



Yankton Area Ice Association

Minutes, December 9, 2014, 6:30 pm



Board Members in attendance: President, Dave Withrow, VP, Rob Barger, Treasurer, Heath Larson, Max Roesler, and Ryan List

Guests in attendance: Kendra Bakke: Registrar, Pam Erickson: Figure Skating, [Kara Weinandt](#)

I. Approval of November meeting minutes – Strike Bryan Schoenfelder’s statement in last month’s minutes. Motion made by Max, seconded by Dave to approve with correction. Motion carried.

II Committee Reports:

A. Registrar: Team rosters completed. Mini mites have a no-travel policy. If they want to travel then the games must be registered and approved by state. Friendly game with mini-mites are scheduled in January. Can’t have outside teams due to no-travel policy but if Sioux Center wants to come here then Kendra needs to notify the State. Coaches’ certifications, safe sport and modules must be updated by December 31st or they will not be able to be on the ice. Kendra is continuing to try to collect registration fees. The referee schedule was presented. Kendra is confirming who is scheduled vs. who was present so that payment is made correctly.

B. Figure Skating: One parent has not paid registration fees. Pam has had difficulty contacting parents. After discussion Heath made a motion, seconded by Ryan, that all parents with registration fees in the arrears are to pay full dues by December 31st or skater will not be able to be on the ice. Motion carried. It was advised that coaches be notified of this policy. Performance planning has started. Eight skaters are registered to go to the Luverne competition. Working on registrations for Blaine and Yankton’s competitions. It was suggested the figure skaters do a short routine at a varsity hockey game. Coaches and board received this idea well. Pam will work with figure skating coaches and Chad Kapla. Learn-to-Skate numbers are low. Pam has created a flyer to be distributed at the elementary schools with information on the second session of Learn-to-Skate for both Hockey and Figure Skating. 11 freestyle skaters will be attending an axel clinic in Luverne on December 21st. Pam requested that the \$160 to cover the cost of this camp be paid by YAIA. Max made a motion, seconded by Ryan to approve the \$160 to cover the cost of the axel clinic for figure skaters.

C. Coaching – Hotel rooms for Bantams were already approved. This will cost \$217.58 and \$193.00 in gas cards.

D. Recruitment coordinator – Recruitment coordinator still needed. Max will send out a request for one.

E. Financial – None available. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of financial reporting. It was recommended that Mike recruit assistance for doing financials, and to begin training someone prior to

his term begin completed on the board. Heath volunteered to help if Ryan will assist with Zamboni schedule.

1. Financial report -senior showcase payment – cost is \$495.

2. Continue the Miracle – Nancy Wenande declined chairing this campaign due to National Field Archery competition next year. Dave Withrow agreed to take over chairing the campaign.

F. Disciplinary Committee – There was discussion regarding a disciplinary report regarding an issue with a parent. The Yankton school district sends out a list of students who cannot participate in practice. The board determined that this issue should be handled by the Disciplinary Committee.

G. Equipment – No report

H. Scheduling

- Last day for compressor – the last day for the compressors will be March 19th. There is a MMC party that evening and the compressors will be shut off after the party is complete.
- Concern was expressed regarding teams not following the ice schedule. If one group is behind or stays past their scheduled ice time, then Bantams will have their practices cut short as they cannot skate past 9:30 p.m. It was requested that all teams follow their respective scheduled ice times. It was noted that one practice was delayed due to family pictures being taken on the ice. These events should be taken into consideration for the ice schedule next season.
- There was discussion regarding the Zamboni schedule. It was noted that the team that is coming off the ice should be the one assigned to clean the ice so that the next group always starts with clean ice. Heath will put up a note in the Zamboni room.

I. Marketing – No report

III. Old business

A. Mite jerseys – Mite jerseys will be red this year and white next year.

B. Squirt referees – Squirt refs questioned as to whether they would be paid for friendly games. After discussion it was agreed that the squirt refs would be paid \$30 each. For future games, the coaches will need to determine how to pay for referees.

C. Loan through First Dakota – Dave reported that no money has been drawn from the loan by December 1st. The date has been moved back to March 8th to draw money against the loan.

D. Other – Try For Free went well in November. Since the February 21st date is unavailable to have a camp, the marketing material will not be available. A new person is needed to take over Try-Hockey. This will be included with the recruitment coordinator request.

IV. New Business

A. Squirt tournament – T-shirt designs presented. Weekend passes will be offered at \$10.00 single and \$20 for family. Heath will assist with the marketing. It was requested that next year consideration be made to raise the price for the camp and not charge admission. \$300 was requested to pay for welcome bags. Donations will also be solicited. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Dave that \$300 be allocated for the welcome bags for the Squirt tournament. Motion carried.

B. State JV tournament – Kelly Loecker is the contact for the tournament.

C. Legends grant \$1500 shooting cage – A grant from Sanford has been approved in the amount of \$1500 from Sanford. Stipulations of the grant include providing invoices to Sanford of the costs but will YAIA will also need to provide three volunteers at the Legends Triathlon on June 13th in order to receive the grant dollars.

D. Legends hockey December through February – A request was made to bring back the coaches for Legends Hockey. This is an investment in skills, health and safety for the kids. The cost is \$680 each time they come including \$180 travel and \$100/level/hour. After discussion it was determined that two additional camps be held, one in December and one in January. A motion was made by Heath, seconded by Ryan, to approve the costs for two additional Legends hockey camps. Motion carried.

E. Game Day heatable cushions – There was discussion to purchase and sell heatable seat cushions. It was determined that these were not needed as plastic seat covers will eventually be ordered for the new bleachers.

F. Other –

- There has been contact with the prison camp to have inmates assist with projects around the ice rink.
- Brookings has requested to hang a banner. There was discussion regarding whether our banners should state Yankton Bucks or Yankton Miracle. Rob will look into this further.
- ADM Module – will come down and talk to Chad.
- The Cambria and Main Stay Suites in Rapid City are offering hotel specials. Kendra will inform the team coordinators
- Discussion regarding having Mites skate out for varsity games. Two Mite and their parents will come onto the ice and talk about what is their favorite part of hockey.
- Discussion regarding providing a free hockey pass for each elementary school student. One grade school will be recognized at each game.
- Discussion regarding adding a 4th compressor. Currently running at 75%. It could cost \$1500 - \$3000 to connect the compressor. This could make the ice colder plus provide a backup if one compressor goes out. Rob will obtain bids for this.
- One parent had a used riding lawn mower available at the rummage sale. She requested to sell raffle tickets for the mower. After discussion it was determined that the parent may place a flyer on the bulletin board to raffle the lawn mower for a cost of 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25.

- Discussion regarding lack of help with concessions and collecting game admissions. A notice is being sent to team coordinators with scheduled assignments for each team to cover specific games and events.

V. Adjourn next meeting January 13th – There being no further business, Rob made a motion, seconded by Ryan to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Erickson