

February 2010 Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Brian Kindle.

Members present at the meeting were Brian Kindle, Jim Klemencic, David Timm, Kathy Diedrick, Randy Hofer, Bill Zipp, Karla Revolinsky, Kelly Champ, Scott Wenger and Eric Berg.

A motion was made by Randy Hofer to approve minutes from the January meeting. Seconded by Scott Wenger. Motion approved.

President – Brian Kindle

As stated in the letter that was sent out to the membership earlier this week, I want to touch on the board positions that will be becoming open in the near future. We have two existing board positions, secretary and tournament director that we are actively taking nominations for at this time to be voted on at our annual board meeting in April. We also have the newly formed position of webmaster that we are accepting all letters of interest for and will be appointed possibly as early as our annual meeting as well. I would urge everyone who has an interest or desire to become more involved in this association to contact any of our existing board members with any questions or direction in this matter.

Secondly, I would like to recap on what took place at the feasibility study meeting that the DYHA board was invited to on January 13th at 1:00 pm. Kathy Diedrick, Eric Burg, Scott Wenger and I were in attendance. We met with John Monteleone, a Regional Manager with Rink Management Services Corporation out of Mechanicsville, Virginia. Rink Management Services Corporation does exactly that, they manage rinks all over the country. They also do some consulting work and that is what they were hired to do for the city of DePere. There were many good questions asked by John about our association and we were also given the opportunity to voice our views on what we felt were important things that needed to be improved upon to bring this rink into the 21st century. The results of the study and John's report to the city of DePere will be in their hands in the near future. No specific deadline was set.

Finally, I would like to address all of the teams that will be challenging for a state tournament berth on February 13th. The Mite A's, Squirt A's and B's and the Peewee A's all have play down games against their partner Fox Valley teams. The Peewee C's will be challenging for a state tournament berth at the 1C level and playing both Green Bay and Fox Valley for their chance to go. I want to wish all of these teams and their coaches the best of luck in their respective games. The Squirt C's, Peewee B's, Bantam A's and B's and the High School team all have automatic bids into the state tournament this year. I would like to wish all of these teams and coaches good luck in March and I know I'll be extending the same wishes for the month of March to many more teams in the very near future.

Vice-President – Jim Klemencic

Operations Committee – did not meet in the month of February and it was a rather quiet month. The committee will meet in the next few weeks.

Coach's evaluations will be going out in the next few weeks. They will be given to the Team Managers to pass on to the parents on the team. Everyone should complete one and return by the deadline. The information gathered from these evaluations help with coaching selection and improvement for future seasons.

Team update: Teams have been doing well in tournaments, The PeeWee A's finished 2nd at two of their tournaments and 1st at another. The PeeWee B's had a 3rd place finish, a 2nd place finish and a 1st place finish at the tournaments they participated in. The Mite A's took 2nd place in the Wausau tournament and the Bantam B's took 2nd in a Baraboo tournament and 4th in the West Bend tournament.

Good Luck to all teams participating in play downs the weekend of February 13th & 14th.

Treasurer – Eric Berg

Cash Balance as of January 31st, 2010

Checking account, Bank Mutual	\$16,804.16
Savings account, Bank Mutual	\$45,902.68
Certificate of Deposit	\$
Total Cash available	\$62,706.84

HS WIAA Checking account	\$3,508.99
HS WIAA Savings account	\$11,505.64
HS Petty Cash	
Total HS Cash available	\$15,014.63

Outstanding checks: Ice for January is \$14,695.00

We received \$265.00 from the City of Allouez for the annual allocation.

The return for the volunteer credits will handed out starting on Thursday, February 4th. If you worked Celebrate DePere or worked WIAA high school games last season you will be getting your \$50 deposit back if you are paid in full for the season. Any questions contact Eric Berg sberg6@new.rr.com.

Mite Fest in Shawano - Scott Wenger made a motion to pay the Mite team \$50 to cover their charge for the Shawano Mite fest. Seconded Karla Revolinsky. Motion passed.

Secretary – Kathy Diedrick

The Communication Committee: met and did the planning for the HIP Party, which is taking place on Saturday, February 6th from 1pm-3pm.

Photos: Empire reported preliminary sales number and we are at about 90% of last years sales.

Registrar – Scott Wenger

No report

Scheduler – Bill Zipp

No report.

Ace Coordinator - Kelly Champ

Coaches had a meeting last month; it was a good meeting in which many teams were represented. The coaches discussed tryouts and offered new ideas to be presented to the Operations Committee for consideration for next years tryouts.

Coaches raised concerns of GB's program, primarily their off ice antics. The concerns were passed on to Brian Kindle to determine if further action needs to be taken.

They also discussed having a mandatory parents meeting at the beginning of the season, just as other sports programs do. Also, holding educational meetings to explain concepts of the game, helping those parents who are new to the sport or those who would like to learn more about the game and get a better understanding of the game possibly developing more parent involvement.

The 5000 shot program was discussed and decided they would run this again during the off season, Kelly will administer the program.

It was asked of Kelly if he is seeing player improvement from the changes and improvements implemented this year. Kelly said he is seeing it and the players continue to improve on their skill and play.

Tournament Director – Karla

The Bantam tournament was cancelled as well this year. Many teams were contacted in hopes to find teams to participate in the tournament, but they just could not find teams to fill the remaining open spots. Would like to thank Heidi Anderson and Randy Vandenack for their help in contacting teams.

Have begun the planning for the PeeWee B state tournament.

Karla received the 2010 handbook regarding tournaments. Per the book, WAHA does encourage gate fees for the state tournament and gives guidelines for the fee amount to charge. Karla believes this is something we should do to help recoup the cost from the cancelled tournaments this year.

Karla recommended we charge a gate fee for the state tournament and suggested the gate fees be \$15 family weekend pass, \$10 individual weekend pass and \$5 day pass. David Timm made a motion to charge Karla's recommended gate fee for the State tournament. Seconded by Jim Klemencic. Randy Hofer opposed. Motion approved.

Equipment – Randy Hofer

No report.

HS Liaison – David Timm

WIAA

The Fox River Classic Conference is bringing its hockey playing schools into its conference fold commencing with the 2010-11 season. That means DP/WDP will no long be part of the Badgerland Conference. DP/WDP, GBU, Bay Port, Ashwaubenon, NDA, Manitowoc and Sheboygan will all be part of the FRCC for hockey just like their other sports.

West DePere is not part of the FRCC for its other sports and because DePere is part of the FRCC for its other sports, DePere will become the administering school district for the co-op hockey program (another two year agreement having just been signed with the WIAA) and Jeff Byczek will be the administering athletic director.

WIAA contract was signed for another 2 years.

Attendance at the WIAA games is down quite a bit this year.

Micki Klemencic has resigned from handling the WIAA apparel sales. Micki has done a wonderful job; approximately \$300.00 was made on WIAA apparel sales this season. Thank you Micki for you time.

February 6th there will be a WIAA showcase, in which 7 teams will participate in these games.

WAHA- there have been no problems, the team is doing well.

David would like DePere youth hockey to change to a junior level in the fox valley high school league. Would like to have the league change their rules to include players until the age of 19. This would be brought up for discussion as an option to expand the pool of eligible WAHA players and possibly help grow the number of WAHA teams.

David made a motion to have the boards support to bring this idea to the spring meeting of the FV high school league. Seconded by Randy Hofer. Eric Berg opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Celebrate DePere Fundraiser: Rod Schlafer discussed Celebrate DePere. He is currently in the process of obtaining the liquor license for the event. The volunteer sign up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board by the north entrance and an email was sent out to the team managers to pass on to their team parents informing them the sign ups sheets are posted.

Rod asked if he is able to go out and solicit donations on behalf of DYH for Celebrate DePere. They will be changing the menu this year to serving booyah and hot dogs. The hot dogs were donated and would be looking to approach other

businesses for food or cash donations. Also, Rod asked for Board approval to purchase can koosies and implement his idea of bringing more people to the tent. Rod received the Board's permission to move forward.

Fundraising: Bill Zipp raises the question should DYH be doing more fundraising than we are currently doing now. This will be discussed at next month meeting.

Women's and Girls Nationals: Don Chilson has asked if DYH would be able to help find volunteers to fill open volunteer slots for the Women's and Girls National tournaments held at the end of March and beginning of April. The board has asked Kathy Diedrick to contact Don Chilson and ask "What is in it for DePere Youth Hockey if we help find them volunteers." and report back to the Board members.

Questions from Members: What is DYH doing to offer camps, clinics, etc. to members for their players? Brian Kindle answered the question stating DYH will be running their summer session again. DYH does not work with outside organizations who contact Ice Time management for their camps, but for a fee they will post their camps on our website if contacted.

Ice Time Management is working with a few groups to bring in hockey camps to the DePere Ice Rink over the summer, but nothing is secured at this time.

Ice equipment storage area: David Lepp pointed out the rink has made a storage unit for tires and cones used during practices and they should be returned after they have been used. David has asked Kelly Champ to please pass this on to his coaches group.

Scott Wenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Karla Revolinsky. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Next board meeting:

Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010 at 6:00 pm
DePere Ice Rink - Upstairs