



# Yankton Area Ice Association

901 Whiting Drive / PO Box 235  
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## YAIA Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Rink Board Room & Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Katie Feimer, Brian Wenisch, Ryan Rusher, Sarah Thoms, Amanda Bottolfson, Lisa Nielson, Shawn Weber, Jennifer Livingston(Brunick).

**Guests Present:** Heidi Berry, Julianna-curling(zoom), Karen Schleiger, Amy Schramm.

1. **Called Meeting to Order @ 6:03 p.m.**
2. **Approval of October Meeting Minutes, motion to approve was made by Amanda Bottolfson, seconded by Lisa Nielson, motion passed.**
3. **Old Business**
  - a. **Compressor Update**
    - i. The Compressor and all other purchased equipment and materials (glycol, pumps, electrical components and plumbing) has arrived and is being stored by Craig Gartner until we can install after the season.
  - b. **Google Workspace- Ryan Rusher**
    - i. Majority of the Team Coordinator emails have been setup.
      - a. Example: [squirtcoordinator@yanktonice.org](mailto:squirtcoordinator@yanktonice.org)
  - c. **Equipment and Calendar Pickup-Missy and Andrew Brunick**
    - i. will continue to collect these and do the drawings through November and December.
    - ii. Katie stated they have collected Dibs and Calendar checks and will draw names and have a QR code on the bulletin board by restrooms at the rink that links to the website that lists the winners.
  - d. **Open Skate-Sarah Thoms/Dave Spencer/Lisa Nielson**
    - i. Optimist Club will continue to help hand out skates.
    - ii. YAIA will provide an Adult Supervisor, On Ice Monitors @ \$10/hr, Concessions, Clean-up and Zamboni.
      - i. Current Scheduled Open Skates **are subject to change if needed** for game re-scheduling:



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a. **November 2022**

- i. 11/11/2022 @ 11:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
- ii. 11/23/2022 @ 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- iii. 11/25/2022 @ 12:00-3:00 p.m.

b. **December 2022**

- i. 12/11/2022 @ 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- ii. 12/22/2022 @ 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- iii. 12/23/2022 @ 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- iv. 12/26/2022 @ 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- v. 12/27/2022 @ 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- vi. 12/28/2022 @ 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- vii. 12/29/2022 @ 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- viii. 12/30/2022 @ 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- ix. 12/30/2022 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Family Only)

## 4. Committee Reports

a. **Curling** – Julianna Dick-Ford

- i. The new sound system is Great!
- ii. They would like to have the scoreboard on during their times to have a count down of time. We will put in the Zamboni room for them.
- iii. Would like to find a way to get their events scheduled a little earlier to ensure they have enough time for marketing.
- iv. Need to replace a lost key fob; Sarah will take care of this.
- v. Requested discounted ice rental rates based on number of teams signed up. After discussion, agreed to a rental rate of \$50.00/hour for events scheduled starting at 10:00 p.m.; all other events will remain at a rate of \$100.00/hour.
- vi.

b. **Coaching** – Terry Pedersen

- i. Tom Orr camp-
  - i. Coaching was impressive.
  - ii. Will consider having only one session for High School level for the future sessions.
  - iii. Tom Orr staff requested Theresa Wiesenburger makes the sloppy joes every year.

ii. Approval needed for Team Coordinators, **motion was made to approve Team Coordinators as listed at the end of these minutes by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Brian Wenisch, motion passed.**



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iii. Approval needed for additional Hockey Coaches, **motion was made to approve Hockey Coaches as listed at the end of these minutes by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Shawn Weber, motion passed.**

c. **Figure Skating** – Heidi Berry

i. Heidi will put together a schedule and proposal for Miss Judy's costs(see end of minutes). **Motion to approve a total of \$900 with use of \$500 car wash fundraiser funds and \$400 to be covered by YAIA, made by Brian Wenisch, seconded by Amanda Bottolfson, motion passed.**

ii. Approval of additional FS Coach(see end of minutes), **motion was made to approve FS Coach as listed at the end of these minutes, by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Jen Livingston, motion passed.**

iii. Heidi had a Mother/Daughter- Tammy and Chloe Adam inquire again about using our ice over Christmas break while they are in town.

i. Heidi has received their skater and coaching certifications, both covered by those certification insurances.

ii. They have rented our ice during this same time in the past.

**a. Motion was made by Ryan Rusher to allow the following individuals Chloe and Tammy Adam to utilize our ice during Figure Skating practice time during the week of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022; at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a signed waiver of liability for each individual. Second by Amanda Bottolfson, motion passed.**

iv. FS Lock-In: will be 1/6/2023

v. FS performing during hockey periods (coaches ideas)

i. Trial run could be done during a Friendly or Bantam game. Discuss with coaches as they will have to notify the Refs and other teams. Also, will need to make sure the Zamboni driver is aware.

vi. Would hockey JV/V be interested in doing a YAIA program for end of season with our upper-level skaters? A way to bring hockey and FS together more. I was thinking JV/V and high school FS. Discuss with Terry Pedersen.

d. **Registrar** – Amy Schramm

i. **Scholarship request:**

i. Amount of \$215; United Way fund- \$1500 remaining \$580.





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c. December: Boat House

## ii. Hockey Development - Karen Schleiger

i. Fall Try Skating & Try Hockey will occur at the same time to try and attract more families where multiple kids can participate at the same time (bumpers on ice to separate). Depending on start of ice...

a. M-R 10/17-20 or M-R 10/24-27

i. Update – Successful! It was combined with Mites/Mini Red White scrimmage. We had almost 50 kids on the ice. It was chaos but the kids had a blast! Thanks to the Coaches that assisted.

1. 33 skaters for Try Hockey – 47 skaters on the ice over 2 days.
2. 24 skaters for Try Hockey – 31 skaters on the ice over 2 days.

ii. Try Hockey Spring: Wednesday 1/4/23. Hockey Academy: Saturday 1/7, Wednesday 1/11.

a. This year we want to move THFF to immediately following holiday break with hope to transition kids into program in early January to better our transition rates. Cost to join hockey/FS: 1/2 registration, 1/2 equipment rental fee.

## iii. LTS session 1:

a. Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:15pm, Saturdays 11-11:30am

b. 11/9 - 12/14, excluding Sat 11/26 (10 sessions, \$25)

- i. We typically cap at 40 skaters. We maxed out and added 10 more spots, that has also maxed out.
- ii. Good enthusiasm right now for LTS, Hockey and FS. We still need families to push the programs.
- iii. Our demographics are finally getting to where we want them. High numbers at the 4-6 ages. Need to convert them to Hockey or FS.
- iv. On Ice Help is needed w/ all of these younger kids:

Age Breakdown	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
#/Age	1	7	16	13	5	4	4	0	0	0

## iv. LTS session 2:



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- a. Wednesday 5:45 - 6:15pm
  - i. 1/18 - 3/2 (8 sessions, \$20)
- OR (if FS can coach on Saturdays)
- b. Wednesday 5:45- 6:15pm, Saturdays 11-1130am
  - i. 1/18 - 2/18 (10 sessions, \$25)
- v. Start discussion how & when to implement a girls 14U team. This is critical in developing hockey.
  - a. We will need to put a committee together for this.
- vi. Hockey 101
  - a. Information can be found on Open Skate Tables and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thirsty Thursday in November at the Walnut.
- vii. Summer Floor Hockey
  - a. Putting together a proposal to present to the City of Yankton to hopefully get in their Summer activities catalog.
- viii. Sacred Heart Trunk or Treat
  - a. 10/21/2022
  - b. We had 2 that were decorated for YAIA. Theresa Wiesenburger and Connie Cassanova.
- iii. **Tournament Committee - Tina Sasse**
  - i. Mite Only Jamboree – 12/4/2022
    - a. Fremont, Brandon Valley, 2 Yankton teams
    - b. \$100 Registration fee
    - c. Working through scheduling, dibs, refs.
- iv. **Recruitment Coordinator - Karen Schleiger**
  - i. Referral program to be marketed for 2023-24' season
  - ii. Football Teams End of Season Party
    - a. 10/16/2022 @1-3 p.m.
    - b. \$50 per team- 10 teams would estimate a total of 60 kids
    - c. Pizza, water, lemonade, cookies
    - d. Update- brought in about 40 players, siblings, and parents. We were able to get a few kids to sign up for LTS, Hockey and FS.
- v. **Alumni Committee - Shawn Wagner**
  - i. Hockey Alumni Game- 11/23/2022
  - ii. 21 registered; hoping to see that increase to 30+.



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iii. Free will donation for spectator admission

vi. **OTHER:**

i. **Yankton Hockey Day**

a. 12/3/2022

b. Fun Events/Activities to be held during the day:

i. Basket Raffle-complete

ii. Chili Cookoff

iii. Frisbee toss

iv. 50/50 raffle

v. Yankton Band- Gwen Wenisch is putting out a sign up sheet to see how many are interested in participating before she can commit.

vi. Singing of the National Anthem-Gwen Wenisch is working on this.

vii. Radio broadcast- Carolyn Becker(Riverfront Broadcasting) is looking into their schedules to see if they have an announcer available.

ii. **Mite of the Night** – Sam Grome/Abby Sprecher

a. Looking to do multiple games on Yankton Hockey Day(not just Varsity). Need to be concise on time.Games have to start at scheduled time.

b. T-shirts ordered.

iii. **YAIA Member Bulletin Board**-Janelle Sayler

a. This will be a place for members to post newspaper clippings, achievements, etc. of members.

i. **Marketing Committee** – Lisa Nielson

i. Will be sending out one more reminder about Alumni game.

j. **Discipline Committee** – Open Position for Chair(Amanda Bottolfson-VP, interim Chair)

i. Current committee members: Doug Budig, Mike Stoll, Dave Withrow, Sherri Koletzky.

i. Katie is reaching out to a couple individuals to see if they have an interest in joining this committee.



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## k. Facility Committee

### i. Equipment – Karen Schleiger

- i. Yankton game jerseys still with ship date mid-October. (Squirt & new to HS)
  - a. Some Jerseys are in and the rest should arrive this week.
- ii. Jersey handout anticipated to be complete this week except 6U/8U teams (December)
- iii. Skate sharpener has been placed in a cabinet w/padlock in the locker room hall entry way. Only those that have been trained will be given the code.
- iv. Request to purchase 2 new grinding wheels for skate sharpener=\$100, approval to purchase given.

### ii. Building – Brian Wenisch/Kevin Hunhoff/Terry Haas

- i. The dehumidifier on Zam room is not functioning properly and will need to have Larry's come take a look at it.
  - a. This has been fixed.

### iii. Zamboni - Brian Wenisch

- i. Shipment date is on target for January 2023.

## l. State Delegate- Brian Wenisch

- i. SDAHA Hall of Fame nominations – SEE END OF AGENDA
- ii. New SDAHA Registrar is Randy Honkomp.

## m. Events Management Committee – Lisa Nielson

### i. Scheduling

- i. Games-
  - a. Start 11/18
  - b. League schedule is available on SDAHA and YAIA websites.

### ii. Tournaments

- a. Bantam A State Tournament @ Yankton.
  - i. Note: Same weekend as the USD Track Meet; limited hotels. The new hotel behind Fry'n Pan-Fairfield Inn is taking reservations.
- b. Squirt Jamboree – February 4-5, 2023
  - i. 6 teams

### iii. Performances

### iv. Private parties



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- a. MMU all at 10:00 p.m. – Midnight
  - i. 11/18
  - ii. 12/10
  - iii. 1/28
- v. Special events
  - a. Barb Yackel Camp – November 11-13, 2022
  - b. Yankton Hockey Day – 12/3/2022
- n. **Fundraising Committee – Ryan Rusher**
  - i. Fall Gala- Stacey Renken
    - i. 11/5/2022 @ The Old Mill Event Center
      - a. We will need to set up tables for this event. Possibly get the HS team to help.
      - b. Need help selling tickets – contact Stacey or Katie
      - c. Greg Ryken – Auctioneer
      - d. Dave Spencer – MC
      - e. Sponsor tables – 12 tables of 8 seats for \$500
        - i. 6 tables are sold.
    - ii. Working on final invoices for the vendors, should have final numbers next month.
  - ii. Butter Braids
    - i. Sell from November 17<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2022
    - ii. Delivery: mid-December
  - iii. Stampede Game
    - i. Waiting for Chuck-a-Puck schedule before we pick a date.
  - iv. Yankton Area Foundation Grant
    - i. Application submitted for \$4,000 to go towards Skate trainers(walkers) to replace the metal Skate trainers(walkers) we currently have.
- o. **Key Master - Sarah Thoms**
  - i. PeeWee coaches need locker room keys.
  - ii. Hansen Locksmith needs to look at the key fob system auto-lock, Exit door handle on front of building is broken.



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- p. **Handbook** – Sarah Thoms
  
- 5. **New Business**
  - a. **Hockey Box/Stick handling in Warming Area**
    - i. Can the box be brought back out? - YES
    - ii. Can they stick handle in the Warming area with a special ball/puck? - NO
  
  - b. **Next Meeting**
    - i. December 13, 2022 at 6:00pm.
  
- 6. **Adjourn- motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Brian Wenisch, motion passed.**



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### **Hockey Team Coordinators: Approval needed**

**Mini Mite – Jen Petersen  
Mite - Tina Sasse  
Squirt A - Stephanie Marlette  
Squirt B – Abby Sprecher  
Pee Wee B - Angela Wrage  
Bantam A & B - Sherri Koletzky  
JV/Varsity - Sheila Haas**

### **Additional Hockey Coaches: Approval needed**

**Keith Eng – Mites  
Mike Schenkel - PeeWee**

### **Additional Figure Skating Coach: Approval needed**

**Jackie Pjal**

### **SDAHA HALL OF FAME**

**Good Afternoon Members & Friends of SDAHA!**

**We have some exciting news! A South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association Hall of Fame (HOF) was founded in September of 2022 by the SDAHA Board of Directors to honor those who have contributed so much to the sport of hockey in South Dakota.**

**The SDAHA Hall of Fame exists in order to honor and memorialize individuals who have brought special distinction to the game of hockey and those who made outstanding contributions to the development and advancement of hockey anywhere in the State of South Dakota. It also exists to collect, research, preserve, exhibit and promote objects, images and other historical materials connected with the game at all levels.**

**Nominations for the inaugural Class of 2023 are being accepted now through December 15th, 2022. Nominations can come from anyone. Candidates for the HOF can be nominated in any of the four categories below.**

**Player Category- A candidate for election as a Member in the player category shall be chosen on the basis of his or her playing ability, sportsmanship, character and contributions to his or her team or teams and to the game of hockey in general. A person is not eligible for election in the player category if he or she has**



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played in a SDAHA sanctioned hockey game, USA Hockey sanctioned hockey game or a Collegiate Hockey during any of the three (3) playing seasons immediately prior to his or her election.

**Builder Category-** A candidate for election as a Member in the builder category shall be chosen on the basis of his or her managerial or executive ability (or ability in another significant off-ice role), sportsmanship, character and contributions to his or her organization or organizations and to the game of hockey in general. A candidate for election in the builder category may be either active or inactive at the time of his or her election.

**Coaching Category-** A candidate for election as a Member in the coaching category shall be chosen on the basis of his or her coaching or managerial ability, sportsmanship, character and contributions to his or her team or teams and to the game of hockey in general. A candidate for election in the coaching category may be either active or inactive at the time of his or her election.

**Hockey Officials Category-** A candidate for election as a Member in the Hockey Officials category shall be chosen on the basis of his or her officiating ability, sportsmanship, character and contributions to his or her organization or organizations and to the game of hockey in general. A candidate for election in the hockey officials category may be either active or inactive at the time of his or her election.

**\*\*Please note, a candidate may only be nominated in one category per year and Candidates for Membership may be living or deceased.**

The nomination form can be found on the [sdaha.org](https://www.sdaha.org) website or by using the following link: <https://www.sdaha.org/page/show/7531150-sdaha-hockey-hall-of-fame>

The first South Dakota Amateur Hall of Fame Induction will take place in the Spring of 2023. More information will be posted on this soon along with ways that you can help support the Hall of Fame.



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**Please reach out to the SDAHA Executive Director, Jenni Wirkus, with any questions you may have on the Hall of Fame or submitting a nomination.**

**On behalf of the SDAHA Board of Directors and the HOF, we are truly excited to have a way to honor those who have contributed so much to the sport of hockey and to SDAHA! We all look forward to this New Opportunity! Thank you for your continued support of SDAHA!**

**Jeff Scheel, SDAHA Hall of Fame Chairman**