

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2016, 6 pm

Audience: Kellie Feiler, Darren Schauman, Shane Potter, and Brenda Egli

President Stacy Hollfelder called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Gary Brendemuehl was absent.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brenda Egli if the rink could provide a decent vacuum. Cleaning up after the Cardinal Cup was a challenge with the one available in the Cardinal Cup closet. Betsy noted that Larry was awaiting some replacement parts for one that is currently in his office. She agreed to follow-up with Larry.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – open

Betsy agreed to take meeting minutes. Corrections to the November meeting minutes were suggested. Betsy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the proposed corrections, and Sue seconded. All approve.

Betsy made a motion to affirm the email vote to adjust the amount of varsity dues refunds. Misi seconded the motion, and all approved.

b. Treasurer – (absent) Gary Brendemuehl

Gary had provided the treasurer's report early. Stacy reiterated the account balances. Betsy wondered about the concession payroll expenses, which seemed low, but could be attributed to a delay in entry.

Betsy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Misi seconded the motion. All approved.

c. President Elect – Misi Watters

Nothing to report

d. Past President – Betsy McCrary

- SP Ice Update

Working on the budget. It's been confirmed that there will be no rate increase for the 2016-2017 season.

The Max Solutions rink management software is being used, and caused a delay in invoices being received by SPYHA, as they back-entered all of the ice purchases so that they could invoice through the season. As a result of delayed invoices that subsequently required correction, SPYHA made a payment of \$25,000 toward those invoices, to allow SP Ice to pay their mortgage.

- JV Update

Mark Breyer no longer has a player in the association, so Greg Leatherberry is going to follow up with the district to see where things are at. Suzanne Doody has also offered to help with any needs for the JV initiative.

e. President – Stacy Hollfelder

Nothing to report that isn't already on the agenda.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Volunteer Committee – No representatives present to report

b. Annual Fundraising Committee – No representatives present to report

c. Communications Committee – No representatives present to report

d. Cardinal Cup Committee

Sue Culbertson noted that the mite jamboree was overbooked by four teams, but it looks like Betsy has been able to make arrangements with Larry to get more ice. Revised plan includes ice from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm, along with an hour of ice on Tubbs mid-day.

Only six teams have registered for Bantam A Cardinal Cup. The Board agreed to proceed with just a six team tournament if no inquiries were received by year-end. It's better to have six teams than seven.

Stacy shared that Zamboni driver Kevin Weisensel expressed his sincere gratitude for the work with the first two Cardinal Cups (Squirt A/PeeWee A and Squirt B/PeeWee B). Everything went smoothly. Sue provided treats for the z-team. The only downside was some pounding of pins into benches after the first tournament.

e. Concession Stand Committee

There haven't been any additional issues with theft in the lower concession stand. It was suggested that the deposit envelope stash be checked, as it seems to be frequently low.

f. ACE Directors - None present

g. Region 4 Meeting

There was no Region 4 meeting since our last board meeting.

h. Member Engagement/Annual Meeting – No action

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS

a. Mini-Mite – Nichole Jesberger

Mini-mites had their last in-house game of the first session. All the players who signed up for just one session have decided to continue to session 2. So far, one new player has registered for session 2.

b. Mite – Paula Austad

Paula has not yet received the Dane County League game schedule yet, which is causing some concern from parents. Neil Burgard has made a request for intermediate nets, as forwarded to the Board earlier. They are a size recommended by USA Hockey, 54" x 36". Waunakee and the Patriots have them. The request is for four of the nets at approximately \$259/each plus shipping. This will be added to new business.

c. Squirt - Carrie Rose

The Cardinal Cup for the C teams is coming up right after the new year.

d. PeeWee - Karen Welling

The PeeWee A team is 11-4-2, took fourth in the Cardinal Cup and first in Dubuque. They will be in Altoona in January for a tournament.

PeeWee B is 4-11. They took seventh in the Cardinal Cup and have a tournament in Middleton in January.

e. Bantam – Sue Culbertson

Bantam A's are 19-0-1, and took first in Chippewa Falls.

Bantam B's are 15-4-2, and took third in the Milwaukee Blaze tournament, despite never losing a game.

Cardinal Cup tournaments are in late January. Earlier in January the Bantam B's will be in Onalaska and the A's will be in Eagle River for tournaments.

- f. Midget – Absent (Suzanne Doody)
Midgets are 10-10-1, and have been at three tournaments. Most recently they won the Midget B tournament at Notre Dame.
- g. Coaches' rep. – Jason Ledford
Nothing to report.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2016-2017 Scheduling Update

Working on getting the January practice schedule, which has some challenges in the transcription to the new scheduling software.

b. Bleacher Fundraising

The Maureen Mengelt Foundation is willing to provide a Maureen's Match of up to \$12,500 toward the bleacher project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$25,500. It also assumes volunteer installation.

Based on SP Ice financials, Betsy suggested that SPYHA coordinate a fundraising initiative. There is about \$13,000 to raise funds, and perhaps SPYHA could also do a "matching" fundraiser, so that if various initiatives raised \$6,500, then SPYHA would match it, either by funds we raised specifically or by donation. The vendor who made the Cardinal Cards has offered an extra incentive as an additional donation depending on how many cards were sold.

An important component of the fundraising was to get other ice arena groups to participate. Since many other groups benefit, especially other groups like the figure skating / learn to skate users who don't have the financial or volunteer obligations that SPYHA does, we need to have their support with this fundraising endeavor. Also, since SPYHA already has done a mandatory fundraiser, plus the dues reduction efforts, it's understood that this wouldn't be mandatory for SPYHA, but hopefully families would be willing to work to sell three cards. If in this way SPYHA could sell 450 to 500 cards, and each varsity team would sell three cards to per skater, as well as figure skater/learn to skate families selling about 300 cards, we would meet the goal. We'd like OBHL to support as well, at least by maybe buying one card if they don't have any obligations to other groups.

If we sold 750 to 1,000 cards, we would be able to raise the \$13,000 with the extra donation that the fundraising card company is offering. They are "hockey people" and would like to see the new bleachers. Target would be to kick off the fundraiser around mid-January through mid-February, and order bleachers such that they would arrive in mid to late March.

Karen made a motion to move forward with ordering 1000 fundraising cards. Jason seconded. All approved.

There was some discussion about other fundraising ideas for this, such as maybe selling donated beer at the pond hockey tournament being held at Angell Park. Carrie and Paula will look into these things.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Membership Changes (release and admittance requests)

Nothing to report

b. Board appointments (secretary)

No candidates have come forward.

c. Double Rostering

ACE Director Aaron White had forwarded a request to double roster goalies at from squirt to peewees and peewees to squirts; however, after discussion, it was determined that only one request had come from a coach, and parents/coaches for the other circumstances had not been consulted. Based on Coach Tom Lee's request, a motion was made to double roster Blaine Egli on the Bantam A team, contingent on the requirements of the policy. This was seconded by Misi, and all approved.

d. Goalie Coach Approval

Darren Schumann presented a request to have a goalie coach on the ice one practice a week for his child. This coach would be willing to work with other goalies for a fee. As the association already pays for goalies to attend Sunday Night Goalie Clinic, there was a question of the necessity of this, especially in a situation where a parent was paying for a specialized position coach during SPYHA's designated practice time. Betsy made a motion to have further discussion in closed session, with the parent and proposed goalie coach present. Nichole seconded the motion, and all approved.

e. Cardinal Cup Spectators

Stacy discussed some issues with spectators at the reason Cardinal Cup, including one that was directed to leave by the referee and one that was asked to leave by board member based on his behavior. Stacy has asked that Zamboni staff be the ones to direct people to leave, or call the police if they refuse to leave. The coach of the team involved with the unruly fans did call Sue Culbertson, the tournament director, on Monday to apologize for their fan behavior.

f. Stick holders

We finally have approval to go forward with stick holders for the Tubbs locker rooms. Some volunteers had come forward in the past willing to help, but we need to check with them. The z-team should be consulted when things are ready to go.

g. New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is happening, but we really need volunteers. We don't have an idea of pre-ordered ticket sales yet. Betsy suggested perhaps we could use the income for bleacher fundraising kick-off.

h. Pucks

Jason reported that the rink will manage pucks going forward, and supply them as needed for practices, game warm-ups, and games.

i. Dues Refund

A mite player has left the program. Based on six weeks of calculated participation, factoring in nonrefundable fees of registration, equipment, capital campaign, and scholarship contributions, the total cost was determined to be \$161.25. Jason made a motion to charge \$162 for the fees and time used, and refund any remaining balance. Carrie seconded, and all approved.

j. Other business

Stacy mentioned that John Nesson worked on fixing the heaters in Tubbs and Cardinal, determining what the problem was and what parts were needed, and then replacing those parts. This saved the rink at least \$1,200 in service calls and labor, and she would like to see SPYHA cover the remainder of his non-concession hours for this. Misi made a motion to award John Nesson the remainder of his nonconcession volunteer hours for the 2016-2017 season for the heater repairs. Jason seconded. All approved

Regarding the request of Neil Burgard for intermediate size nets for mites, Betsy noted that she had discussed the storage of another set of nets with Larry Clemens, and he was fine with it. He believes they will fit under the bleachers in the open area across from the Zamboni room. Betsy made a motion to purchase four intermediate nets as described by Neil for an amount not to exceed \$1,300 total. Jason seconded the motion, and all approved.

Nichole and Paula have received some feedback that there is some equipment that is not in that great of condition, and perhaps shouldn't be re-issued, at least without repair. Perhaps parents could tag this at turn-in. They were asked to follow up with the equipment managers.

Betsy made a motion to go into closed session. Jason seconded. All approved, and the audience was excused.

k. Closed session

After discussion, the SPYHA Board of Directors denied the request to allow the requested goalie coach to be on the ice for SPYHA practices.

Betsy made a motion to come out of closed session. Jason seconded. All approved.

Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Misi seconded. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.