



Yankton Area Ice Association
Meeting Minutes April 7th, 2015 6:30 pm



Board Members Present: Ryan, Rob, Dave, Julie, Heath and Max
New Board Members: Gwen Wenisch, Kevin Schulz, Kevin Heiman

Guests Present: Pam, Randy, Laura & Wilbur Nedved

Approval of **March Board minutes**: Rob motion, Ryan second. Motions passed.

Julie made a motion to **vote in new board members**: Gwen Wenisch, Kevin Schulz and Kevin Heiman. Ryan seconded and motion passed. Heath nominated Rob for second term as VP, Ryan 2nd, motion passed. Ryan made motion to nominate Dave to a second terms as President, Heath 2nd, motion passed. Ryan made motion to nominate Heath for Treasurer, Rob seconded, motion passed. Dave made motion to nominate Gwen as secretary, Ryan seconded, Gwen accepted and motion passed. Kevin Schulz volunteered to do scheduling. Kevin Heiman volunteered to help. Max will train them. Suggestion to use RSVP volunteers for skating parties.

II. Old Business

A. **Registrar**: Discussion on families with outstanding Dibs. Kendra submitted a report. We'll need to cash the checks for those with outstanding dibs. Dave will send a note to Kendra to cash those checks. Heath asked that Kendra give him the checks and he'll deposit. Pam already cashed the outstanding dibs Figure Skaters volunteer checks. One family asked for a payment plan Dave will work this out with them.

B. **Figure skating**: 9 skaters went to Sioux Falls and got 2nd overall. This was their first competition in Sioux Falls this year. Income from their home performance is up to \$1,478 net. \$120 yet to come in on DVD sales. HyVee sold flowers at performance and that donation back is still pending. Pam guesses net will be around \$1,600 when all monies come in. She believes this is more than last year. She still has some fundraiser dollars coming in. They are looking at doing some fundraisers during the summer. Suggestion is for a car wash that hockey might also participate in. Pam needs an approval for the 20th of February for Open Competition. Competition's are required to be held every other weekend, leaving February 20th as the only open weekend. She needs to submit application now to secure the spot. Ryan asked about the possibility of doing Discover Hockey on the same date. Pam suggested pushing Discover Hockey to the evening. They were done by 5pm this year. Pam will look at what Frosty Blades is doing next year to see if she can change scheduled time. Rob asked if Pam could wait until April 18th when they go to the state meeting—concern about dates for state hockey tournaments we might host this upcoming season. They will let her know as soon as they know she can submit for the competition.

C. **Coaching Committee**: Chad is not here. He did not leave any discussion items.

D. **Finance Committee**: Heath wrote a number of checks last night. First order of business is the old laptop and old version of Quickbooks. There is an online version for \$15/month that allows up to 5 users. It could be run on a smartphone or tablet. Would allow for more transparency and access and would be a lot easier to keep updated. This is a one year promotion. Goes to \$29.95/month after that. \$360.00 for the program (up-front cost) + monthly fee. Heath can set securities and roles on it per user (restricting individual user use). Ryan made a motion to purchase this online update to Quickbooks at \$15/month the first year and \$29.95 the following (subsequent) years, Dave 2nd. Motion passed. Heath would like to use the former figure skating account as the rink improvement account to keep those

funds separate. Heath will move existing funds to general account, then use list of donors who paid to “Continue the Miracle” campaign and move those funds over. Taxes: we have been doing them ourselves. Heath is concerned about this and would like to use a professional accounting firm. Heath will ask around to see if we can get them done for a low cost or possibly free. Kevin S. suggested printing out a statement with/at the same date every month for reporting consistency. Heath will have a financial statement to look at for the next meeting. Hosting the JV state tournament was lucrative. We probably missed out on a lot of money not having gate on Sunday, though. Discussion on the need to have those collection positions filled. We received a bill on the compressor that Rob will look at. Doug Budig said he would take care of Zamboni repair—just shred the bills he said. Discussion on loan deadline and advancing that last amount. We have until June 9th when it locks in. We have about 21K left. Rob would like to make sure we use the money before the loan locks. We need compressor updates and the 40K – 120K de-humidification issue. If we’re going to pull that money we will need to get it approved at the next meeting. Rob would really like to get the compressor unit done. They would like to split the system which will be more efficient, but will also cost a bit more. Rob & Ryan will try to have numbers by next meeting. Heath noted the top drawer of filing cabinet has a folder to leave bills, invoices and funding requests for him.

E. Equipment Committee: Randy is turning this over. Philip & Angel Benson said they are interested in it. Randy talked to them at the Banquet, showed them some things and told them he would help them over the summer. He’ll also show them how to sharpen the skates. Another family also offered to help Wagner’s. Suggestion was made to give the Wagner’s contact information to the Bensons and let them work together and break up the job how they would like. Randy has already been in contact with the Bensons. Rob will let Benson’s know the Wagner’s want to help. Gwen will confirm that the Wagner’s want to help and let the Benson’s know. Buhl’s Cleaners new owner said he would donate rug cleaning. Randy will follow up with him. Would be a good savings for us.

F. Scheduling: Tentatively Yankton is hosting the Bantam A tournament this year. Pam asked about practice times and whether we’re looking at keeping the same times next year. Discussion on how to make Zamboni schedule work better so that Figure Skaters aren’t losing ice time to Zamboni time. Discussion on need for all to be off ice at practice end time. We did have a lot of new drivers so there was a big learning curve, causing some of the Zamboni cleaning delays. Max also mentioned the need for clean ice with private parties. Pam said several people have asked for an adults only learn to skate class. She suggested a Wednesday night adult learn to skate class. Pam suggested running it through ISI, like we do the youth program for the more manageable fee structure. Randy said he can build a registration for an adult class and turn it on later.

G. Disciplinary: Kevin P. resigned. Dave can talk to one of the members of the committee about taking on the role of Chair. State disciplinary committee imposed a 3 game suspension for Chad due to his 3 game misconduct penalties—two of them were for players getting too many penalties in a game.

H. Marketing: Max suggested having a party with hot dogs, etc.. and maybe playing a movie like “The Mighty Ducks” around Discover Hockey to get more kids to come. Max suggested sending private party information to churches. Activities for Wednesday night—an hour for ice, use the open area for meetings, etc.. We didn’t have any Wednesday rentals and this might be a good source. Also send it to schools in August for field trips—we do have ice available during the day. As far as volunteers—pretty easy. Check out skates and check back in. Could use Retired Senior Volunteers for the daytime parties. Max gets a lot of calls from Nebraska schools. He did suggest limits based on number of skates we have. There is a community guide through the P&D. We will look into getting into that. We have an ad in the SAC Summer Guide. We also donated a one hour party to the Chamber Membership Banquet that was used as a Jeopardy Game prize, making the donation very visible to the 300+ attendees.

III. New Business

B. Positions to fill in the association –Carol Larson volunteered to be the calendar coordinator. Dave will get in touch with her. Scheduler: Kevin Schulz; Recruitment Coordinator-possibly Kara has a replacement; Disciplinary Chair-looking, Marketing- Julie, Open Skate Coordinator is open. Figure Skaters will work on their open positions over summer. We also need help with apparel. Heath suggested at least one person have access to merchandising room. There was feedback that people wanted merchandise open more often. Heath suggested team coordinators also help. Gwen suggested checking with Lisa & Michelle to see who they could work with. Need to open it up for games & tournaments. Definitely the first month of games. Use inventory sheets to keep it organized and merchandise safe.

C. Fees, Dibs for this coming year: Randy provided a printout of suggested fees and calendar requirements for this upcoming years. Calendar requirement is reduced. Discussion on having prizes for highest calendar sales to incentivize sales above the family requirement. Ryan motion to approve as submitted by Randy, 2nd by Kevin S. then went to discussion. For fees: Lively discussion ensued on how fee structure should work (given the real need to have registration in by mid-June when the state sets the teams and levels of play) and how items like forms, calendars and volunteer checks should be handled. Gwen suggested handing out calendars on team meeting night or document day—waivers and deposit checks still need to be handed in. Randy suggested all tuition fees should be paid up by October 1st. Randy suggested just letting the computer take a 10% discount for on-time registration. Discussion on the possibility of raising ref fees—Randy suggested raising gate as all other rinks have done this already to offset increasing referee fees. Discussion on whether to raise Figure Skating fees and by how much. In the end, Heath made a motion to raise rates on PeeWee through Varsity,. \$250 varsity, \$240 girls, Bantam, PeeWees \$210 but Squirt Mite, MiniMite and Learn to Skate, no rate change. Registrations received by June 15th eligible for early registration discount of 10%. 3+ kids will still get the additional 10% discount. All registrations must be paid by November 1st or kids cannot skate. No refunds. Ryan second. Motion passed.

D. Registration due date is June 15th, after that no 10% discount.

E. Level of playing for our teams: Will be discussed at later meeting.

F. Continue the Miracle Campaign – estimates needed for the different things on our wish: Rob will have those estimates out in two weeks. By beginning of June Dave would like to let board know what we have to move forward with for the season.

H. Sam Tronnes Memorial Scholarship involvement: Rob suggested finding someone to run this. We want to participate in this. They give out grants and scholarships. Takes place in Mitchell. Discussion on how to handle this.

I. Tournaments in Yankton: We need more tournaments. Suggestions for Bantam and PeeWee B/C tournaments. Need to get those dates out now. By next meeting Randy says have an idea what you want—find someone to organize them. Need to look at other states' websites. Heath suggested early bird JV Jamboree. Also December tournaments. Heath suggested doing a tournament for every level. As far as traveling to tournaments, we need to put a max dollar amount in handbook-currently it is \$400. Heath suggests November JV Jamboree week after Thanksgiving, December Bantams, January Squirts, February PeeWees, March Mites. Dave suggested late October. Hockey 605 has a link for tournaments, we can list there and state websites and our websites.

J. Thoughts on Legends Hockey and involvement this coming year: Table for next meeting.

K. Thoughts on the banquet: Impromptu vote on who likes it and who doesn't—seemed a few didn't like it. We'll keep the banquet for now--it would be tough to do the voting if we didn't do the banquet.

L. Open Skate: Discussion on whether to continue to keep the City running it. Our insurance does cover this. Randy says the person who runs it would have to be paid if we took it over. Decision to keep it with the City for now, additional volunteer burden would be tough. Dave suggested changing the home page on website so that open skate times are not confusing. Randy will make the change. Suggestions for teen nights and parent nights, etc...

M. Others: Need receipt for the Legends Hockey grant to submit. We need the receipt from Mike on Shur-Co tarp and the invoices from Ehresman. Get shooting mat invoice from Mike. We have one net. Heath has another net for a two sided cage if that works.

Philosophy of playing time for our players at different levels
Guests: Nedved's: suggestion at parent meetings at beginning of season discussion of tournaments, friendlies and what the costs are ahead of the season. Make sure parents know costs and opportunities up front. Max said associations block off tournament times once game schedule comes out. Friendlies are usually last minute. Max suggested locking in which tournaments we will go to every year. Dave will definitely address ice time issue with coaches.

The Nedved's expressed concern regarding players' lack of playing time during Bantam games. Some players got very little playing time throughout the season. Nedved's submitted an article "A Lack of Ice Time Can Make a Parent's Blood Boil" from USA Hockey Magazine. Dave has discussed this issue with Chad and they will talk to the coaching committee about it. Another Bantam family called state board to complain about lack of playing time. Discussion on importance of people building and self-esteem building and the role sports play. Through at least Bantam level kids should play. We need to decide what our philosophy should be. The last few games some of the Bantams got much less skating time. This situation had not been discussed with the new USD coaches ahead of time but will be addressed prior to the next season. Dave will talk to Chad. He would like all board members to think philosophically about playing time. Dave will let Nedved's know outcome. Also, if we're going to have college coaches, like Yankton Baseball Association, parents cannot talk to the coaches—they need to talk to the board or coaching chairs.

Tournament: Dave approved a thank you ad in the paper to all who contributed

Also: Dave had Bruce Dutrow print 300 thank you cards to send to donors, etc...

Meetings will be the first Tuesday of the Month. Next meeting is May 5th at 6:30pm. Dave will get agenda out a week before the board meeting.

IV. Motion to adjourn Rob motion to adjourn, Gwen seconded.