

**Sauk Rapids Youth Hockey Association
Sauk Rapids VFW
Monday January 12, 2009
Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm**

Attendance: John Haller, Tory Van Halbeck, Brenda Kaschmitter, Kelly Wurdelman, Reggie Gwost, Keith Heck, Brent Olson, Dave Rosenkrans, Julie Johnson, Kevin Richardson.

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by President, John Haller.

Concession hours for coaches in co-op programs. U10 coach from SRYHA coaching at Sartell. Confirmed that he will get 5 hours concession stand credit.

Sheldon Weston approached John Haller about Mississippi Heights activity day on 11/30/09. Requested donation for ice time to offer open skating at Sports Arena East. Also have costs for busing, but will approach Blue Line Club for donation also. Can get ice time for \$85 during day. Motion made by Reggie Gwost to issue payment of \$85 for ice time for Mississippi Heights activity day, seconded by Brent Olson. All in favor-aye. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Questions about scheduling errors with some River Lakes games and cancellation of game. Kelly Wurdelman noted that she had just made an error in notifying teams on one specific day.

Chris Bowe has been cleared by physician to be on ice. He has been added to BMB2 roster.

Peewee B2 coach suspension by District 10. Referee's game report said it was head coach, when it was actually assistant coach. The misconduct was not reported in required time frame. Team had not gotten scoresheet from visiting team and were not clear on the penalty. Suspension should have been for one game, but D10 imposed 4 game suspension because it was not reported. Make sure teams get scoresheets and check to make sure they are correct.

Game rescheduling issue. Bantam B2 had player hurt with 38 seconds left in 2nd period. Ambulance was called, so there was significant delay in game. Referee had teams play final 38 seconds of the 2nd period and the game then ended because the hour was up. A game is considered official if 2 periods are finished. It was a close game and ended up be recorded as loss for SRYHA. SRYHA is appealing the loss based on referee's decision to play the last 38 seconds. D10 planned to rule within 48 hours, but a week has passed and no decision yet.

Anoka Squirt A team is sponsoring a showing of pond hockey documentary film. It will be at Anoka High school on 1/23/09 at 6:30 p.m. When tickets are ordered as group, you get 2 free. \$8 each. Anokapondhockey@hotmail.com

There have been several games reschedule due to weather. Check D10 handbook regarding policies. Fee for rescheduling will be waived and teams should share cost of ice for the rescheduled game. Team hosting ice that was cancelled is still responsible for that payment. SRYHA will not bill teams for the half of ice costs, so each individual team needs to collect from that other team.

SKATE program. D10 still does not have flyers or posters ready for 2008-2009 SKATE program. John will give information to coordinators as soon as received.

Dues for goalies: Clarification on what costs are waived for goalies. It is just ice costs. Goalies still pay cost for referees, non-parent coach's costs and must participate in fundraising requirements.

Executive Board Formation: Discussion about size of current executive board. Currently has 30 members and can be more depending on number of teams we have. Discussion to look at reducing numbers. Attendance is typically ½ or less. When not attending regularly, members are not aware of issues and therefore are not always effective in decision making process. There are issues to be dealt with between meetings and it is very difficult to get 30 or more people involved or have a special meeting to resolve issues between monthly meetings. Proposal to change structure of executive board and reduce members to President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, D10 representative and add position of Girls Hockey Coordinator and Boys Hockey Coordinator. Girls Hockey Coordinator and Boys Hockey Coordinator would not replace individual level coordinator, but rather add an oversight position to ensure the best interest of all the teams at the girls and boys is being looked at. These coordinators could appoint individual level coordinators who continue to do the same job that current level coordinators do. They could become a filter for issues that do not need to be discussed at monthly meetings but can rather be resolved when they occur. Discussion also about just eliminating team managers from executive board or having just one level coordinator for each level. When looking at other association board structure, the majority have significant fewer members on the executive board.

Recommendation/motion from grievance filed in December 2008 stated that a new task force for the girls program will be made and establishing a girl's hockey coordinator would be first step in accomplishing this. Need to move on this issue due to elections in March. Motion made by Brent Olson to reduce executive board from current configuration to 7 people which would include the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, D10 representative, girls hockey coordinator and boys hockey coordinator, seconded by Julie Johnson. All in favor-6. Opposed-3. Motion passes. (note: initial count was listed as 6 in favor and 4 opposed, but afterwards it was determined that co-managers from one team were each counted when voting and they only get one vote per the team.

Nominations committee: Came up with potential candidates for March election of Treasurer and D10 representative. Brenda Kaschmitter will run for another term of treasurer with stipulation that she is not also the fundraising coordinator. No other nominations at this time, but will be open at February meeting. Recommendation for Brent Olson as D10 representative. Brent accepted nomination.

Year end party: Tradition to have year end party. Usually held in month of March. Past years at VFW, but have had difficulty finding sites and dates. No date in mind yet, but want recommendations on schedules for school activities. Could we rent an hour of ice and do at SAE? There is a Bantam Tournament 3rd weekend of March. Could we wait until ice goes out and do at end of March in Arena?

Motion to adjourn made by Brent Olson, seconded by Reggie Gwost. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Tory Van Halbeck, secretary