



September 9, 2015

I. **CALL TO ORDER** by Dave Withrow.

**Board members present:** Heath Larson, Kevin Heiman, Ryan List, Gwen Wenisch, Dave Withrow, Kevin Schulz

**Guests:** Shawn Wagner (equipment mgr), Kendra Bakke (registrar), Pam Erickson (figure skating), Julie Perakslis (marketing), Bryan Schoenfelder, Chad Kapla (coaching coordinator).

II. **MINUTES** : motion by List, second by Heiman. All approved.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Continue the Miracle Campaign and Capital**

- Boards update - changed the doors around to match our floor plan of the rink. New final costs for the boards are \$67,788.90. Sent check for \$57180, add \$4303.60 for modifications and totaling \$72092.50. Motion by Schulz, second Heath. Discussion occurred on the increase in costs but the Board felt we needed to see this process through. All members voted in agreement for this purchase. Motion passes. The old boards will go to Spearfish as they set up a hockey association. Removal will start Tuesday September 15, 16, 17.
- Pledges/spent amount - \$29175 pledged. \$10730 still waiting.
- Plaque - 3 ft x 4 ft. name plates will reflect contribution in color. Heath will get color/price/time frame.
- Compressor Update - \$500 approved, Schulz will call to schedule evaluation.

**B. Riverboat Day Cleanup & Float Update** - wrote a check for \$290, we received \$300 first place prize. There were only a few families that helped with clean-up. This will need to be a team issue with team parents taking part to line up shift assignments. The reality is all players should be helping - not just a few. The association received \$1000 for time and effort of clean-up.

**C. AED Update** - The AED will be purchased through the Heart Hospital. The cost of AED is \$999. Ordered by Withrow. Cabinets for \$100. Cost is \$1199 with total being split between YAIA and 4-H. No additional Board action was necessary as this was approved in an earlier meeting.

**D. Shooting Cage Update** - It was brought to the rink today and will be installed soon.

**E. Federal Prison Workers** - The request letter of inmate assistance has been updated and submitted. Inmates have cleared to assist us for the upcoming season.

**F. Open Skate** - new contract sent from city with a change in one section: make sure we check for needed zamboni once in the middle of open skate or they may not renew next year's contract.

**G. Halloween Party** - The Board agreed to do the event again this year. It will be the first available night of open skating for the season. Jamie VanWinkle will be asked to coordinate the games again.

**H. Figure Skaters During Hockey Games** - The state mandates the figure skaters must perform on dirty ice if they wish to perform for half-time entertainment. That's too much of a safety risk for the figure skaters. May be before a single game. It will be tabled for now.

**I. State Meeting** - October 3rd. All YAIA Board members are unavailable to attend. We will ask Brian Wenisch and Terry Pederson as alternatives. We will find out when spring meeting is and Board members will work out plans to attend.

**J. Other** - no EMTs willing to come for home games. We will look at the issue for state championship games.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Registrar

- **Sign - up** - 126 registered, 4 want scholarship = totaling 126 for hockey. 4 figure skaters apply for scholarships. Some teams PW on up have former members that have not registered. The numbers need to be determined immediately so the state can proceed on the scheduling. Kendra & Gwen will call the former members and see what their interest level is. Final numbers need to be to Chad or Kevin Heiman so scheduling can be fixed. The board will act on recommendations from Kapla.
- **Discovery Hockey (2 on 2 challenge new name)** - Nancy Heatherington will do this. From last year's event we received 4 sets of helmets through shin guards and 10 sticks. Kara Weinandt registered us for this year. Due to the new boards and later ice installation, the Oct 10th Girls Discover Hockey will more than likely be on dry land. We may put aside new sticks to use for Discover Hockey so the stick tape don't leave marks. As a consolation (if there's no ice yet) provide one free open skate pass per participant. Any copies will be reimbursed through YAIA. Make separate flyers for girl's hockey, hockey, and figure skating.
- **Scholarship applications** - 8 applied. We have \$1000 to grant out. Motion made to cover 75% of registration fees with applicant paying the remaining 25% (except in one family requesting \$75 - granting the full \$75) made by Heath, Heiman second. All in favor. Motion passed.

**B. Equipment** - Mites goals will hopefully be here by Saturday. Shawn feels like it's being drug out and will call October 1st if they don't arrive. There will be another equipment check out date (October 4th 5:00-7:00 P.M.). Need size 2 skates. Will look for used skates. Ordered white mite jerseys. Need to switch out older jerseys for Bantam-squirt. Something for next summer.

**C. Figure Skating** - have 34 registered. 2 waiting for scholarship approval and they are only waiting on a few registrations. They have gained a few new entries also in learn to skate. Registration can take place until the week before the season starts so there is no time constraint to contend with. District ISI meeting is coming up - our competition is approved for 20th and 21st. Rummage sale is October 3rd. Lessons will start Oct 18th. There will also be a meeting next week with the Figure Skating coaches.

#### **D. Coaching -**

Bryan Schoenfelder (former YAIA President) will put out info to USD & Mount Marty to help find coaches. We will see what interest is and look at ways to compensate people/interested parties on this. 5,000/10,000 puck challenge gave 2 cards Ace rewards cards as prizes. Cole Pederson won for 5,000 pucks. Luke Abbot won for 10,000 pucks.

The Veterans Day Legend Hockey Camp will cost approximately \$2600. Time will be used during Mon & Tues during practice & Wed all day camp. There will be no charge to players for sessions during their normal practice. At this time, approximate charge for each participant will be \$60 for the Wednesday camp. We may also consider a possible goalie camp Sunday.

Tournaments - Chad has a tournament options for PW and Bantam and they will be discussed at the next meeting. The board agreed to send necessary checks to cover registration fees for tournaments.

**E. Financial** - Williams and Co. will do taxes for us. We need to file our taxes a different way now. More info is needed as we have hit the \$200,000 threshold. If we get audited, we have list of docs we need. The YAIA Board may need to have audit committee. If there is a conflict of interest, we should perhaps have policy possibly to add to handbook. Next month Heath hopes to have a copy of taxes and need a motion to file. List motion to approve financial report with Heiman 2nd. All in favor. Motion passes.

**F. Disciplinary** - nothing at this time.

**G. Scheduling** - mainly the same as last year. We will zam after every 2 ice session. Times are in line with what other associations are doing. There have been concerns with the bantam times but again, it mirrors what other associations are doing. The schedule will need to be posted on the website. If teams change with enrollment, we will address the necessary change then. Motion to approve Wenisch, List second. All approved. Motion passes.

Mount Marty has booked parties throughout the season.

**H. Marketing** - We are going to push for additional interest in girls JV. Four YAIA association girls made state hockey team (Chloe Perakslis, Abby & Taylor Weber, and Bailey Prather). These girls competed with girls from Aberdeen and Brookings. Both newspapers will run a story (observer & P&D). Soccer ends end of Sept. This is a very similar sport to hockey. We may consider offering a deal to try hockey, (which would be great off-season training for soccer), offer do discover hockey, and register for Girls JV...YAIA will waive/pay the fee to USA Hockey. Depending on equipment available, there may be a possibility to rent gear.

Who are we targeting? Now we're pushing recruiting, church nights, community night for rentals, school organization, FCA, Big Friend/Little Friend. We sent flyers to neighbor schools on hockey/skating organization options. Flyers also went to the schools for rink rental as well. There is the hockey rink rental \$100 hr and warming room for hr. Wednesday 6:15-7:15. Our goal is to get new kids on the ice and make it affordable. We will also push Birthday parties! With elem. kids, need to have hockey teams/skaters do it. Even for school day fieldtrips...

**I. Other Items** - Live Stream Cube will stream games free. We need to get an I-Pad and stand. A modem will be necessary to do live scoring. This was used for the state tournament and it worked well. We will have Stream Cube through the end of March. VAST company will be donating this for banner in rink. This live stream

service will be used for all state level games. Dibs will be available for these events. We will start for V and JV. A motion to approve live streaming games and the purchasing of necessary equipment from List with a second Heath. All in favor. Motion passed.

**V. MOTION TO ADJOURN** - Heath motion to adjourn. Schultz 2nd. All in favor. Adjourn 10:07 p.m.

**Next meeting is: October 8th 6:30 P.M.**

YALIA BOARD APPROVED