

Sauk Rapids Youth Hockey Association
Sauk Rapids VFW
Monday July 13, 2009
Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Attendance: Jeremy Van Halbeck, Tory Van Halbeck, John Haller, Brenda Kaschmitter, Brent Olson, Chris Thell, Tim Reuter, Scott Thyen, Mindy Clifton.

Absent: Jenny McNew, Phil Thorson, Kelly Wurdelman.

Guest: Jay Asper

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President, Jeremy Van Halbeck.

Reviewed Agenda. Additions made: LTS with community Education, USA Hockey Insurance. Agenda approved.

Minutes from June meeting reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Brent Olson, seconded by John Haller. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Minutes approved.

D10 Report: Brent Olson discussed that initial declarations need be made on 9/14/09 to D10, so we will need to determine at our 8/10/09 meeting. Final declarations to D10 on 10/5/09 so we will need to finalize at our 9/14/09 meeting.

President's Report: District 10 Presidents meeting was held on June 10, 2009.

- Discussions about redistricting. No final plans made yet. Expect changes for 2010-2011 season. MN Hockey has added 2 districts. We are expected to be placed in a new district 14.
- Discussion of Reclassification of A, B, C from A, B1, B2, C. No final plans made.
- New MN Hockey Rule: New Residency Rule. Whatever school district child is enrolled in is where they can play hockey. Tim Timm of District 10 will address further at next president's meeting.

Committees: All committees need to meet before 8/10/09.

Appointed positions: Jeremy is trying to complete appointments.

Tournaments: Dates established and submitted to Let's Play Hockey.

Bantam B Dec 18-20 fee \$650.

Peewee B Jan 22-24 fee \$600

Squirt B Jan 8-10 fee \$600.

Can decide on girl's tournaments once plans with Sartell finalized. Dates can be advertised in next edition of Let's Play Hockey.

Girl's hockey: Met with Sartell again regarding merge of girls programs. Sartell will present to their board tonight to combine at all levels for girls and become Stormin Sabres. Would like to maintain this combination until the high school teams split.

Budget: Reviewed budget for 2009-2010. Discussed new initiatives. Possible adding paid skating coach for IP's, adding funds to increase heat in bleachers. Would like additional proposals.

Dynamics: Discussed whether we should hire someone to do dynamics or portion of dynamics. Historically teams have had 8 sessions of dynamics. Maybe want to consider having skating instruction periodically throughout season.

Handbook: Reviewed proposed changes. Motion to approve handbook as amended by John Haller, Seconded by Tim Reuter. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried. Will post changes on website and have final vote for implementation at August meeting.

Website enhancements: Scott Thyen has been working on enhancements with our current website server. There are many areas that we are underutilizing. Will have communications committee to review.

Registration: Dates set for returning skaters: 8/20/09 and 8/25/09 from 5-7 pm at Sports Arena East. Reminders will be sent in mail. Forms will be online and can be sent to Tammie Thyen, if you do not want to register in person. Need to register online with USA also. Can't do 100% paperless as some forms require signature. All past due fees need to be paid in order to register. Planned to keep registration costs at \$150 for first skater, \$125 for any additional skater and \$50 for any new skater. Will be looking at online registration for coaches.

Advertising: Discussed utilizing yard signs to advertise registration. Motion made by Brent Olson to spend up to \$400 on yard signs to promote registration information, seconded by John Haller. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried. Will also advertise in Sauk Rapids Herald, St. Cloud Times and on ticker board at Coborn's.

Learn To Skate: Tim Reuter discussed that in past SRYHA has done LTS through Community Education. Planned to continue with the program. Will need to look at volunteer to run on-ice sessions.

USA Hockey Insurance: Application for certificate has changed. In order to have application approved you need to have official request from agency submitted along with your request for special permit. There are 3 different forms on USA, but they are similar. Whoever does fair or car show will need request from host of event stating we need insurance so it can be attached to our request for insurance.

Announcements: Alumni Nate Raduns will be playing hockey in Italy next year.

Motion to adjourn made by Brent Olson, seconded by Mindy Clifton. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Tory Van Halbeck,

Secretary