



Yankton Area Ice Association Meeting Agenda



October 11, 2016 at 6:30pm

Rink Meeting Room

Board Members Present: Kevin Schulz, Gwen Wenisch, Kevin Heiman, John Lillevold, Sarah Thoms, Heath Larson, Ryan List and Heidi Berry

Guests Present: Chad Kapla, Kendra Bakke, Pam Erickson, Tyler Hudson, Julie Perakslis, Shawn Wagner.

I. Call the meeting to order

II. Approval of September minutes, **motion made by Gwen, second by John Lillevold, all in favor.**

III. Old business

a. Bathroom Update Quote- Ryan List.

- a. Tom Selacek and Dallas Keller are going to work together on this.
- b. Fejfar's new reduced quote includes a 4x4 sign for them at the rink and Dallas Keller will reduce his company's final invoice depending on the amount of volunteer help received.

b. Positions needing volunteers confirmed

- 1) Party Coordinator- N/A

c. Compressor -Dehumidification Update

- 1) We will revisit this once the bathroom project is complete so, that we only have one major project going at a time.

d. Other-

- 1) **Rummage Sale-** netted \$1500 after expenses.
- 2) **Registration payments-** NGIN states they cannot put the payment plan option in place any more. **So any new registrations must be paid in full.**
 - a. Keep this in mind when setting up registration for next year. Put on agenda for April meeting.
- 3) Security Cameras will be installed 10/14 and/or 10/15/2016.

IV. Committee Reports

a. **Financial – Motion was made to approve the financial report by Ryan List, second by Gwen Wenisch, all in favor.**

- 1) To see the monthly financial report for review available upon request.
- 2) **Motion was made to prepay next loan payment due by Kevin Heiman, second by Gwen Wenisch, all in favor.**

b. Registrar –

- 1) Final registration numbers
 - 1) Approx. 107 w/ the possibility of more registering
- 2) Motion was made to pay 75% of the one most recently submitted scholarship by Gwen Wenisch, second by Ryan List, all in favor.

c. Coaching-

- 1) Red & White scrimmages-update- it is going well.
- 2) Working on finalizing Head Coach assignments to submit to the State.

d. **Figure Skating- submitted by Pam**

- 1) Pam and Kasey Erickson and Coach Katie Bratberg attended the District 10 ISI Fall seminar in Minneapolis. Great information was presented on judging at competitions. Coach Kirsten May attended a coaching clinic in Sioux Falls, she gave excellent feedback on the clinic.
- 2) Discover Figure Skating event scheduled for October 16th Parent meeting will

follow the event.

- 3) Coaches meeting scheduled in October before Discover event.
- 4) Group lessons begin October 18th.
- 5) Figure Skating needs 8 keys for coaches and ISI Parents who open the rink. I also need one for the kitchen.

e. Equipment

1) Skate order –

- 1) Motion to approve purchase/replacements of skates(open and figure) as quoted on email 9/25/16 invoice from Riedell(attached) submitted to the Board for approval by Shawn Wagner , was made by Kevin Schulz, second by Heidi Berry via email 10/3/2016. Motion was amended to include one additional pair of figure skates by Gwen Wenisch, second by John Lillevold, all in favor.

f. Scheduling-

1) How are Tournament signups going?

- 1) Ok, Heath is going to contact some of the surrounding association Presidents to see if there are any other teams interested in our currently scheduled tournaments for PeeWee B and Bantams.
- 2) We need to have these tournaments scheduled and ready by June/July in the years to come.

2) Game Scheduling?

3) Open Skates-Halloween?

- 1) Tyler Hudson(City) came and said that he would like to see more open skate times available and is willing to get people to work them if he has at least a week or 2 headsup-whether it be during the week or a special event (like Halloween, teen night, family night, etc.). The communication needs to be open if there are schedule changes as they have had open skate scheduled until 4pm and are asked to get off the ice by 3:45, in the future would like to know in advance of these changes so, open skate can be scheduled accordingly.
- 2) He will take care of Halloween open skate on Saturday, October 29th.

g. Marketing-

1) Halloween skate – paper/facebook/twitter

2) Family Night/Teen Night- Open skates– paper/facebook/twitter

3) Radio Advertising- working on getting some time on the air

4) **Please see attached-** This is what Julie would like to have permission to do in her position of marketing. It will be discussed Tuesday night.

- 1) **Full Dibs-** Heidi will update Dibs listing.

h. Discipline-NA

V. New business

a. SDAHA meeting update from Pierre- **please see attachment.**

- 1) Age classifications change
- 2) Conference play
- 3) 8 team State tournament
- 4) A-B level of play
- 5) Team split penalty

b. Merchandise room/website update- Pam and Gwen continue to work with EASW on the website.

- 1) They may open the Merchandise room up at Parent Meetings and offer discounts on the remaining items.

c. Website Upgrade now \$500 instead of original price?

- 1) We are still going to wait on this until at least after the first of the year, when more of our users could enjoy the new benefits.

VI. **Adjourn – Motion was made by Gwen Wenisch, second by Kevin Heiman, all in favor.**

a. **Next meeting November 8, 2016**

NEW BUSINESS:

SDAHA State Meeting Pierre, SD Recap

Several changes were voted and approved this meeting which will have ramifications for all league play age levels for next season (2017/18) and going forward after that. I will try and recap everything so that it is very clear on what the future of SDAHA will look like.

LEVEL of PLAY – “C” level hockey will no longer be an option for league play. Every association will be asked to field an “A” level team at every level of league play. For associations with multiple teams, they will be required to field an A and a B level, 3 teams would be 2 – A and 1 – B and so on from there.

*An association can request to “play down” to “B” level only based on a documented history of non-competitive play. We will be asked to play “A” level for every age group next season. Without a documented history at “A” level hockey, we will have to field “A” level teams.

*There is only one exception to this rule is that if an association has only one total Varsity/JV team that they would be able to play JV and would have the ability to petition up.

CHANGE in AGE SPLITS – July 1st is the current cut-off for each age level. SDAHA will move to the USA Hockey age levels (currently adopted in 47 states) which would move the date to January 1st. This will affect a certain number of kids that would only play 1 year at an age level before having to move up based on this change. Every association in the state will have the same age levels for play.

Levels will be as follows for the 2017/18 season and going forward...

Mite – 8U

Squirt – 10U

Peewee – 12U

Bantam – 14U

Varsity/JV – 18U

CONFERENCE PLAY – If an age level has 10 or more teams, the state board will split the teams into conference play. The conferences will be more geographic (East and West) to minimize travel costs and to make scheduling easier. Also, with this change, SDAHA will be limiting the number of teams that make the state tournament. Only the top 8 teams in each age division will make the state tournament. Conference play will be very important going forward to determine who makes it into the state tournament. We will have Non-Conference games to fill the schedule with the appropriate number of games for the season.

TEAM SPLITS – Currently, several associations are not required to split teams by talent. Sioux Falls, for example, has a geographic split which has led to unbalanced teams in the past. For associations who have multiple teams at an age division, they will now be required to evenly split these teams by talent. The penalty for not properly splitting the talent up going forward will result in a disqualification at the state tournament for both teams. This measure will hold associations accountable for putting evenly spread talent on the ice and hopefully will lead to more competitive games.

These changes are significant for us and the rest of the state. With big changes come opportunities and some growing pains. I am very hopeful that these changes will bring better, more competitive hockey across the state association. I also understand that several families will be affected by the age changes, but please do realize you are not alone, everyone in the state association will have these same issues.

As always, if you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Heath Larson
YAIA President