

Yankton Area Ice Association
Annual Meeting - April 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Ice Center Conference Room

Present: John Lillevold, Heidi Berry, Dave Withrow, Kevin Heiman, Heath Larson, Sarah Thoms, Ryan List, Kevin Schultz; **Guests:** Chad Kapla, Shawn Wagner, Pam Erickson

Dave Withrow called to order at 6:34 p.m. Ryan List motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Kevin Heiman seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business:

SD State Hockey meeting is scheduled for April 16th. Heath Larson will be attending. Tom Curran is possibly attending representing Bantam C level. Terry Pederson will be attending representing Squirts. Chad Kapla received an email with items that need to be voted upon at the meeting. Items included: Squirt Jamboree, Girls JV tournament proposals from Yankton. Would like to host a tournaments but as Yankton won't have a Girls JV team, is it possible to swap tournaments otherwise there may be a lack interested parents and lack of volunteers. Other agenda items: State tournament format for Varsity. Should it involve all teams, opportunity for play-in games so everyone has a chance to go or let everyone int. Team splits. Tournament hosting. SD state reps at some of the tournaments. Mitchell mandates that trainers are available at all league sanctioned games. Rosters, sanctions, C level for Bantams, teams not following schedules and sticking with the times that are set. Roistering deadlines. Player must be on the roster by December 31st. 4 man referee system. League champions. How to handle ties, recommend co-champions. Proposal to go by US Hockey by birth year, State of SD does not. If passes, all 2nd year Bantams would go up to JV. Chad asks to have all board members to review the agenda items. Dave will send out the list of items for board to review.

Continue the Miracle Flyers: Heath reviewed items for rink improvements and levels of sponsorship. Board discussed Cross ice dividers, bathrooms, ice dehumidification and compressor updates being the top four. Security will be reviewed under separate discussion. Discussion about cost for companies to come and evaluate the compressors and understand the issues with the compressor leaks and give us a cost of what it will take to have if fixed. Ryan to follow-up with getting a quote. John will contact other rinks as well. Discussion tabled until next month.

Dave Withrow plans to approach the surgeons for a donation. Yankton School donated \$5000 previously for a sponsorship and thought they were grandfathered in. No other new signs were grandfathered in. The Yankton School District sign will not be taken down.

Impact testing before hockey. Treavor Woods interested in doing it but concerned about time. Dave will discuss with the athletic director at the high school. Some kids have already had testing for other contact sports. Baseline testing to be done. Before kids play they must be cleared by a physician before being able to play if they are hurt. Dave to follow-up with more information by the next meeting. Suggestion to have EMS here for all league games for Bantam on up. No response yet from EMS but noted that they are stretched thin. USD has an athletic training program so Dave will approach

them as well. Sports physicals will be required for incoming 7th & 10th graders or anyone in 7th grade and above who have not already had one.

Advertising - Julie submitted an ad for Parks & Rec guide noting that kids can sign up and register. She will give registration forms at the Summit Center but she needs dates, times, fees.

Pictures with Jamie from Expression Photography. Jerry's Photography requested to submit a bid. There was a discussion regarding photography options and the service that has been provided in the past. The board determined that YAIA will continue using Expressions Photography.

Marketing - Heath received a postcard for SD Junior Football. It was suggested developing one for current YAIA members for early registration.

Rink Keys - Ryan noted that 4H needs to have all keys returned. Heidi will track keys going forward. Hanson makes more keys. It was noted that one of the locks on the locker room doors needs to be repaired.

Bathrooms - one quote received. Ryan still waiting for additional quotes. There is some money left in the kitchen account which is to be used for communal projects that will help both YAIA and 4H organizations. Heath proposed that this money be used for this. Dave Spencer and the treasurer from 4H have to sign the check from communal account.

Financial Report: Gross revenue - March 1 - \$29885.69. Expenses - \$19587.32. Net \$10298.37 Cash \$21056. Figure Skating account \$1195; loan payment first installment paid. We pay for bills for 1/2 the year/4H does the other 1/2. Heath explained how the money is received for the state tournaments. April 15th for Legends camp grant. Need to make a decision what to do with it as the grant money. We have a total of \$6000 donated. Total cost of boards was \$8100. Heath made a motion to place an order for the mite boards. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Financials are solid. Bills are being paid on time and have money in the bank. John motion to approve the financial reports, Ryan second. Motion carried.

Election of Officers - Kevin motioned to nominate Heath for president, Ryan seconded. Motion carried. Heath motioned to nominate Gwen to be VP, Ryan seconded. Motion carried. Gwen motioned to nominate Kevin H. for treasurer, Heath seconded. Motion carried. Ryan motioned to nominate Sarah for secretary, Heath seconded. Motion carried.

Registration - Need to decide registration fee changes, calendars sold, and dib requirements. This needs to be decided next meeting. Kevin will add conflict of interest to handbook and bylaws. Kendra sent a recommendation to mandated late fees. It was noted Bryan Gray may be moving from Minnesota. He attended a private hockey school and is very involved. It was suggested to offer a member to come in and skate, get a discount off their registration fees. Financial incentive.

NGIN now offering volunteer background check functionality. Discussion as to what is mandated for background checks. Coaches are required for a background check through US Hockey and ISI. Do we need background checks for parent volunteers? NGIN will also offer invoicing options through the

website. Can be used for additional fees, apparel, etc. Registration information needs to be submitted right after the next board meeting as it takes up to two weeks to post it to our website.

Figure Skating - Coordinator position descriptions were emailed out. The board agreed that these positions were appropriate. Pam requested that she be informed after the state meeting which state tournament Yankton will be hosting so that she can apply for a date with ISI as soon as possible for the Yankton Figure Skating competition next season.

Equipment - Shawn noted that we ran out of rentals for some sizes during for open skate and during the two free events. Shawn will go with Riedell's recommendation for what we need to order. He requested that security cameras be mounting in the locker room hallway. Most equipment has been turned in. Possibly 5 haven't turned in but not sure if these were from last year that weren't collected. We need to replace some helmets that are expired Chad is working on getting some JV/Varsity jerseys back and some girls JV jerseys back. Figure skating will need a number of skates and protective pads to be replaced. Shawn and Pam will put together a list of items that need to be replaced.

Scheduling - Registration due July 1st. Max Tronnes already asking about teams. Randy sent out an email regarding returning players. The number of kids for each team discussed.

Discover Hockey & Discover Figure Skating will be scheduled approximately the same time. Squirt tournament to be held the last weekend in January. Discussion on number of players for each team and trying to determine how many teams for each level. Determine at the next meeting which tournaments will be on which weekends. It was noted that tournaments make good money.

Party Coordinator - Dave noted that Kevin can't be the party coordinator. Next month need to determine a private-party coordinator with full dib credits.

Coaching - Chad has a contact for the refrigeration from Sioux City. There is an issue with a skater who has rented goalie equipment and jerseys but need to get the items back. Chad will be recruiting coaches through the summer. Camp information is available and opportunities for the kids to be on the ice this summer. YAIA is not liable for if skaters attend. Fremont and Okoboji are trying to join SD State assn. Haven't met with the coaches yet but plan to after the state meeting. Legends have been good to us for scheduling last minute clinics.

Discussion on the level of play and how to split up the kids per level/team. Board makes the best decision on the information that we have going into the season. More discussion to come on level of play.

Discipline - Will need to find a Safe Sport coordinator and in charge of the Disciplinary committee. Need to do recruiting for the disciplinary committee. Vice President has to be on the disciplinary committee. Gwen to follow up with current members if they would like to continue being on the committee.

New Business:

Rental Mats - Appera will bill us for the two missing mats if they can't be found.

Other - Need to discuss dibs requirements and how to get parents more involved. Need someone for hockey wearables.

Heath requested that reports for the month be sent to the board members one week prior to the meeting. Longer discussions will be held towards the end of the meeting.

Coordinators are requested to put together a list of priorities and duties so that new members can be acclimated to these roles. Board is requested to create a master book of event so the board knows what month discussions should take place. i.e. registration, fees, dibs, tournaments, handbook, schedules, ordering paint, etc.

Heath requested board members to do a fact finding mission - each board member takes one and finds out what they can from other rinks and then bring that back the information to the board. Fees and volunteer hours - Heidi to do this by next month.

- Tournament fees by levels by state - Kevin to do this by June
- Scheduling -. youth development and practice times, how do we match up against other organizations - Gwen - by August
- Tournaments with other associations - Kevin S by June.
- Recruitment for skaters - What are other organizations doing, what is working, what isn't and why - Heath by July
- Coaching - What are other organizations doing for recruiting and education - Chad; possibly Mike Freeman for ADM by July
- Open skates and Drop in Hockey - promotions, successes they have and what brings people to the rink - Kevin H. by August

Next meeting May 10th at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be scheduled the second Tuesday of each month

Gwen motioned to adjourn. Kevin S. seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heath Larson
President