

**Sauk Rapids Youth Hockey Association  
Sauk Rapids American Legion  
Monday February 9, 2009  
Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm**

**Attendance:** John Haller, Tory Van Halbeck, Brenda Kaschmitter, Phil Thorson, Henry Chapa, Brent Olson, Julie Jacobson, Scott Thyen, Jeremy Van Halbeck, Reggie Gwost, Julie Johnson, Tammie Thyen, Steve Jacobson, Kelly Wurdelman, Kim Althaus, Wade Thelen, Corey Schmid, Tim Reuter.

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President, John Haller. Reviewed agenda. Addition to agenda: Controlling concession stand money. Motion to approved Minutes from January meeting made by Reggie Gwost, second by Brent Olson. All in favor-aye, opposed-none.

SRYHA hosting Girls U10 tournament this weekend at SAE. 2 teams from Sartell with SRYHA players will be in tournament. Girl's families from SRYHA working tournament.

D10 Peeewe B1 tournament hosted at SAE. Need workers for games on 3 days. Sign up with Julie Johnson, information on website.

Neal Palmer VFW representative for District 6 contacted Julie Johnson about Bantam A VFW tournament to be held at SAE on March 14-15, 2008. There will be 6 teams in double elimination format. Asking for our help in operating box. They have no budget to provide our association with any monetary funds for assistance. We would get income from concession stand and arena gets income from ice rental for an extra weekend. Tournament will provide EMT's. Will discuss at general meeting whether we have to ability to help operate tournament.

USA hockey starts doing online registration in May and Associations can start registration at that time also. Discussion about whether we should start ours in Ma, so we can get ideas of numbers for next season. In the fall, there is a short period to make plans. We would still have to do general registration in fall for association. If someone moves, their USA hockey registration carries with them anywhere, so doing early registration with USA hockey is not an issue. Motion by John Haller for SRYHA to develop opportunity to start online registration with USA/MN hockey in May 2009, seconded by Steve Jacobson. All in favor-aye, opposed-none.

There has been a lack of coverage for concession hours during high school games. Hours are posted but no one is signing up. Estimated that there are 2500 concession hours to be worked during the season. At this point, only about 2100 have been worked. There are at least 27 families that need to complete hours. The signup sheets for team assignments each week have not been getting filled. Kim is considering not assigning week any longer and just having everyone do online signup for any shift available. Also, could look at assigning teams to varsity games and mandate they are covered. Further discussion about whether we need concession stand open during practices or if we could add a vending machine be used if concession stand not open. There are times though that there is a practice between games, so it would be difficult to figure out scheduling. Also see that new parents have fear about working concession stand because they have no instruction on how it works. Offers have been made to have training time and new parents can go into stand when someone else working and ask questions. Will look at having better written instructions for operation.

District 10 has informed associations that having birth certificates in team books is no longer legal. USA hockey is working on new form and format that well be acceptable to MN hockey. D10 only has 3 coaches nominated for HEP committee awards. Get in any nominations you may have.

SKATE program. Have been told that the posters and registrations materials have been sent, but we have not got anything yet. Level coordinators can pass information along to parents to get in report cards as we will proceed with determining those who qualify.

Concern about whether concession stand money is being accurately handled. There was situation last Friday evening where the person who closed was also was at the arena when the concession stand opened Saturday morning. The money was counted and there was only \$85, but the closer was certain she had left \$100 in start up money. Want to look at better way to calculate and account for money. Consideration of having arena attendant verify money and keep in office.

Teams going to tournaments out of state or after season is over, need to ensure they are following proper procedures. Contact SRYHA president and/or D10 level coordinator.

SCSU marketing group will do another survey. We need to meet with them to determine what we want. Timeline is to have completed surveys in April. John Haller and Corey Schmid will meet to discuss further.

Motion to adjourn made by Brent Olson, seconded by Tim Reuter. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Tory Van Halbeck, secretary