3 Zamboni trained. We are also asking that the paid workers clean the facilities while they are there. Dave will talk to Bryan Schoenfelder about the city contract as he was planning to work discuss our terms with the City.

**RBD Float:** We have a committee working on the float. We plan to take a photo and recognize the float and float committee on our website this year. We have a set float budget of \$100.

**RBD Cleanup:** Volunteers will meet at the road/sidewalk above the new bathrooms at Riverside Park. Dave will send out more about this later.

### III. **New Business**

A. **Legends:** Julie will work with Ashley & Noelle of Legend Hockey on bringing a camp to Yankton. October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> are available as long as done by 4pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> for Figure Skaters.

Max made motion to adjourn, so moved.

Next meeting:

September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Rink.