

# ERRA

## Eagle River Recreation Association

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### Meeting Minutes for 2/21/2011

Board Members Present: Robert McDonald Sr., Rod Sternhagen, Bob McDonald Jr., Larry Snedden Jr., Maria Zingler, Darren Rubo, Todd Monge, Jason Boxrucker, Jennifer Fink, David Cox, Wendy Ebert

Others Present: Glenn Schiffmann, Troy Siegmeier, Mary Schiffmann, Sue Zelinski, Naomi Bill, Tina Yakel,

Special guests – Jacqui Monge & Marilou Niemczyk

Meeting called to order by Bob McDonald Sr. at 6:38 pm.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Todd M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry S Jr. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Darren R., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Z. Motion carried.

#### **Blizzards Ice Rental**

Todd talked to Mr. Spencer. He would like to use the ice approximately 3 days a week from 4-9 pm, and have it both days on weekends. He wants to run all of their team practices in Eagle River. He will rent the ice as long as the ice can be kept in. Rhinelander gave them a price of \$6000. They know we need to get ice out for gun show Memorial Day weekend. They are willing to work around anything we would want to do.

We need to cover the base of expenses and pursue other avenues to bring in revenue. We can get creative and other teams may want to come and play as well. One or two other rentals will help.

Charlie Tienhaara needs time for the ice plant to get repairs done.

We do not want to create any issues with Lakeland. Lakeland does take their ice out.

## **ERFSC**

Darren just wants an informal Q&A about ERFSC. Don't want to put anyone on the spot.

Jacqui and Marilou wanted to clear up any and all questions that we may have. They provided details on their financial statements, how their program operates, how they cover their ice fees, their ice show fees/workers/hours & how they determine their costs. Jacqui did state that FS coaches are paid for their group lessons that they teach on Monday nights, as is the norm in their sport. There are coaches that are paid to teach private lessons. Each instructor has a membership in the US Figure Skating Organization (equivalent to USA Hockey) as well as the Professional Skaters Assoc. Each instructor has a yearly background check, CFR credits & Professional Liability Insurance. This amounts to about \$350/year which is paid by each instructor.

USA hockey has a roadmap for each level as to where they should be. FS has same thing – follow guidelines from USFS to teach kids. Testing is optional. Some kids just skate to skate, not tests or competitions. Avg. for 5 events at competitions is \$250. Coaches have to come along, and parents have to pay for the coaches to come along.

All ERFSC members are part of the ERRRA. They register with the ERRRA, complete paperwork, then register for FS. They pay insurance, instructional fees, ice show fees.

Parents pay for extra ice time and that helps the instructors recoup some of their USFS fees. Younger skaters can help with the little kids, have to be registered with USFSA and in good standing to help.

Skaters need liability insurance to be out on the ice.

The money is earmarked for spotlights, sound systems, lighting, etc....big ticket items.

Some kids just do Sunday night synchro only.

ERFSC would like to have better communication from the ERRRA Board of Directors.

A suggestion was made to have all visiting pros pay \$5 in summer to become a part of the association – help to hold them accountable.

## **2011/2012 Tournaments**

Jennifer went over possible dates for next year's tournaments, and clarify high school Pines Classic dates. It was suggested that we avoid scheduling any tournaments Pond Hockey weekend and only schedule home games. This will help with getting more volunteers at Pond Hockey. She will get a list of dates together to approve at the next meeting.

## **Pond Hockey Update**

\$1250 from Labatt's

\$4500 from scoring from USA Hockey

Sign rental \$3600

Check from \$363 for skate sharpening

Skate rental - \$320 – took \$80 to Ace for battery

Expenses –

\$300 used as start up – there is a charge at Ace for about \$80

Concession stand \$100 - took chili, cups, spoons

\$120 was used for doughnuts, water, juice, etc.

\$100 for hand/foot warmers

\$8900 made for the weekend

Went well with scoring – Marci McDonald coordinated volunteers and was there the whole weekend

Did get a few cases of non logoed pucks from USA Hockey

May add another day to the tournament next year

## **Round Table**

Rod –

Would it be less expensive to have buckets at the rink instead of teams carrying their own? Carry our own for away games. Mac thinks we have enough pails and pucks to do that next year. Larry said they make no mark pucks. 3x3 info has gone out the association – wants to see the numbers before making decisions on teams.

Check ages to even things out. If high schoolers decide to skate, he will need a helper so Rod is not here until 11 am.

Todd –

Zamboni – R & R – does have refurbishing program on Dome zamboni– service guy says Dave has done everything he can do. It will cost approximately \$3200 plus parts. Will come up with better idea of what they can do – list is pretty extensive –they will slot us in for late summer or early fall – should do every 3 yrs.

5-6 yr old propane machine zamboni coming in  
(552) \$40,000

Our zamboni's are from '97/'74

Shoveled roof of dome – thinks it's a ventilation issue – 8 inches of ice up there – bathroom and proshop leaking

Jason –

New valves and timers have been ordered for zamboni room

Wendy –

What do we charge girls HS – 5 days a week? They are charged based on an average of previous ice time used.

Al wanted to schedule a 6 am practice during a tournament – did not follow procedure. He should have to follow the same procedure as everyone else.

David –

March schedule will come out tomorrow. Darren will put online.

Open ice – need to make sure lights are off. Let David know if want extra ice.  
March 21<sup>st</sup>D – FS will take over dome

March 18<sup>th</sup> last Noon Timers  
March 15<sup>th</sup> last Old Timers

Pull plug on Cube after 3x3 tournament.

Mac – Sun Prairie is tearing down their rink – selling bleachers. Will look into.

Glenn –

Fantastic to see how full the rink was during the Pond Hockey game!

Locker room issues during Friday night SQ tournament – West Bend was scheduled in the East but there are no showers, so it was a stretch to find spots.

Not fair to have SQ parents come in to do extra cleaning. Happy to do basic cleaning but went above and beyond to make rink presentable – possible to look into a cleaning crew?

Bob suggested staying away from having a tournament that weekend. It was suggested to hire a cleaning crew that weekend and share the cost with the Falcons.

### **Closed Session –**

A motion was made a motion to go into closed session at 9:34 pm by Jason B., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd M. Motion carried.

A motion was made to return to open session at 10:01 pm by Todd M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason B. Motion carried.

### **Adjourn –**

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:02 pm by Larry S. Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darren R. Motion carried.

Next Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30 pm.