



February 9, 2016

Board Members Present: Dave Withrow, Rob Barger, Ryan List, Kevin Heiman, Kevin Schulz, Heath Larson, Gwen Wenisch.

Guests: Shawn Wagner, Pam Erickson, Julie Perakslis, Mike Freeman, Glen Anderson, Kyle Rhode

I. Call the meeting to Order by Withrow.

Motion to approve minutes by List, with a second by Heiman. All approved

II. Old business

A. Continue the Miracle Campaign - continuing to seek sponsors. If someone knows someone that may contribute, please contact the board members.

1. Final glass is coming this week. Poly is being sent as well. The final check has been sent. The delivery will be dropped off at heath's warehouse.

2. Consultant for Dehumidification and Compressor-asked Larry about evaluating and he will come look and estimate. Freon is still ok...haven't added any since prior to the last meeting. Sioux City ACNR Refrigeration has also been asked to assess our equipment.

B. State Bantam Tournament - parents still working on it. Lisa Schulz will be Master of Ceremony. Sponsorships are taking place for the program and it's going well. VFW will be contacted to help with the event.

C. Squirt Tournament - had enough help with minor complaints on how the timing went (run time). It will move to the normal weekend (typically the last weekend in January).

D. Tronnes Grant for Cross Ice Dividers - We did apply for this. We asked for \$4000. Legends said if we spent the money on the boards hopefully we would get \$2000 from them. We also have \$1500 from the Teget foundation. This would leave a minimal fee for a GREAT item for the rink.

E. Discover Hockey/ADM Director - Mike Freeman. We need to get parents and coaches to understand this is the direction we'd like to go. Mike will be at the Discover Hockey event as well to explain the rationale to parents asking what we stand for. Our hope is this route will help address the skills our kids are weakest in. Mike will write up a description of expected duties and we will vote from there.

F. Other business -

- Gutters - snow guards are up, as voted via electronic vote. Money from the Kitchen Fund will cover the costs. I will check with Nelson about the final amount. The bill will be sent electronically to the board.

III. New Business

A. Financial Report - motion to approve List, Barger 2nd. All in favor.

B. Registrar - nothing at this time.

C. Coaches - nothing at this time

D. Figure Skating - Figure skaters are in the midst of competition season. 4 skaters attended the Luverne competition in January bringing home 4 first place trophies, 8 second and several thirds and fourths. They also brought home 2nd place overall team trophy. 8 skaters attended the Frosty Blades competition in Blaine, MN last weekend bringing home 7 first place medals, 5 second, 5 thirds and several more fourth through sixth place medals. Yankton's hosted competition is scheduled for February 20th with 12 Yankton skaters participating and 36 skaters participating overall. Registration fees are estimated at \$4000 gross before expenses. Events are scheduled to run from 8am – 4:30pm. 9 skaters are registered for the Sioux Falls competition and 6 skaters for Brookings both scheduled in March. The last competition is scheduled for March 19th so Pam requested that we keep ice until March 16th if at all possible. The end of season performances are scheduled for March 5th & 6th. Performance practices started last week. Thanks to the hockey teams for being accommodating for the use of the locker rooms for performance pictures. Gifts for the Bantam tournaments from the Figure Skaters are being arranged. Fundraising activities coming up include "Roses Just Because", Papa Murphy's on February 22nd and Pizza Ranch on March 22nd. Information on these events will be sent to all members of the association. Gifts for seniors and coaches are being reviewed. Discussion on whether there is an association policy to inform parents if a skater falls and hits their head. Learn-to-Skater figure skaters are required to have helmets until coaches determine that they are no longer needed. Parents of young skaters are requested to stay at the rink during practices. Pam will discuss further with the coaches on how to assess skater that fall.

E. Marketing - SAPA is covering the cost of the PW games. It is a free game to the public. All other games will be charged. We notified the newspapers, talked on the radio for morning coffee, KVHT, trying to showcase the local sports talent. We will clear the rink to charge admission to the other games. The goal is to showcase what our hockey association is about. Discover Hockey is the following week - hopefully get some new players :)

Discussion was held on running an ad in Summer Activities Brochure for hockey registration. Cost for a 1/4 pg ad \$265, \$495 1/2 page. We did a listing only last year. Wenisch made the motion for the 1/2 page ad, Heiman second. All approved.

F. Scheduling - There are a few parties from 1-3 Thursday & Friday and we need help with some of the parties coming up. Kevin can't be at all of them. Additional help is necessary. Send out an email on remaining dibs too. This will help out on overall volunteers. Need scheduling for Zamboni as well for these afternoon parties.

Hopefully the rink will be able to stay open through March 11th or 12th for certain, and through the next week if weather holds. NO parties or open skate after the 12th of March. Ice thawing takes about 5 days before the lines can come out and about a week for ice removal.

Bantam will hold friendly games w/ Omaha March 4th @ 8, March 5th. Referees will be paid by the team. Bruce Dutrow would be a great contact person for reffing inquiries.

G. Disciplinary - nothing pressing for this meeting. There is an item for next meeting though that needs to bring to our attention.

H. Summer Activities - Summer program for roller blading - Todd. Would have cost of \$500-\$600 for electricity. Would USA Hockey cover liability? Would city cover this liability? Perhaps our insurance could cover. We need to see if coaches are willing to help supervise. Idea here is to keep the kids on their skates. Perhaps let the 4H run the

concessions. If you run the air conditioner, it may be cost prohibited. Would run like Open Skate. Possibly charge \$5 per kid for a month worth of use. Drop-in hockey would have to be set up with coaches. Start April, May, mid-June to use current open skate times. 4H would take over from there. We need to check with the city for insurance/liability. We will talk to Roger about coverage.

I. Level of Play - Mike Freeman spoke on levels, especially Bantam. His assessment is a few of our teams may be playing out of their ability levels. It's vital to address what where the kids will still be able to find success. Glen Anderson spoke saying we're small town and the bantams feel like a door mat. We may learn more as a team to play a bit closer to our level - we may not have a great successful year...but we may have some more positive. Do we foresee a JV and V team in the future? List spoke up regarding all additional hockey opportunities NEED to be looked at to make our kids better. C level is a possibility at the bantam level but there must have 24 teams. There needs to be a higher line of communication between our local teams and cooperation with coaches to help build these programs. We need to push what opportunities are available and what costs are associated. All members of Squirt on up should look at opportunities to improve and stay active on the ice over the summer.

J. Equipment - bought one goalie stick. We will keep the Bantam extra jerseys just as extras. Discover hockey is Feb 20th. Jerseys are already purchased for the senior gift. Terry told a Squirt level parent to purchase equipment (hockey helmets, small gloves, some sticks) from Wal-Mart as they were on close-out prices. Let all coaches know that any purchases need to go through the Board.

We may do an equipment donation time frame to help out with equipment.

H. Other -

- General security is a concern - should we look at implementing a security system for the lobby or concession area? Pam will look at possible security options and present it to the board next month.
- Discover Hockey - Nancy Hetherington is Chairperson. Kara will run the event. Bensons will be here for equipment. 5:30-7:30. Ads will be run in the paper and on radio.
- Next meeting: **March 10th, 6:30**
- Ballots for Board members due March 1st.
- Hockey Banquet March 20th, take down @ 2:00, meal @ 5:00
- Figure Skating March 17th

IV. Adjourn List, Heath 2nd. All approved. Adjourn @ 10:24.