

S. Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:30. All members were present except CJ Hanson. Guests included John Steiner, Darcy & Dallas Woertink, Daryl Skora, Jody Pletan and Eric Skott.

Treasurer: CJ Hanson Absent no report

Secretary: M. Evans

- Motion by K. Evans to approve minutes from the May meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Wirkus; all in favor.

Past President: J. Rasmussen

- Building Update: Jack visited with the Mayor after a newspaper article made it sound like the ice rink is moving to the back burner. The city is quickly moving forward with the softball diamonds and in talks with a few possible donors to help with the cost of the ice rink which may now include a 3<sup>rd</sup> “flat floor” space.
- Ordered 2 of the 4 nets for little kids. They just need to be picked up and assembled. If Jack is happy with the durability of them, he will order the other 2. Jack will get in touch with Ryan Hoffman from the city to see about using old net material to use on the baby goals.

President: S. Sheehan

- Jack and Steve went to the United Way meeting. All seems in order and we should find out this fall what funds we will receive from them.
- Steve passed around the info from the Brookings Association for their upcoming season tournaments.

Vice President: J. Wirkus

- Steve and Jenni have included both hockey people and non-hockey people for the proposed committee. They have also recommended that it be a larger group of people than 3. The new proposed committee includes: Jason Murray, Jim Lloyd, Marty VanHeel, Rob Peterson, Steve Hageman, Charlie Hendrickson, Bruce Rieffenberger and Lucas Duetsch.
  - Questions were raised concerning Marty being a dad of one of the coaches and Lucas being a coach. It was agreed that as long as they excuse themselves from decisions regarding Jesse for Marty and Lucas for himself they can be on the committee. Motion by K. Evans to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Redlin; all in favor.
- The 50/50 raffle at the Casino Speedway has raised a total of \$1,233 in only 3 races. Directors, please encourage your parents/players to participate and volunteer. This is considered part of their yearly points duties.
- Lions paid for their portion of the concession stand food. The utility bill will be paid. The cost is \$100 per month when we are not using it. This is cheaper than paying to have it shut off and turned back on.
- Still waiting to hear back on grant for \$8,000 toward skate rentals.
- All league level tournaments for home and away need to be turned in as soon as possible

Girls Varsity: D. Kunkel

- One player has been invited to and will be going to the Girls 14-17 Multi-District Player Development Camp Aug 9-14 at Kent State University.
- Need to watch the number of tournaments the Girls go to, as there will be 8 Girls Varsity teams this year and the league schedule will be busier.

U12 Girls: K. Steen

- \$500 Grant from the Optimist Club. The money will be deposited into the WHA bank account and be for U12 girls only.
- Waiting on league information for the girls and would like to host a home tournament.

Boys Varsity: C. Eide

- Working on finding tournaments where other South Dakota teams are not playing.
- L. Duetsch let us know that the Golf tournament stuff should be sent out to the players coming this week. The tournament will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bantams: L. Fox

- Two players made the Team South Dakota: Jacob Gerber and Preston Fox.

Pee Wees: H. Boomsma

- Just starting to look at tournaments for the season. Will need to know how many PW teams we have and at what level before we commit.

Squirts: K. Evans

- Amber and Kristie organized and counted the equipment again. Please remember when you bring things into the equipment room to be stored, PUT IT AWAY. Do not just throw stuff in there.
- The squirt jamboree needs to be in January sometime. December is just way to early for the team.

Mites: A. Redlin

- Looking at going to a tournament in Sioux Falls this season.
- Has asked TK for some equipment for the Park & Rec kids. He has concerns about the cost \$15 for head to toe and \$15 for skates for both sessions. Amber will meet with TK to talk about possibly raising the price but not too much so we can keep the cost down.
- Needs some help with fixing up the helmets and more large helmets. J. Rasmussen mentioned that he would be happy to help with this.

**Old Business:**

- V. Foley forwarded information from USAHockey that we met the President 2 and 2 challenge. WHA will be receiving 4 sets of equipment and six sticks. A. Redlin took care of the email and will be receiving the equipment.
- J. Rasmussen has been in contact with Dale Plunket again about the sound system. A new system (like in Mitchell) has powered speakers and 2 microphones. To do it the right way the cost will be around \$7,000 and the new system will be able to go with us to the new rink. The Figure Skating Club has offered \$1,000 to help. The Lions Club is willing to split the remaining cost with WHA. They have set aside money per year for the last 5 to 6 years to put towards rink improvements that has not been spent. S. Sheehan and J. Rasmussen will continue to move forward with this project.
- We have 18 Red Baron Pizzas in concession stand \$3 each for whoever wants them.
- The vending machines will be consolidated into one with snacks and Gatorades. There will also be a credit card swipe on it.

- J. Rasmussen motioned to pay Roys \$424 for 5 jerseys replacements. H. Boomsma 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in Favor.
- S. Sheehan is looking into getting drop boxes for money drops and carbon copy deposit slips for treasurer. The cost will be around \$200. J. Rasmussen motioned to approve, H. Boomsma 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in Favor.
- M. Evans outlined the Rink Improvement project. The building committee has approved up to \$6,000 toward the project. The city has also given us \$300 towards paint. Shane Wirkus, Jason Steen, Eric Skott and Steve Sheehan will help with the process and coordinating the work to be done. Please let Mike Evans know at mdevans@aflac.com if you would like to be added to the list of workers. An email will be sent, as the dates get closer to all directors to forward to the parents asking for help.
- J. Wirkus motioned that WHA follow whatever the state is using for birth years. A lengthy discussion followed the motion, which included not only the board members, but also the members that were present. J. Rasmussen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, K. Evans opposed the motion, everyone else was in favor; motion approved.
- J. Wirkus motioned to loosen formerly strict policy of moving players to allow the coaches and coaching committee to invite players to move to make better teams based on the numbers for the best interest of the player and the organization. K. Evans motioned to table this until next meeting for additional information. K. Steen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by K. Evans at 9:00 pm, K. Steen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor.

Next meeting will on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Park & Rec Fieldhouse.

WHA Secretary

Mike Evans