



Yankton Area Ice Association  
Meeting Agenda January 13, 2015 6:30 pm



**Board Members in Attendance:** Max, Dave, Ryan, Rob, Julie, Mike, Heath

**Guests:** Randy, Kendra, Bryan, Pam, Kara

**Approval of December Board minutes:** Motion to approve, Max, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave. Motion passed.

**Committee reports**

**Registrar:** All players but 1 paid in full for season. Motion to refund Jameson Mitchell fees made by Ryan. Jameson incurred a season-ending injury during the first game of the season, though his Mom continues to be team parent and Jameson comes to games, practices and volunteers at rink to support the team. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob. Motion Passed. Player who has not paid or attended practices: decision that he cannot play until he pays (and it seems academically he cannot play-that would need to be corrected also). Ryan made motion that he cannot play until he pays and is back in school. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob. Motion passed. Dave will tell Chad.

About ½ a dozen skaters moved up to skating levels. 35 learn-to-skaters signed up for 2<sup>nd</sup> session. 16 new learn-to-skaters (about 16 did not re-up-so even). All coaches did get their paperwork in. Regarding Bantam goalie: there is a glitch in the system. Isaac Nedved is not showing up in system as having played anything but one game, but he has been at all games. Worried they won't let him play in state if not corrected. Kendra will call Maxine and fix this.

**Figure skating:** 7 learn to skaters signed up for 2<sup>nd</sup> session. These will all be involved in performance at end of season. Have started getting ready for event: theme "If you can dream it you can do it, words by Walt Disney" Working on Jan 30 routine for hockey game. 8-10 girls participating in that. Chad checked with state, no rules against this. Pam told girls and coaches to keep it at a 2 min tops routine. Board suggests have them do it during varsity game. Chad okay with whichever periods they want to do it between. Competitions; Luverne: 8 skaters attending, Blaine Frosty Blades: 6 skaters going 2 ½ day competition. Yankton Miracle: first competition they're hosting. 11 from Yankton. 36 total. Gross dollars on that is about \$4,000. Will still have to get awards, trophies and pay for judges. Pam guesses \$1200-\$1500 net when all done.

**Coaching:** Chad is sending a report to the state about the referee-ing in the Boys Varsity Huron game. Looks like state is trying to re-schedule the BJV game. Discussion on whether we make them come here for the game, play in Mitchell or have them forfeit. The decision was made too late for Yankton players by Huron on calling the game. Huron also did not follow the correct cancelling procedures. Ryan could not find in documentation anywhere the state had a procedure for how to communicate/cancel games. If we cannot agree when and where game is played between us and Huron the state will decide. Max says could move Bantam game up to 6:15 on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion on how to handle this. Board suggestion is that given the fact that Huron knew well in advance their players were sick and could have called the game before Yankton parents ever left for Huron. Max will ask Maxine at State to have Huron come to Yankton.

**Recruitment Coordinator:** Try hockey date not working well for coaches to run the event and FS has a competition all day during Discover Hockey Day. We cannot get free gear unless we do it on Discover Hockey Day (Feb. 21). Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> open dates. Kara looking for adults who can skate that could help with this. Nice to have coaches because they really help the kids learn to skate and get them off the walkers. We don't get the free gear if we don't hold it on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Heath suggested combining a learn-to-skate with a Discover Hockey program. Coaches and kids already there. Randy noted learn-to-skate coaches are short-handed. Heath suggested getting Terry & Chad to stay for the learn-to-skate/Discover Hockey. Max will talk to Nate and see which date works. It will be a Saturday morning. Max will get dates to Kara.

**Financial:** Sheet was provided by Mike with balances. Line of credit was used for bleachers. Exact invoice amount on bleachers was transferred from line of credit. Lights, equipment room Mike paid out of general fund. We cash-flowed that. Mike feels we're healthy financially overall. We'll have to decide when to start paying down the big chunks of money on line of credit. For now we'll pay the interest only amount. Shooting cage money comes in as a reimbursement. Has to be done by April 21<sup>st</sup>. Dave would like to know who all has pledged and what they have given towards Continue the Miracle Campaign. Dave Spencer has all that information and needs to get it to us. Mike will touch base with him and find out what we need to do. It was decided we need to bring it back to the board. Dave will talk to Dave S. Would like to get that money and pay it right back into that line of credit. **Seat covers:** Discussion on when we should purchase and install them. We also have **compressor** issues and a **de-humidification system** to get in there. These are a more critical issue—it was decided we should wait to get pricing on those first. The board has not heard a lot of complaints about seats. We do have the compressor, it's paid for, it just needs to be installed. Mike met with Heath to transition the books over to him. Discussed future direction and felt it would be better to have a **third party involved with taxes, auditing**, etc.. Upgrading software on laptop. Quickbooks online so other groups expensing can put items in directly. Some suggestions included MYPC.com, which is about \$150/year and multiple allowed people can access that PC remotely and talking to a tax preparer. Ryan will talk to accountants who are doing 4H and see if they can do both together. Mike and Heath will come to explain what YAIA is doing. Energy rebate check was \$1,701. Thank you Randy for finding that! **Continue the Miracle campaign:** Dave will run it. He will get names of people who can ask for money for it. Discussion on who and how to ask for Continue Miracle Campaign. We have an **invoice from TMA:** we don't have to pay it. Rob said just keep it in the file. Rob will ask Doug B about it—there should not be a balance. TMA got sticker on Zamboni in exchange for giving us new tires on it and maintaining them. Bantams: \$600 tournament **fee.** Board had agreed to pay for one tournament. There is no limit, but association should not pay gate—this was included for the Bantam Tournament. Rob believes back in the Minutes the limit is \$400 for a tournament. Dave suggest splitting the \$200 gate for Bantam Tournament among parents. For Squirts, we had approved a certain amount (\$300) for trinkets, etc.. All those tournament fees have come in and are in the Financial balance sheet provided.

**Disciplinary:** No issues this time. Tom Curran sent an email asking about instituting a parent code of conduct. Should we institute a "no noise maker" policy? Nothing listed on state website or playing policy that said no noise-makers. Dave got a call from James' mother that he had not gotten equipment back wanted to make sure he got it back. If he didn't get the equipment back, it was decided his Mom should be reimbursed for the rental. Thoughts on **college coaches** and how parents should approach them: We should have a policy that if parents have issues they go to coaching committee, or board—

leave the college student volunteers alone. It was suggested they have to approach the coaching chair, not the kids.

**Equipment:** Parent asked to be reimbursed for goalie mask and throat protector they purchased. \$230 for helmet and throat protector. They will donate to association when done. Discussion on how to handle this. Thoughts are that it is something that needs to be asked ahead of time. We don't want to create a situation where everyone starts trying to sell their used equipment back to the association at retail cost. Randy will tell the parent it is something that should have been asked before the purchase was made. **Figure skaters** have an issue with family not returning brand new skates. She has sent them a notice that if not returned by deadline they will be billed full retail price of skates. Randy wants to get a **router** in the rink so that by BJV tournament time we can stream the game by Hockey 605. It would also allow us to do live-scoring. Ryan will ask Yankton Computer if they can help with something like this. Discussion on how the wiring and router would work in the rink. Laptop for the music is starting to go bad. Maybe Yankton Computer will donate/give computers, routers help etc. for a sign. Max suggested also possibly talking to Verizon. Get our donation a different way—4G hotspot sponsored by Verizon. Pam asked about getting answering service for phone. We'll wait until next season on the phone.

**Scheduling :** DARE party is Friday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> night. We will need someone to Zamboni at 7:30. We get \$300 + concessions. The party is free to attendees and usually very busy. FS usually take care of Zamboni after their session. Ryan will get someone scheduled for 5:45, 7 and sometime after 9pm. Max needs someone here at 5:45 to get check, issue skates, take care of party. And getting skates checked-in at 9pm. Max also has a party Sunday. Dave can do Sunday party. Optimists club paying \$5/skater and no city employees, optimists are working it. Need Zamboni for that one. The 15<sup>th</sup> Healthy Yankton is paying \$3/skater. Both of these events are free and open to the public.

**Marketing:** Girls Night Out: Dave will look at it and talk to Stephanie. Board ok with giving a Mom/Daughter free skate. Open Skates are on Chamber calendar. Discussion on March 10 Membership Mixer. Ryan will check with them and make sure it's okay. We will ask to get the liquor license and Heath might be able to donate some beer. Kenny at Ace would pay \$500/year for an Ace skating display. He has the display case, they discussed liability and he acknowledge YAIA would not be responsible. He will give us \$500 every January for the display. Discussion on where to put it. Board in agreement that Ace can do this. Dave will talk to him tomorrow. It will have to be out of the rink by April 1.

**New Business :** Dave got a complaint about rough ice during open skate. Normally ice doesn't need cleaning during Open Skate,, this was just a particularly busy day Discussion on how we are notified or who checks on ice during open skates. This holiday Open Skate was during the work day, which makes finding a volunteer Zamboni-driver harder. Mike has only gotten one check from the City so far for Open Skates. Concessions and gates are doing well.

**Old Business :** Chad R. keeps getting asked by Sioux Center to do a MiniMite Friendly. We have a no-travel policy for MiniMites, but if Sioux Center is willing to come here and the parents want to do it, we are ok with it. Tell parents a \$1 ref fee. Kendra will just need names to roster. Will probably have two teams. \$2/kid for Yankton kids, Sioux Center no gate. Discussion on when to do the games. Board felt Saturday best. Max will look for a time. Heath will have Chad call the Sioux Center coach and work it out.

**Squirt Tournament** : Lori seems to have a handle on this. 12 teams coming.

**State JV Tournaments:** Dave got an email that we need to supply brackets. He will ask if we're supposed to do brackets—board thought state would have a standardized bracket. Thursday night there is a BJV State Tournament Meeting during team meal. All T-Shirt designs have to be approved by the state.

**Prison Camp and Projects:** Jill did training with some board members prior to meeting. We need to let her know by Thursday what our needs are the week before.

**Other:** FS looking for a couple of boys to participate in their program. February 28 - March 1. January 30<sup>th</sup> Ryan wanted to do a 4H night at the rink. Kids + one adult get in free—they need to wear green. This was approved.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting February 10, 2015 at 6:30pm