

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 6, 2025 – 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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
PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen
Mite Rep – Allison McKee
Mini-Mite Rep – Tony Uhlenkamp
Girls' Rep – Megan Davis
Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

Board Members Absent: Bantam Rep – Jennifer Billings, Squirt Rep – Tracey Miller

Attendance: Colleen Uhlenkamp, Zak Gordon, Taylor Seep, Kylie West

1. Public Comments - None
2. Affirmation of Email Votes – None
3. Appointments & Membership Changes – None
4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Secretary – Sara Pieper
 - Casey motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Stephen second, motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
 - Stephen sent reports. Collected all dues and fees from all families; except 2. Tourney fees collected.
 - Summer equipment rental is going well; \$1400
 - Concession sales were down 10% for the season and fundraising was down from the previous season (raffle baskets earnings were down, and no events were hosted by the Fundraising Committee). We will finish at a small loss due to fundraising and concessions.
 - Filed IRS tax form
 - c. President Elect – Mark Gernetzke
 - None
 - d. Past President – Ryan Dunt
 - The SP Ice Zamboni Open is on June 25. Groundhog families and fans are encouraged to participate.
 - e. President – Eric Morehouse
 - The owner of the West Side Play It Again Sports is looking at locations on the East Side and hopes to make it a hockey focused store that will offer skate sharpening. There is an opportunity for SPYHA to promote and partner.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Volunteer Committee
 - None
 - b. Annual Fundraising Committee
 - None
 - c. Communications Committee
 - Sent monthly reports and YoY data
 - Communications Committee will open DIBS for 2025-2026 season
 - All SPYHA reference and policy documents should be posted to SharePoint; Google Drive is no longer being utilized
 - d. Registrar
 - None
 - e. Groundhog Games Tournament Committee
 - None
 - f. Concession Stand Committee
 - SPYHA rented the vending machines in the lobby and will now get profits
 - g. USA Hockey Initiatives
 - None
 - h. ACE Director(s)

- None
 - i. Equipment Managers
 - Ryan Dunt working with the Equipment Committee on equipment requests
 - j. Jersey Coordinator
 - k. Spirit Wear / Bags
 - Players, fans and families had good feedback on new Groundhog swag offerings
 - l. Region 4 Meeting
 - None
6. LEVEL REP REPORTS
- a. Mini-Mite
 - None
 - b. Mite
 - None
 - c. Squirt
 - None
 - d. PeeWee
 - None
 - e. Bantams
 - None
 - f. Coaches' Rep
 - The end of the season banquet went well, and speakers did a great job. Families enjoyed hearing from Bantam players
 - SPYHA will be hosting a player camp the week of July 14
 - Kicking off Midget season starting Aug 1; the goal is to maintain one team after High School tryouts.
 - g. Girls Rep
 - As Dragons continue to grow, we will require two reps. One focused on 8U non-travel girls and another who acts as the main board rep and will focus on 9+ travel teams.
7. OLD Business
- a. End-of-season survey
 - Reviewed comments from 2024-2025 season survey.
8. NEW Business
- a. THFF Transition Program: In the future, we will coordinate transition program dates before the THFF event to ensure this program is communicated to registered families and players. In 2026, the team will aim to wrap the transition program before Spring Break.
 - b. 2025 Taste of Madison Volunteer Opportunities/DIBS
 - Sara to submit form to express interest in volunteering at 2025 event on both Saturday and Sunday. We will find out at the end of May if we were selected as a volunteer organization.
 - c. 2025-2026 travel season pre-evals will start September 15; tryouts will start the week of September 29
 - d. 2025-2026 season expected team count:
 - Midget: 1
 - Bantams: 2
 - PeeWees: 4
 - Squirts: 5
 - Dragons: 1-2
 - Mites: 5
 - Mini Mites: 8
 - e. 2025-2026 Mite season begins October 13; Mini-Mites will begin October 29
 - Add box to registration asking if players require equipment rental
 - f. Annual Meeting
 - Sunday, June 8 @ 7:30 pm
 - g. Committee/Board Recruitment
 - President-Elect
 - Squirt
 - Treasurer
 - Bantam Rep
 - h. Volunteer Event Beaver Dam
 - The event is on June 7. The Fundraising Committee will take the lead coordinating across communications, DIBS posting, etc.
 - i. Next Board Meeting
 - Sunday, May 18 at 6:00 pm

9. Adjourn

- *Casey motioned to adjourn. Stephen second, motion passed unanimously.*

10. Closed Session

- *Discussed SPYHA Committee policy change and End of Season survey*