

Sauk Rapids Youth Hockey Association
Sauk Rapids American Legion
Monday February 9, 2009
General Meeting 7:30 pm

Attendance: John Haller, Jeremy Van Halbeck, Brenda Kaschmitter, Tory Van Halbeck, Scott Thyen, Phil Thorson, Reggie Gwost, Brent Olson, Henry Chapa, Kelly Wurdelman, Kim Althaus, Scott Marlin, Brian Lewis, Wade Thelen, Julie Schmid, Corey Schmid, Tim Reuter, Kevin Martinson, John Sertich, Sheldon Weston, Cari Johnson, Deb Streeter, Kevin Johnson, Jackie Kurtz, Calvin Kobluk.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Haller. Reviewed agenda, additions made by John Haller for Arena Update. Motion to approve made by Brent Olson, seconded by Wade Thelen.

Review/Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Brian Lewis, seconded by Phil Thorson. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Kaschmitter provided written financial report. There have been a few bounced checks from calendars. Getting those taken care of.

Scheduler's Report: Expect schedule for D10 tournament games to be out this week. Can then schedule playoff ice times and practice. 5 SRYHA teams will be in D10 tournament: Squirt A, B2, Girls 12A, Bantam B1, B2. IP teams still have practices, games and jamboree.

District 10 Report: 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 will be acceptable to MN hockey. D10 only has 3 coaches nominated for HEP committee awards. Get in any nominations you may have.

Presidents Report: SKATE program. Coordinators can collect report cards. Posters or written materials have not been made available. Year end party planning. Tentative date of 3/12/09. Asked for donation of hour ice from SAE to hold party.

Executive Board Report: Tory Van Halbeck reviewed executive board meeting information. Discussion about Bantam VFW tournament being held at SAE on March 14-15 and request for our association to provide workers for the box. Feel we should make commitment to get workers to staff tournament since it is bringing income in for the arena and we can also get concession stand income. Sheldon will ask high school parents about working also.

ACE coordinator Report: Planning year end get together to discuss season and changes for next season. Did purchase Rick O'Shay and it has been available for team use. Discussion about searching for a non-parent coach to head up intro to hockey on ice program. First year parent coaches could assist, but they do not know what to expect when starting out.

Sports Arena East Report: Running behind on ice sales. Tournaments have helped fill ice. Working on plans to get expansion to concession stand area and get elevator. There is some sales tax money that can be asked for. Need to go to fair board and city council with plans.

Nominations Committee: Nominations from last month have been Brent Olson for D10 representative and Brenda Kaschmitter for treasurer. No other nominations have been made.

Level Coordinator Reports:

IP: Jamboree has 45 teams, 91 games. Using ice at 3 arenas.

Squirts: B2 going well. Each team has one tournament left. A team goals against coming down so shows progress, got 2nd place in Willmar tournament. Both teams will be in D10 play as all squirts teams make playoffs.

Pewees: A team is done with D10 play and has one scrimmage left. B2 team does not anticipate making D10 playoffs. Done with district play and have one tournament left.

Bantams: B2 tournament in Chippewa Falls 3/6-3/8. B1 team is 19-1 in D10 and has been in first place. Both teams will be in D10 playoffs.

U12 Girls: 12B will be done. 12A will play in district 10 tournament. Letter from Sartell parent praising program and supporting combining teams next year.

U10 Girls: 8 team tournament this weekend. District 5 play goes into March. Working well with Sartell.

Committee Updates: No reports

Finance:

Hockey Advisory:

Communications:

Special Projects:

Handbook:

Nominations:

Old Business:

Kevin Martinson looked at getting new TV and scroll board for SAE. Found Reachfordeals.com, which is a Company that does this for arenas. Plans to explore this option further. Fair board has approved cable into arena, so we can get an internet connection. Have potential donation of TV's from Brandl Motors. Could look at sharing costs of internet with SAE as this would benefit them.

Reviewed motion from January to reduce executive board from current configuration to 7 people which would include the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, D10 representative, a girl's hockey coordinator and a boy's hockey coordinator. Discussion about previous issues with girls program and reason to have an overall coordinator for boys and girls programs, but each level would still have coordinator, but not be member of executive board. All in favor-11
Opposed-9. Motion failed.

New Business:

None.

Open Floor:

Motion made by Phil Thorson for Pres, Pres-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, D10 representative, and a level coordinator at each level as makeup of executive board, seconded by Kelly Wurdelman. This eliminates co-coordinator positions and also team managers from executive board. Discussion about how do we divide up IP program. Recommendation made to split IP into mini-mite and mite to configure with USA hockey. All in favor-14-opposed 7. Motion passes. Consensus of association members present that the notice was given on potential restructuring of executive board so this motion can be moved forward without having another 30 day notice.

Nominations for Level coordinators: Phil Thorson for Bantam-accepted. Scott Thyen for Peewee-accepted. Chris Thell for mini-mite, not present. Kelly Wurdelman for U14, accepted. Mindy Clifton for Squirt, accepted, Scott Marlin for Squirt, accepted. Motion to approve nominations made by Kevin Martinson, seconded by Cari Johnson. Nominations approved.

Thank you from Mississippi Height to SRYHA for providing funds for activity. We were able to provided bus transportation.

Motion to adjourn made by Kim Althaus, seconded by Kevin Martinson. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tory Van Halbeck, secretary