

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Annual Meeting Minutes and
Board Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2015, 5:30 pm

Board Attendees: Becky Lemke, Karen Welling, Betsy McCrary, Gary Brendemuehl, Luanne Kostelic, Lisa Wendler, Alison Veldkamp, Brenda Egli, Stacy Hollfelter, Jason Ledford, Misi Waters, Jen Kurtz

Absent: none

Public Attendees: Sue Culbertson, Mike Culbertson, Suzanne Doody Kelly Feiler, Nate Rosin, Tracy Rosin, Mary Jo Blumer, Patsy Zielsdorf

Meeting followed directly after the annual meeting and was called to order at 5:46PM.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Nate Rozin commented on the large number of skaters at the HS2 level projected. He asked that the board think about the possibility of having two teams. He also asked about non-parent coaches at the Bantam level, which is preferred. Jason asked if we can't have two teams, would more games scheduled with a sit rotation be a possible alternative. Since WAHA is changing to U18 Midget Hockey and eliminating the HS2 category for state tournaments, this will be a disadvantage to SPYHA's team. There are very few U16 teams in WI. One possibility would be to look for more games in northern IL. Luanne commented that any scheduling needs to be done very early since it was difficult to find teams to play last season. Mary Jo Blumer asked about any further discussion about a JV team at the high school. Betsy did talk to the Athletic Director and was told it is not possible to do next year based on budget and Title 9, but there are other options we can investigate with both of those issues. Coach Finkler is on board and will support SPYHA's efforts. Betsy has a meeting set up with Coach Finkler and Mr. Nee in late June, Betsy will forward the date and time to the board for interested people to attend. Sue Culbertson had a suggestion for adding one game of playdowns per team except for the team hosting state each year. This would help the team reps who always have a hard time collecting money at the end of the year.
2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. Secretary Report (Lisa Wendler):
 - Thank you to Gary for all his time this year, he has done an amazing job!
 - April meeting minutes: Jason made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, Jen seconded. Motion passed unanimously (NOTE: the minutes sent out and approved were actually the joint SP Ice/SPYHA meeting minutes. April meeting minutes will be approved at June meeting.) There were several survey comments about posting the meeting minutes sooner, which Lisa will strive to do in the coming years.
 - b. Treasurer Report: Gary Brendemuehl
 - Gary announced all account balances. We have a few bigger expenses coming due including the audit, but we are in good shape.
 - c. President Elect: Betsy McCrary
 - Nothing to report not on agenda
 - d. Past President :Jen Kurtz
 - SP Ice Report: Pro shop is moving forward quickly, they will have skate sharpening services on site. The vendor is Pete's Pro Shop. Lisa also commented that she is going back to volunteer status with SP Ice and will no longer be a paid employee of the rink.
 - e. President Report: Karen Welling – WAHA asked to change the state tournament we are hosting in order to also be able to host Tier 1 Playdowns, which need to be near Madison in order to accommodate Team Wisconsin players who are double rostered to play. We asked to host PeeWee A or another A tournament if we would be changing, they could not get Beloit to change but Middleton did, so we will be hosting PeeWee B state again this year. WAHA did say that we will be hosting Bantam A in 2017, and we will submit for another A level tournament in 2018 as well.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee:
 - Sue provided a list of hours approved for the various committees and positions for next year. Mary Jo noted there are plenty of opportunities over the summer to get started on hours for next year.
 - Betsy noted a thank you to Sue and Mary Jo Blumer for their time for the volunteer hour reports!
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee:
 - Likely doing the raffle again next year. Looking for volunteers on this committee to help with other fundraisers like New Year's Eve, golf outing, etc.
- c. Communications Committee: Steve Traut is looking for help with communications next year. He would like to start training someone
- d. Cardinal Cup Committee: Sue asked about the dates for next year. She has also been contacted again by Let's Play Hockey about advertising for next year, which is about \$700. Sue's opinion is that most of the tournaments listed are in MN, so she did not think this is a necessary expense. We are meeting with Larry about the schedule this week.
- e. Concessions Stand Committee: There is still a concern that there are a lot of hours being posted that are not being claimed, which cuts into our profits. Most of the times are not worth hiring a paid staff. We will continue to put these opportunities in the email blasts, please let other families know about registering for next season now and getting some hours in for next season.
- f. ACE Directors: Suzanne Doody reported there is a Level 4 coaching clinic in Stevens Point this year.
- g. Region 4 Meetings/WAHA Report: Jen reminded the board and attendees about the WAHA annual meeting. It will be held in Wausau again on August 1.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS:

- a. ADM U6 (Brenda Egli): nothing to report
- b. ADM U8 (Becky Lemke): nothing to report
- c. Squirt (Stacy Hollfelder): nothing to report
- d. PeeWee (Alison Veldkamp): nothing to report
- e. Bantam (Misi Watters): Tom Lee sent out the Bantam Summer Hockey info which is being sent to incoming Bantam players this week as well.
- f. High School 2 (Luanne Kostelic): nothing to report
- g. Coaches' Rep (Jason Ledford): Jason would like to have a timekeeper for meetings moving forward. He would also like to order the mini nets discussed last meeting now in order to get them in time for the season. He would like to order 6. Betsy had sent an email to the company to negotiate a quantity discount. Jason will be sending out info on the Squirt/PeeWee summer hockey sessions to be sent to teams.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. SPYHA Policy and Procedures Manual: Betsy has an updated version. Board discussed creation of a disciplinary committee and updated association code of conduct for players, coaches and parents. Brenda noted that the policy manual should be done before the start of the season. She has investigated many other associations' policies and has suggestions for addition to our policies. Lisa suggested that we have another meeting with everyone who wants to be involved to get a final draft together before approval of the final before the season starts. Meeting will be held on Monday June 15 at 6PM.
- b. End of Season Survey: Review of the results will happen on Wednesday June 17th at 6pm.
- c. 2015 – 2016 Budget: Betsy and Gary would like to see a firm budget for next year to help plan our expenses and eliminate requests at board meeting. Gary will be doing a budget to vote on at the August meeting. Jason suggested a dollar limit for single transactions, which we can put in the new policy manual. There was a general discussion about ice times and number of teams projected for next year based on new estimates. SP Ice prefers us to schedule more ice than needed and give it back, rather than underschedule and then need more. This will be taken into consideration in the scheduling meeting. Tryouts are tentatively scheduled for four sessions per level, one hour each beginning the first week in October.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Player Release: 1) Heather Meyer came to ask for a release of her son to play with the Patriots. Her son open enrolls in the Monona Grove school district, and wants to play with his school friends. They will be staying in the Monona Grove school district through high school graduation. Jason Ledford made a motion to allow the release of Gavin Meyer to the Patriots hockey organization for the 2015 – 2016 hockey season. Alison Veldkamp seconded. Motion passed unanimously. 2) Ethan Paulat (released in April) actually could be directly released to Waunakee (their preference) instead of having to petition the Patriots first, since that is playing a level down. We had approved a release to the Patriots, so we need to reapprove the release directly to Waunakee. Betsy made a motion to amend the release for Ethan Paulat to release him directly to Waunakee, Jason Ledford seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. Golf Outing: happening July 24, see the website for online registration and further details.
- c. U6/U8 name change: Suzanne Doody proposed the name change. The ADM model continues through all the levels, and we have many kids that start after age 6 and it is confusing. Jason made a motion to change the name of the U6 and U8 programs respectively to Mini Mite and Mite. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Other Business:
 - Hotel and Tournament Review Binder: Brenda has created a listing of hotels, tournaments, etc for team reps to refer to when scheduling travel. Level reps should send a request to team reps for any information they have on these facilities.
 - Timekeeper for Meetings: Becky agreed to take on this role.
 - Net Purchase: Cost with shipping would be about \$1200 total for 6 nets. Jason requested 32 lb nets with 2 inch pipes. Netting is the same for regular nets. Jason also requested we ask the Z Team to lace the nets. Jason made a motion to approve up to \$1500 for purchase of 6 nets. Alison seconded. Betsy asked that the money be taken out of the equipment fund. Motion passed unanimously. Jason requested the old nets to be taken out of the area.
 - PeeWee board appointment: Patsy Zielsdorf arrived and is willing to accept the nomination. We will vote on the appointment in June.
 - Brenda Egli asked to move the June board meeting to the last week in June. Another discussion would be to start later than 6pm. Decision is to move the start time to 7PM on June 21st.

Stacy made a motion to go into closed session at 7:20PM. Jen seconded. Closed session started at 7:21PM.

Board determined that due to WAHA's probationary status of an association coach, that coach will not be appointed as a coach for the 2015-2016 season, and a letter from the Board to the coach will be sent indicating this decision.

Motion to come out of closed session by Jason Ledford at 7:37, seconded by Jen. Motion passed
Motion to adjourn by Jen, seconded by Jason. Motion approved. Meeting ended at 7:37 pm.