

**Sauk Rapids Youth Hockey Association
Sauk Rapids American Legion
Monday October 12, 2009
Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm**

Attendance: Jeremy Van Halbeck, Tory Van Halbeck, Brenda Kaschmitter, Jay Asper, Jenny McNew, Phil Thorson, Brent Olson, Scott Thyen, Mindy Clifton, Tim Reuter, Cris Thell. **Guest:** Connie Pesta

Absent: John Haller, Kelly Wurdelman.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President, Jeremy Van Halbeck.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Reviewed Agenda. Additions made for registration update and Bantam Tournament: Motion to approve Agenda made by Tim Reuter, seconded by Scott Thyen. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Agenda approved. The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Brenda Kaschmitter, seconded by Brent Olson. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Kaschmitter provided written financial report. Motion to approve financial report made by Mindy Clifton, seconded by Phil Thorson. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried.

District 10 Report/President's Report:

- Retention and recruitment coordinator recommended by D10.
- 1/23/09 is "Hockey Day in MN". Want arena's to have some open hockey or ice time.
- There have been problems in the past with games starting late. Scorekeepers need to verify with referee and coaches about start times. All score sheets must have start time documented after both teams and officials agree to the start time.
- Any teams doing scrimmages before D10 play starts must have a published roster.
- Want to know whether association's numbers are up or down and also want to know number of U8's playing with mites.

Old Business:

- Motion made by Jenny McNew to allow 2 Sartell U14 players to waiver to SRYHA, seconded by Mindy Clifton. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried. Noted that the 2 players previously approved from Buffalo did not come.
- Herberger's fundraiser underway. Community Day Sale is on 11/14/09. Turn in money to team fundraising coordinator by 11/1/09. \$6300-\$6400 is our projected profit.
- Registered skaters at about 191 with 31 being ½ season. 34 coaches are registered.
- Bantam Tournament scheduled for 12/18-12/20/09. Have only 4 teams registered so far. Plan to keep scheduled and try to recruit.

New Business:

- Squirt level has 35 players. That makes very large teams if we just have 2. Several of those skaters are new with little or no experience. Prefer not to send kids to another association. Want to consider having Squirt C team. Mite coordinators have contacted skaters in their last year of eligibility to see whether they wanted to move up to play on a Squirt C team. 4-5 skaters including a goalie expressed interest. These skaters would not compete in tryout, so they are not taking someone else's spot on the A or B2 team. Exceptions committee met and made recommendation to move up the mite players interested in playing Squirt C hockey to allow SRYHA to field 3 teams at the Squirt level. Motion made by Phil Thorson to create Squirt C team with move up of players from mites as recommended by Exceptions committee, seconded by Scott Thyen. All in favor, aye, opposed none. Motion carried.
- Goalie coordinator: Contacted Jake Moreland, former Husky player, to work with goalies for dynamics and for some sessions throughout the season. Gary Clifton has been working dynamics, until Jake can start this week. Motion to approve Jake Moreland as goalie coordinator for this season at cost of \$599, made by Brent Olson, seconded by Jay Asper. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried.
- Concession stand hours: Meredith Posch new concession stand scheduler. Need to formulate hours per skater.
- SAE in process of updating sound system: Requesting \$750 from SRYHA towards costs to sound system. Total cost was \$3500. Blue line club made donation. Expect that arena will be maintaining the sound system. SRYHA uses the sound system for tournaments. The plan for adding TV monitor in arena for advertising and locker room assignments will not go forward this year. Motion made by Brent Olson to transfer money previously approved for TV's to sound system, seconded by Phil Thorson, all in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried.
- Discussion about H1N1 virus and recommendations made by USA hockey. Motion made by Mindy Clifton that SRYHA will not provide team water bottles this year and players should bring their own labeled water bottle, seconded by Jay Asper. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried.
- Connie Pesta discussed proposal for calendar sales for our major fundraiser. Set forth plan to sell total of 1700 calendars at \$20 each with each family required to sell 12 calendars. After payout of prizes, net profit would be \$23,713.05. Decreased printing costs by going to ticket size calendar rather than full calendar. Drawing will be held at Sports Arena East on 1/12/10 with winners being mailed out on the 15th of each month. Motion to approved fundraising raffle fundraiser by Brent Olson, seconded by Scott Thyen. All in favor-aye-opposed-none. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Tory Van Halbeck to provide travel teams with start up \$2000 per team and plan to evaluate in January what ice dues have been, seconded by Brent Olson. All in favor-aye, opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Jenny McNew, seconded by Jay Asper.

Respectively submitted,
Tory Van Halbeck, secretary