

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 26, 2025 – 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm. Meeting was in person at Sun Prairie Ice Arena.

Board Members Present:

President – Eric Morehouse
Past President – Ryan Dunt
Incoming President – Mark Gernetzke
Secretary – Sara Pieper
Bantam Rep – Jennifer Billings
Squirt Rep – Tracey Miller
Mite Rep – Allison McKee
Mini-Mite Rep – Tony Uhlenkamp
Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

Board Members Absent: PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen, Girls' Rep – Megan Davis

Attendance: Chris Gibbs, Tiffny Nadoly, Colleen Uhlenkamp, Kelly Ruhland, Roxanne Schave, Tim Clavette, Meagen Jordan, Marsha Schroeder, Quy Lee

1. Public Comments
2. Affirmation of Email Votes
3. Appointments & Membership Changes
4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Secretary – Sara Pieper
 - *Jen motioned to approve the December meeting minutes. Allison second, motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
 - Reports sent in advance of the session
 - 92% of dues collected, dues must be submitted by the end of the month or players will not be eligible to play in playdowns; ~50% of tournament fees collected
 - Concession stand profits are down YTD
 - c. President Elect – Mark Gernetzke
 - None
 - d. Past President – Ryan Dunt
 - SPYHA to include budget allocation in the 2025-2026 season budget to cover the cost of a Groundhog on ice decal; \$500 per sheet
 - The coffee cart that will be located in the SP Ice lobby is in the process of securing the necessary permits.
 - e. President – Eric Morehouse
 - Guardian caps have not been evaluated by Hockey Equipment Certification (HEC). HEC is awaiting funding to conduct research on Guardian caps. Until research has been conducted by HEC, and they approve usage, players are not allowed to wear a Guardian cap and helmets with a Guardian cap will not be considered legal.
 - WAHA is advocating for the inclusion of black jacket referees in games. These referees would shadow less experienced officials to provide guidance. The third official cost will be covered by the home hockey club, with an estimated total cost of \$250-\$300 per season.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Volunteer Committee
 - The Volunteer committee will run the list of yet-to-be-fulfilled DIBs volunteer hours after they receive list of approved coaches and committee members
 - b. Annual Fundraising Committee
 - None
 - c. Communications Committee
 - Sent communications report
 - Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok continue to grow followers; X declining
 - d. Registrar
 - None
 - e. Groundhog Games Tournament Committee
 - None
 - f. Concession Stand Committee
 - None
 - g. USA Hockey Initiatives

- None
 - h. ACE Director(s)
 - None
 - i. Equipment Managers
 - None
 - j. Jersey Coordinator
 - None
 - k. Spirit Wear / Bags
 - None
 - l. Region 4 Meeting
 - None
6. LEVEL REP REPORTS
- a. Mini-Mite
 - 62 players; 8 teams
 - Successful Scramble in the Dells last weekend
 - b. Mite
 - Getting into tourney season; adding Mite Blue tournament in Dodgeville
 - 11 Mite girls are going to the Girls Jamboree on March 22
 - c. Squirt
 - Following up with families on dues collection and Playdown guidelines
 - d. PeeWee
 - Team reps are sending out Playdown updates and guidelines
 - e. Bantams
 - Pending state qualification, season may be wrapped on Feb. 16
 - f. Coaches' Rep
 - Finalizing plans for Mite to Squirt transition ice time
 - g. Girls Rep
 - None
 - h. Midgets
 - Goal is to offer 2 tournaments for a Midget team for the 2025-2026 season
7. OLD Business
- a. Social media policy review
 - Revising draft policy to include approval to communicate about affiliated programs, including United Hockey, Dragons, WAHA, etc.
8. NEW Business
- a. Annual SP Ice obligations
 - Approximately \$300K is owed to SP Ice. We've paid two-thirds of the amount and are waiting for dues collection to pay the remaining balance.
 - b. Concession pricing adjustment policy
 - Concession stand prices were set in the beginning of the season based on rising food costs. There was a suggestion from the Concession Stand Committee that concession stand food prices should be lowered. The board discussed that the concession stand committee may propose pricing, but the board must approve it.
 - *Stephen motioned that the board must approve any suggested concession stand price adjustments before implementation. Jen second, motion passed unanimously.*
 - Concession stand pricing guidelines will be added to the policy document.
 - c. End-of-season banquet
 - The SPYHA end-of-season event will be held on March 20 from 5:30 to 7:15 at Sun Prairie East High School
 - The event will be open to travel and non-travel players and families
 - The cost of the room rental at Sun Prairie East High School is \$60
 - d. Next Board Meeting
 - February 23 at 6:00 pm
9. Adjourn
- Jen motioned to adjourn. Tony second, motion passed unanimously.
10. Closed Session
- Discussed SPYHA policy on paid concessions workers. Minors under the age of 16 cannot work in the concession stand and cannot enter if under the age of 14.
 - Discussed behavioral incident. The incident was investigated, parties involved have been informed of restrictions, and all agreed on the path forward.