

Yankton Area Ice Association

905 Whiting Drive
PO Box 235
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YAIA Meeting Agenda August 12th, 2025 6:00 PM Rink Board Room

in attendance

Dan Bentley, Brian Wenish, Ryan Rusher, Barrie Larsen, Jen Livingston, Eric Shoemaker, Shawn Weber

Call Meeting to Order

1. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve- Brian Wenish
motion second- Dan Bentley
Motion passed**

2. Committee Reports

a. Treasurer Report – Jennifer Livingston

- i. Budget Committee Meet – Jen Livingston, Ryan Rusher, Dan Bentley, & Kevin Perakslis
- ii. Line of Credit from Bank
- iii. Additional Follow Up:
 - Wholesale Supply willing to discuss and meet about past due billings
 - No Response this month from Wholesale supply
 - Jen working on Connecting the Kids Grant
 - Grant was submitted
 - working on budget
 - This will be Jen's last season as Treasure. Need replacement picked so she can mentor them before her term is up.
 - Needing volunteers for RiverBoat days parking lot at Missouri River Associates
 - Working on bank line of credit for possible future addition

b. Curling – Juliana Dick-Ford

- i. Update
 - Juliana has resigned and they picked Brady Clavel as their new Club President
 - Aug 23rd bean bag Tournament fundraiser at Bens Brewing

c. Hockey Coaching – Chad Renken

i. Coaching Committee

1. Sending info on Coaching Apps
2. Most items "in progress"
 - a. Tourneys??
 - b. Budget Request - \$2500
 - c. Play-Down Request - Bantam B
Need submitted by 8/15
 - d. Next Season Practice Schedule
 - e. Team Coordinators - Selection Process
 - f. Assistant Coaches - Coaches Application (only 4 have applied)
Need more assistant coaches to apply.
 - <https://forms.gle/X2xQdUJtbKEKwsXN7>

Squirt Level - 2 Teams
Peewee Level - 1 Team
Bantam Level - 1 Team
U14 Girls and JV Girls - 1 Team Each
Boys JV and Varsity - 1 Team Each

We Need to promote the Senior Showcase better this year. Anonymous Donor will pay for 50% of the registration cost.

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Boards have been cleaned. Appears that previous years may not have had sealant applied.

Will request from 4H to get into rink on Sept 1st.

Pre season ice schedule was presented
Motion to approve- Shawn Weber
Second motion-Jen Livingston
Motion Passed

Regular season ice schedule
Motion to table-Barrie Larsen
Second motion Eric Shoemaker
No vote-Shawn Weber
Motion passed

d. Figure Skating – Heidi Enge / Laura Drake

- i. FS served the meal at The Center's Gala on July 11th The Center provides a donation to YAIA.
- ii. Equipment order of Figure Skates from Reidell has been Received
- iii. With Hockey HQ changing over to Pure Hockey, they no longer offer manual sharpening. This means FS has lost a "local" shop that provides manual sharpening for figure skate blades. Ace and Pure Hockey offer sparx machine sharpening, but sparx sharpening should be limited to beginner figure skates. Competitive figure skaters should have their blades sharpened manually. There have been some bad experiences using machine sharpeners that ruined figure skate blades.
- iv. iSkateOmaha and shops in the Twin Cities are the next option that offer manual sharpening. In the meantime, I requested that FS families reach out to me when they are planning a trip to Omaha or Minneapolis so we can collect a group of skates and send them for sharpening. We could also consider mailing skates for sharpening, but that would be more costly.

Sharpening appears it will be an issue. They are going to reach out to other associations to see how they are currently handling the figure skate sharpening.

- v. Can we offer dibs to someone who can coordinate and schedule sharpening trips for YAIA? Should YAIA consider training someone for in-house manual sharpening?
- vi. Figure Skating sent an updated proposed schedule for 2025-2026 season to YAIA Scheduler with correction to end of season performance dates
Schedule to be revisited
- vii. CoDirector's are talking to a potential coach, Alivia Ankrum. She is in med school at USD, working in Yankton. She contacted us with interest in coaching. She is a former Sioux Falls FS Club skater and ISI coach. She has competed and achieved Freestyle 9.
- viii. Interested in offering a Figure Skater Exchange/Swap event in the warming area for skaters to exchange/swap old costumes, skates, gear **at beginning of season**
Nov 8th will be the rummage sale swap meet

e. Registrar- Amanda Hanson

- i. Roster Updated and sent out to board

f. Safety Committee – Tona Larsen / Karen Schleiger

g. Executive Report – Ryan Rusher

- i. 4-HLeaders Meeting - Eric Shoemaker
No Update

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- ii. Director & Officer Insurance Policy
 - 1. Shawn Weber was reviewing in detail.
no update on policy
- iii. Meeting Time
 - 1. Would anyone be in favor of moving the meeting time to 7pm
Was decided to leave as is.
- iv. Board Position Available - Lisa Nielson Stepping Down**
 - 1. Kevin Perakslis
- v. Treasurer in Training
 - 1. Kevin Perakslis
- vi. Scheduler Replacement
 - 1. Lisa Nielson will stay on until a replacement is found/trained
 - a. Marie Wilde offered to help
 - b. Sarah Thoms???
- vii. Safe Sport Coordinator
 - 1. Angela Wrage??
- viii. Hockey Development
 - 1. **Connie Casanova**
- ix. Assistant Equipment
 - 1. Kayla Charles
- x. Concessions
 - 1. Rebecca Adams
 - 2. Sarah Big Eagle
 - 3. Possibly - Miranda Crisman
- h. **Vision Committee – Shawn Weber**
 - i. If you are interested in joining the Vision Committee, please contact Shawn Weber.
- i. **Hockey Development / Learn to Skate – Karen Schleiger/Connie Casanova**
 - i. Awaiting proposed ice schedule to determine dates for LTS, THFF, try skating events in October in order to advertise at RBD

Looking into possibility of paid advertisement thru Facebook to reach more possible players
- j. **Alumni Committee – Shawn Wagner**
- k. **Marketing Committee – Shelby Nilsen**
 - i. Any objection to Meridian Photography to do our photos again this year?
Meridian Photography doing photos this year
 - ii. All YAIA Photo on the ice for 20th anniversary
 - iii. Permission to photograph over the glass on the players side??
approved
 - iv. Board Member Spotlight - like the family spotlight..
- l. **Discipline Committee – Eric Shoemaker – VP**
Looking for 5th member
Chad Kapla will become the 5th member

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August 26th meeting date

m. Facility Committee

i. Equipment—Sara Shoemaker / Karen

1. Quote for jerseys, equipment, Miracle patches, captains letters in progress
equipment ordered
Getting sparks machine on order

ii. Building – Brian Wenisch

1. Zamboni-
Needs normal before season maintenance
2. Heaters above bleachers
 - a. Waiting proposal from Ryan Thoms
 - b. Kalin's (TBD)
 - c. Grasslands (\$14,347.63)
3. Team Banners in Rink-
 - a. Need to Update Sioux Center and Add Brandon, Northern Hills
 - Graphics Shared with Brian WenischBarrie Larsen to talk to Mayer Signs. Needs graphics to share with them.
4. Private Live Stream -
 - a. Skip will be working on new live stream options
 - b. Told live barn we will keep the system if not cost to the rink but we will be looking at other methods of streaming and player statistics..
5. Other:
Barrie Larsen to get pricing for 2 porta jons for home team players

n. State Delegate – Brian Wenisch

- i. Brandon's Player Transfer Appeal

o. Events Committee – Lindsey Rabbass

- i. Budget - attached need to vote
Asking for \$4,400.00 dollars for budget. Would be repaid through events.
Motion to approve-Jen Livingston
Second Motion-Dan Bentley
Motion approved

p. Fundraising – Amy Ondell

Amy getting brochures printed

q. Key Master – Sarah Thoms

Ordering additional fobs

r. Handbook – Barrie Larsen - "These are standing so we don't forget to submit and make the changes."

i. Locker room policy/handbook update? -Ryan Rusher

1. Further review is needed on the Locker room policy, use USA Hockey, SafeSport, ISI and US Figure Skating as resources to update our policy.

ii. Assistant captains

1. Handbook has 3 Assistant captains
2. SDAHA/USAH has 2 Assistant captains(Rule 202)

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3. Process to remove a Captain's letter if deemed necessary.

- iii. **Play Up Change Request Due June 1st**
- iv. **Change Wording for Competition Fees for Figure Skating**
- v. **Review Agendas/Minutes for Missing Handbook Changes that need to be documented**
- vi. **Add Organizational Chart**

3. Old Business

- a. **Proposal of Building Expansion: Eric Shoemaker**
 - i. Spoke with builders about estimated Pricing
 - ii. Bank Update
Continue to explore options

5. New Business

- a. **Other**
 - Bantam Playdown request for 25-26 season*
 - Motion by text to approve-Eric Shoemaker, Jen Livingston, Shawn Weber Abby Larson*
 - No Vote-Brian Wenish*
 - Motion approved*

- b. **Next Meeting**
 - i. Sept. 9th, 2025 at 6:00 PM

- 6. **Executive Session(if needed)**
 - Motion to adjourn to executive session-Jen Livingston*
 - Second Eric Shoemaker*
 - Motion Passed*

- 7. **Motion to Adjourn**
 - Eric Shoemaker*
 - Second-Barrie Larsen*
 - Motion passed to adjourn*