



Yankton Area Ice Association
905 Whiting Drive
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YAIA Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024
6:00 PM Rink Board Room

Board Members: Sarah Thoms, Jen Livingston, Abby Sprecher, Barrie Larsen, Dan Bentley, Eric Shoemaker (Phone), Brian Wenisch (Phone), Lisa Nielson (Phone).

Guests: Jami Stevens, Chad Renken, Terry Haas, Karen Schleiger, Tina Sasse, Amy Schramm, Jennifer Clavel (Curling)

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:03 PM
2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion made by Barrie Larsen, seconded by Abby Sprecher. **Motion Passed.**
3. Old Business
 - a. Open Skate(Ryan Rusher/Sarah Thoms) –
 - i. Teen Nights like Cosmic Skate Sioux Falls / Bring in Aspiring DJ's
 - i. Event Lighting / DJ Setup - Does anyone want this besides me?? Don't want to go thru teaching myself about commercial event "lighting" setups if I am the only person that would like to see this at the rink. – Ryan will look into some options.
 - ii. Propose that Open Skate On-Ice monitors are to be paid a rate equal to the State of SD's minimum wage or greater as approved by the YAIA Board.
 1. There will be an increase in minimum wage on 1/1/2025 from \$11.20 to \$11.50. **Motion was made to pay Open Skate On-Ice monitors are to be paid at a rate equal to the State of SD's minimum wage or greater as approved by the YAIA Board by Barrie Larsen, seconded by Jen Livingston. Motion Passed.**
 - iv. Can we budget 1/3 of the open skate income (just gate) for improvements for the open skate program? This is currently being put towards skates and can be put towards improvements in the future for items like lighting, skate racks, helmet storage, etc.
 - v. 1st item - Open Skate Rules Sign made by sign tech. (3ft wide x 4ft tall) I would like to make it so it can go on a wall or be hung from the boards (during open skate times) guessing \$300-\$400. I will try and have a design and quote ready before the meeting. Ideally this would be done before the Christmas Break.
 - vi. Collecting data on what additional sizes are needed to meet the demand of skaters when we have 150+ participants and are running out of needed skate sizes. More to come on this.
 - vi. Eventually I would like to ask for PA Subwoofers for the rink. I will work with Tim Paulson and Tim H who helped design and install the current system on what we need for our space and will work seamlessly with our current system. \$4000-\$8000 guesstimate. *****Items 5-7 will be discussed at the end of the season*****
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Curling – Juliana Dick-Ford
 - i. Mid March will only need Saturday March 15th, looking for more funding, more open dates? Will work with the scheduler.
 - b. Hockey Coaching – Chad Renken
 - i. Coaching Committee



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1. Next year we are looking to have a Girls JV team, 9 Skaters & a Goalie that would be at Bantam Level plus 4 that would like to rejoin (2 former FS, 2 former Hockey)
 2. 4 that would be returning to YAIA would attend Bantam Practices, pay \$100 YAIA Registration Fee, USA Hockey Fee, and equipment Rentals if needed. These 4 would be ineligible for Competition of any kind.
 - a. Motion to approve Kyra, Ashton, Lyana, Kalli to skate with the Bantams for remainder of the season was made by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Abby Sprecher. **Motion Passed.**
- c. **Figure Skating – Jamie Stevens / Heidi Enge**
- i. **FS Coach jackets**
 1. Request purchase of 2 jackets for competition coaches (Morgan Privett Fellows and Lauren VerSteeg).
 - a. Puffer Vests approved at the cost of \$40 Each / Embroidery \$20
 - **Motion was made by Dan Bentley, seconded by Abby Sprecher. Motion Passed.**
 2. Need access to locker rooms on 12/18/2024 for Dress Rehearsal.
- d. **Registrar- Amy Schramm**
- i. Out of State Background Checks are trying to charge \$30.00, we will reimburse them and work with SDAHA to get YAIA Reimbursed.
- e. **Safety Committee – Tona Larsen / Karen Schleiger**
- i. Request reconvening of safety committee to investigate concussion protocol & training.
 1. Link to USA Hockey Concussion Protocol
- f. **Executive Report – Sarah Thoms**
- i. **4-HLeaders Meeting**
 1. 4-H to use building/ice on the 1st Sunday in November from 12:00-5:00 p.m. for their Awards banquet starting in 2025-forever. **FS uses Rink 1st weekend every year**
 - a. They typically have a couple families that are members of both YAIA & 4-H that we can give Dibs to if requested to hand out and put away ice skates and music.
 - b. Sarah will prepare a Lease agreement to have dates confirmed annually with scheduler. For review at our next meeting.
- g. **Treasurer Report – Jennifer Livingston**
- i. Budget Committee – Jen Livingston, Ryan Rusher, Dan Bentley, & Kevin Perakslis
- h. **Vision Committee – Shawn Weber**
- i. **Social Committee – Stephanie Marlette-**
- i. Hockey Day: Will have Chili Cook-off, Chuck-a-puck, Plinko, Raffle baskets, YHS Band during warm-ups, KYNT broadcast, National anthem singer.
- j. **Hockey Development – Karen Schleiger**
- i. Low numbers at the mite level (14), and only (5) 2016 BY mite kids. Mite & squirt players - 30% are not enrolled in YSD, 58% of mini-mites are not YSD. This is distressing and have poor forecast for the future if we can't improve these numbers. This is an Association wide problem and a committee needs to be formed. Requesting a board member be co-chair of committee with development coordinator.
 - i. January Meeting – discuss how we will vote for new members by position of individuals.
 - ii. Overage girl hockey player practice squad only proposal, reduced fee, reduced dibs,



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practice time options.

iv. Learn to Skate:

1. Session 3 - registration open, dates are Wednesdays in Jan/Feb.
2. Board action - Request to transfer previously approved, unused LTS equipment budget (\$250) for LTS marketing.
3. Need to work with hockey coaching committee to have routine coaching/player help vs transfer program to FS and increase fee to accommodate all paid coaches.
4. New LTS Coordinator in training, Tiffany Townsend.

k. Alumni Committee – Shawn Wagner

- i. **No Report**

l. Marketing Committee – Shelby Nilsen

- i. **No Report**

m. Discipline Committee – Ryan Rusher – VP

- i. **No Report**

n. Facility Committee

i. Equipment–Karen Schleiger

1. More goalie gear was purchased with donated funds.
2. Manager was contacted about need for additional open skate skates purchased by fundraising. Tracking data to determine needs.
3. Request consideration if fundraising/donations for Open Skate that additional skate racks and helmet storage are built.

ii. Building – Brian Wenisch

1. Zamboni
 - a. TMA logo on the zam needs to be added.
2. Compressor
 - a. Look into Becker fixing the board doors in the rink, estimate was approved by board previously. **Terry Haas will work on this**
 - b. Small pressure issue on compressor – watching it and will repair as needed
3. Heaters above bleachers
 - a. This is being reviewed as the heaters are not heating at the end of the tube over the student section.

o. State Delegate – Brian Wenisch

i. GameSheets – Notes/Reminders from SDAHA:

1. Scorekeepers/Coaches:
 - a. Need to make sure that ALL Coaches present are signing the scoresheet (not one coach signing for everyone with the same scribble 😊)
 - b. Coaches NOT coaching need to be marked as such! There were a couple of scoresheets last week that showed 5 active coaches and will result in future as a roster violation.
 - c. Make sure coaches are updating their roster to cross off any players who are NOT PLAYING or who are SERVING SUSPENSION. There was a roster last week with 29 players playing. Max players is 20 (of which only 18 can be skaters!) to avoid any roster violations.
2. For penalties, please make sure the scorekeeper double checks they are selecting the right penalty category. **MIN**–all minor penalties, **MSC**–all Misconduct penalties, **GM**–Game Misconduct penalties and **MP**–Match Penalty! We have been seeing quite a few 2/10 penalties showing as a Game



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Misconduct instead of Misconduct.

3. Viewing Games/Stats
 - a. Please see the attached graphic from the HOME page of the SDAHA website. Viewers should click this link, and it will take them to a very user-friendly version of Gamesheets on their phone 😊. Here they can search by Team, Division, Game number, Game location...etc and get the game information they are wanting including scores, stats & rosters.
 - b. Note: Stats are not kept on Gamesheets for 12U and below Divisions (Peewee/Squirts).
 - c. The scoresheets of these games are sent to the coaches (or whomever your association has set to receive the scoresheets) and DO include the game stats which can be used for any end of season awards (hat trick/playmaker/zero).
4. Time Clock Feature: This is a fantastic feature for the viewers who are trying to watch the game live so they know how much time is left on the clock. During training we discussed this as being an optional feature as we want to make sure everyone is comfortable with getting the correct information recorded properly before we add another step for them. This is still an optional feature for teams to use but I have been asked by several associations leadership to encourage scorekeepers to starting using this feature during the High School games. So, here is my ask for you to encourage your High School team scorekeepers to start playing around with this feature when they are feeling comfortable with the other scoring features. Let's set a goal for all associations to be using this feature for High School games by the midway point of the season.
 - p. **Events Management Committee – Lisa Nielson**
 - i. **Private party availability is limited**
 - q. **Fundraising – Amy Ondell**
 - i. Fall Gala –Stacey Renken - 11/9/2024
 1. Will be meeting in the next week or 2 and will have all final numbers and summary of event.
 - ii. Butter Braids – approx. profit of \$1890
 - iii. Dimmock Cheese – approx. profit of \$1000
 - r. **Key Master – Sarah Thoms**
 - i. **Note:** If you are the last coach/Board member in the building please remember to shutoff lights and lock the doors. Not all Zamboni drivers have key fobs to lock the building.
 - s. **Handbook – Lisa Nielson / Karen Schleiger**
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Other**
 - b. **Next Meeting**
 - i. January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM
6. **Executive Session(if needed)**
7. **Motion to Adjourn was made by Jen Livingston, seconded by Abby Sprecher. Motion passed.**