



Yankton Area Ice Association
905 Whiting Drive
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YAIA Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024
6:00 PM Rink Board Room & Google Meets

Board Members Present: Sarah Thoms, Brian Wenisch, Eric Shoemaker, Jen Livingston, Lisa Nielson, Ryan Rusher, Dan Bentley, Barrie Larsen

Committee Members or guests: Heidi Enge, Jami Stevens, Karen Schleiger, Amy Schramm, Kevin Perakslis, Terry Haas, Chad Renken, Jim Byrkeland, Kim Byrkeland

1. **Call Meeting to Order at 6:01 PM**
2. **Approval of September Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **Motion was made by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Brian Wenisch. Motion passed.**
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **Rink Setup-**
 - i. 9/29/2024: Went well and many thanks to those who helped setup. We have a few areas of the mats in the warming are that are still slightly lifted but, hopefully in the next week or so will flatten.
 - b. **Doc Days – 4-H Meeting is 9/9/2024**
 - i. Tuesday 9/24/2024 @ 6-8 PM
 - i. Thursday 9/26/2024 @ 6-8 PM
 - ii. Tuesday 10/1/2024 @ 6-8 PM
 1. We have collected all but 20 Dibs/Raffle checks. Sarah is following up with individuals that still need to turn in their checks and pickup raffle tickets.
 - c. Via email sent on 9/30/2024: Assistant Coaches List was submitted for approval
 - i. **Motion made by Ryan Rusher, seconded by Jen Livingston. Motion passed on 10/1/2024.**
 - d. Via email on 10/1/2024: Team Coordinators list was submitted for approval
 - i. **Motion was made by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Ryan Rusher. Motion passed on 10/2/2024.**
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Curling – Juliana Dick-Ford**
 - i. **No Report**
 - b. **Hockey Coaching – Chad Renken**
 - i. **Coaching Committee**
 1. Tournament fees to be collected by Team Coordinators during team Parents meetings
 2. Play Up Request – moved to executive session
 3. Player Release – moved to executive session
 4. Practice schedule (attached).
 - **A schedule was presented but it was requested to remove 5 minutes from FS, Mites, & Squirts to allow another Zamboni time. A motion was made to approve the practice schedule with the changes by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Ryan Rusher. Motion Passed.**
 - c. **Figure Skating – Jamie Stevens / Heidi Enge**
 - i. **FS Coach approval: Hailee Privett**
 1. Hailee Privett, a YAIA figure skater alumni, is interested in coaching on Saturdays. We believe she would be beneficial to have as an occasional coach



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who would be able to provide coaching coverage at Saturday FS lessons when other coaches are at competition.

- **Motion was made to approve Hailee Privett as a coach for FS by Dan Bentley, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. Motion passed.**

i. Revisit FS Coach Rates

1. Morgan (Privett) Fellows \$20.ph returning coach or dibs hours?
 2. Johanna Starzl \$16.ph returning coach
 3. Lauren VerSteeg \$19.ph returning coach
 4. Eva Paulsen \$17.ph returning coach
 5. Braxton Adams \$16.ph returning coach (newly paid this year bc trainee last year)
 6. Ella Ziegeldorf \$16.ph new coach (only T-Th group lessons, no saturdays, fall semester only)
 7. Kelsey Heath \$16.ph previous coach returning (only saturday group lessons)
 8. Hailee Privett \$16ph. New coach for occasional Saturdays when other coaches are at competition.
 9. Iyanna Becker Junior Coach
 10. Eleanor Starzl Coach
- Motion was made to approve the pay listed for the Coaches listed from 2-8 by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Ryan Rusher. Motion Passed.
 - Approval pending on the pay rate for Morgan Privett Fellows.

ii. Purchase ISI Handbooks

1. Following up on the purchase of 8 ISI handbooks. <https://shop.skateisi.org/product/isi-handbook/>

iii. Purchase FS Banner

1. FS would like to proceed with ordering a 4x10 for \$170 banner that features all 2023-2024 Figure skaters using team photos taken at last season.
2. Board approved purchase of banner at \$155. Remaining difference of \$15 to be sponsored by FS parent.

iv. FS Coach jackets

1. Request purchase of 2 jackets for competition coaches (Morgan Privett Fellows and Lauren VerSteeg)
 - Board approval pending we be provided the costs for the jackets

v. FS Parent Meetings

1. Parent/Skater meetings will take place on October 22, 2024 at 5pm for Freestyle Skaters and 6pm for Pre-Alpha thru Delta skaters.

vi. FS Lettering

1. Clarify what is needed for tracking attendance for FS lettering.
 - Will reference the Handbook

vii. Holiday Family Skate on Dec 21, 2024

1. Instead of 2 mid-season performances on Dec 20 & 21, there is interest in only doing 1 midseason performance on Dec 20, and then hosting a FS Holiday Family Skate in place of the previously scheduled FS performance time on Dec 21.
 - It was suggested to keep the 2 performances but maybe do a matinee on Saturday as the 2 days brings in quite a few people for attendance.

d. Registrar- Amy Schramm

- i. Reminder for SafeSport for Board members & volunteers associated with the athletes.
- i. Meeting on 10/8 @ 8:30 PM for GameSheet Training
- ii. Need to work on a better system with tracking coaches requirements with their USA Hockey Number

e. Safety Committee – Tona Larsen



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- i. Return to Covid Plan should be updated in October
- i. Physcials / Recertifications

- f. **Executive Report – Sarah Thoms**
 - i. 4-HLeaders Meeting
 - i. Walk Through was completed and we accepted the building
 - ii. Feeding America – will NOT be allowed in the building before 7:30 AM and will need to park their trailer somewhere else

- g. **Treasurer Report – Jennifer Livingston**
 - i. Budget Committee – Jen Livingston, Ryan Rusher, Dan Bentley, & Kevin Perakslis
 - i. Financial Report was provided
 - ii. Wholesale Supply
 - 1. Have not received any responses from them since last 2 attempts of communication requesting original documents

- h. **Vision Committee – Shawn Weber**
 - i. **No Report**

- i. **Social Committee – Stephanie Marlette**
 - i. **Hockey Day – 12/14/2024**

- j. **Hockey Development – Karen Schleiger**
 - 1) Lots of marketing efforts
 - 2) Lincoln Carnival 9/23- success
 - 3) Trunk or Treat: Stewart 10/28, 6-730p
 - 4) Trunk or Treat: Sacred Heart 10/25
 - 5) Four Try Hockey/Try Skating events in October
 - 6) LTS session 1: 10/3-10/20
 - 7) Girls Hockey Day 10/6
 - 8) SDAHA Girls Hockey weekend 11/15-17, YAIA sponsorship request, \$100 name/\$250 logo
 - 9) New paid Junior coach, LTS
 - **Motion to approve Ava Paulson as a paid LTS Coach at the rate of \$17/hour from the LTS Budget amount for the 2024/2025 season by Jen Livingston, seconded by Ryan Rusher. Motion passed.**
 - 10) New Development Coordinator trainee: Abby Sprecher
 - 11) Looking for new Learn to Skate Coordinator trainee

- k. **Alumni Committee – Shawn Wagner**
 - i. **No report but was requested by board to look into what the status is of planning, advertising, waivers, safety of players, etc.**

- l. **Marketing Committee – Shelby Nilsen**
 - i. Team Photos – Saralynn Dimmer has declined the request to complete Hockey Team pictures this season due to scheduling conflicts.
 - 1. Meridian Photography is interested in taking them. Need approval.
 - **Motion was made by Brian Wenisch, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. Motion passed.**

- m. **Discipline Committee – Ryan Rusher – VP**
 - i. **No Report**

- n. **Facility Committee**
 - i. **Equipment–Karen Schleiger**
 - 1. Figure Skate rental skates on back order.
 - 2. All equipment that was ordered is received, including jerseys, socks, open skates.



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3. What to do with expired helmets and old Open skate skates?
 - a. Board agrees to dispose of equipment
 - i. **Building – Brian Wenisch**
 1. Zamboni
 2. Compressor
 - a. Look into Becker fixing the board doors in the rink, estimate was approved by board previously.
 - Looking for invoice
 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.
 - Will be getting estimates for proper repair
 4. EMERGENCY – Need to replace the broken main water valve in the meter pit with a new curb stop. Received an estimate from Feimer Construction to repair for \$2551.03. Will be reaching out to 4H to split the costs.
 - a. **Motion was made to approve the estimate, with the job to be completed within 30 days, by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. Motion Passed.**
 - o. **State Delegate – Brian Wenisch**
 1. Fall State Meeting
 - a. A Summary was provided
 - p. **Events Management Committee – Lisa Nielson**
 - i. League Schedule will be released within a week
 - q. **Fundraising – Amy Ondell**
 - i. Fall Gala –Stacey Renken - 11/9/2024
 1. Meridian Venue
 2. Intended Use of Gala Funds to go towards – 2025 Mini-Mite/Mite & Pre-Alpha/Alpha registration costs & Facility maintenance (heater replacement/repairs, north double door replacement/repairs, board door repairs, dehumidifier motor replacement cost, additional skate racks, helmet hook board, etc.)
 - a. **Motion was made by Jen Livingston, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. Motion Passed.**
 - i. Melissa Smith with Siouxland OMFS wants a contact person for their donation of HS mouthguards in exchange for rink signage.
 - r. **Key Master – Sarah Thoms**
 - i. Keys have been activated.
 - s. **Handbook – Lisa Nielson / Karen Schleiger**
 - i. **No report**
5. **New Business**
- a. **Hockey Apparel Designs – Approval**
 - i. Link sent to board with JJ Benji's designs and store submitted to the board for approval.
 1. **Motion was made by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Brian Wenisch. Motion passed.**
 2. YAIA will accept apparel bids & designs from vendors for the 25/26 season by 6/1/2024.
 - b. **Other**
 - c. **Executive Session**



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- i. Play Up Request for player to move from Bantam to JV was denied with a motion from Brian Wenisch, seconded by Jen Livingston. **Motion passed.**
- i. Player Release request was approved with a motion made by Brian Wenisch, seconded by Jen Livingston. **Motion passed.**
- d. **Next Meeting**
 - i. November 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- 6. **Motion to Adjourn at 10:11 PM was made by Jen Livingston, seconded by Barrie Larsen. **Motion passed.****

