

DYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, January 12, 2010  
6:00 P.M.  
Five Flags

1. Call to Order by Mike Belmont

Current Board Members Present:

Mike Belmont, Erin Coates, Ben Kluesner, Brian McCoy, Brian Rieckens, Marilyn Snyder, Lisa Thormann, John Tigges, Duane Tucker, Mark Wolff, and Dave Zillig

Excused: Dawn Savary and Tim Weber

Board Members Not Present and Not Approved: none

**\*\*Presentation by the DICE Group with Q&A to follow\*\***

DICE Board members made a brief presentation about the new ice facility: John Arvolino, Tony Theisen, Brian Southwood, and Bob Woodward.

Bob Woodward talked about the role of Mystique in the facility, event center vs. hockey, letter going out to all donors, facility being built and developed, over 85 pages of legal agreements including the City, USHL, and DICE, to ensure facility being used correctly and interests are being protected. Mystique put in \$1million, \$3.5 million was raised, and the USHL team brought \$3.2 million. It will be managed by a professional management team with an onsite manager. Brian Southwood is going to help out with a minimum of 10 hours a week and oversee the manager. Mystique can use the facilities 6 times a year when nothing else is going on. They pay rent for the facility. Brian Southwood showed a sample ice schedule calendar for the year. Bob Woodward reiterated the fact that the facility will be 91% a public ice facility.

USHL team: Original presentation included the junior team if they wanted to move over. They approached the Thunderbirds to come to the new rink, but they did not have the capital to put on the table. We are obligated to have ice by Aug. 15. We are contractually obligated to have ice through the first or second week of June. We may have ice 12 months of the year. Brian Southwood said there will be a scheduling meeting, where all the parties can talk about their schedules. The USHL team schedule will be locked in first, and then we can have the meeting.

Questions: \*Approximate rate of the ice? Not yet decided. \*Contractual obligations? There is a 20-year contract. DYHA will have to sign an agreement with DICE for the ice, rate, provisions for canceling ice, etc. \*Will DICE hire any of the 5 Flags maintenance? We don't know how many people will be needed, they will have to apply. The Rink manager will be hired first. Applications will be available on-line. The hockey team will be in charge of hiring their own people to sell tickets. \*Youth hockey tournaments currently have volunteers working the tournament. Do you think that will happen at the new rink? We haven't really thought of people doing that. There is training time, and not everyone will show up to volunteer. The Davenport

Ice Center was designed to be run with few staff as a community ice center. The USHL team might have internships. \*Have you heard if the City will change the streets to accommodate the crowds leaving the facility? People will probably have to go past the casino to leave the parking lot. The parking lot will hold 740 cars, and the lot by the ball fields will be resurfaced. \*On the plans, locker room 5 doesn't have a bathroom? This could be a girl's locker room or a figure skating locker room. There will be plenty of locker rooms and ample storage for items. \*Will there be a dedicated space to sell apparel? There is not going to be a pro shop. The USHL team will have a stand with merchandise and some peg board items. There will be a sharpener available as well. Various hockey items will be taken to the new rink for use there. \*If the USHL team has a kiosk, could DYHA have a stand alone item to sell merchandise? If you could get a rolling cart that fits in the storage facility you could roll it out and have it available. \*January 23 is the announcement date for the team name and colors for the USHL team. \*Wi-fi internet will be available at the arena. \*There will be equipment set up to run a second sheet of ice, and it could be in the near future. \*The concrete piles are going in. It could be about 30 days and you will see a building. Pictures are on the website of the construction. \*It is important for the USHL team to support youth hockey in Dubuque. \*The scheduling meeting for ice could be in April. \*The USHL team will probably have an open house meeting for season tickets.

2. Motion to approve the December minutes by Dave Zillig, seconded by Ben Kluesner, and carried.

3. Treasurer's Report: December

Motion by Lisa Thormann to table December Treasurer's report due to the Treasurer's absence, seconded by Brian McCoy, motion carried.

4. Old Business

A. Lower House League contact list for parents: We should have a general list for contact for bad weather. Maybe set up a bulk email account to send out a notice. Mike Belmont thought through the website there is an availability to do that. Erin Coates thought Eric Coates might have the list for Lower House. Mike Belmont said we need to have cancellation process to get the word out, as there are no team moms this year for lower house.

B. Missing equipment and apparel: Ron Snyder and Dave Zillig got it solved. Mike talked with Jim Goodmann about pucks as well. Erin suggested maybe sending out an email for pucks. Brian McCoy said we need everyone to check their bags and houses for pucks. Brian will compose the letter and Ben will bring the bucket for people to turn in pucks. Mike Belmont said we are still missing one set of goalie gear.

C. Number of ice times for the season: Mike hasn't talked to Joyce, if 5 Flags will be willing to stay open any longer. Possibly doing a house jamboree is a good idea. Lisa wants to put it on the schedule, mites and lower house teams, pee wee or bantams, it would be good for the kids to see it.

D. Nomination Committee: Mike Belmont said the big issue is a treasurer for next year.

It needs to be filled. Please do some thinking and talking to people you know about this important position. Ideally, a parent will be the best fit as they will know the organization.

- E. Sports Festival on January 23: Brian explained through email the need to cover this sports festival and board members are out of town, would anyone be available to cover it? Bantams are in town this weekend. The USHL team will be on stage and have requested 20-30 kids on stage for the announcement of the new team name. DYHA has a table with information and the event runs from 9 am to 4 pm. The need for volunteers will be the 2-4 shift and tear down.

5. Committee Reports (Include Checklists)

- A. Apparel/Merchandise: Nothing
- B. Bylaws: Nothing
- C. Coaching/Evaluations: Brian Rieckens has had computer issues and requested Duane send another copy to him and one to the managers. No other issues.
- D. Equipment/Rental Program: Lisa purchased a bunch of clearance hockey equipment for the rental program. Mike Belmont made the motion to pay Lisa \$97.00 for her purchase of equipment for the rental program, seconded by Dave Zillig, all in favor, motion carried.
- E. Fundraising: Lisa suggested we have a Trivia night sometime before the end of the season. The end of March might be a good time.
- F. Golf Outing: We need to set the date for golf outing. Dave Zillig and Erin Coates will help along with Rick Zillig. Rick is willing to help with the golf side of it. John Tigges will help as well. June 11 works for us and Lacoma will be contacted. It will take a collective effort for donations.
- G. House League: Erin did a document and Duane read through it with rules for house league. Mike Belmont asked Duane to talk to Erin about distributing it to the board.
- H. Ice/Referee Schedules: Dave Zillig gave a name to Mark Wolff for a potential referee.
- I. Website: Update on the calendar
- J. Pictures/Awards: Scheduling end of year party
- K. Public Relations/Promotions: Nothing
- L. Registration: Nothing
- M. Scholarships: Nothing
- N. Travel Team: nothing

6. Monthly Checklists

- A. Nothing

7. New Business

- A. Relationship between DYHA and the High School Team: Lisa Thormann has been hearing a lot of conversation with parents having problems with coaches, other players and parents. Maybe have both boards get together and have a discussion. Duane Tucker suggested maybe have them attend one of our board meeting and

discuss their issues. Brian Rieckens said the parents vote on the coach at the parent meeting at the beginning of the season. John Tigges said if it is going to affect the group as a whole, maybe they need some help. Lisa Thormann asked if we need to reach out to the High School team. Duane Tucker suggested we should at least listen to their issues. Brian McCoy said if the coach issue is big enough we should listen. Mike Belmont said he will call Jim Goodman and offer to listen to their issues.

8. Recap
9. Next Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at Five Flags.
10. Adjournment: By motion duly made by Lisa Thormann and seconded by Ben Kluesner, the meeting was adjourned.