



Yankton Area Ice Association  
905 Whiting Drive  
PO Box 235  
Yankton, SD 57078



YAIA Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2025  
6:00 PM Rink Board Room

Board Members: Sarah Thoms, Abby Sprecher, Dan Bentley, Brian Wenisch, Eric Shoemaker, Ryan Rusher, Jen Livingston, Lisa Nielson, Barrie Larsen

Non-Board Members: Chad Renken, Karen Schleiger, Heidi Enge, Jami Stevens

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM
2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion was made by Eric Shoemaker, Seconded by Abby Sprecher. **Motion passed**
3. Old Business
  - a. Open Skate(Ryan Rusher/Sarah Thoms) –
    - i. Open Skate Rules Sign made by sign tech. (3ft wide x 4ft tall) – Ryan will work on condensing the rules & work to get it done at the end of the season.
    - ii. Requesting PA Subwoofers for the rink. I will work with Tim Paulson and Tim H who helped design and install the current system on what we need for our space and will work seamlessly with our current system. \$4000-\$8000 guesstimate. **\*\*To be discussed after this season\*\***.
  - b. Proposal of Building Expansion: Eric Shoemaker
    - i. January 2025 YAIA Board approved this proposal to be presented to 4-H at their February 2025 meeting.
      1. The proposal was presented on 3/10/2025 at the 4H Meeting, they will review and assess options and decided. Building is owned by YAIA, 4H has 1<sup>st</sup> option to buy building should we choose other options in the future.
  - c. Board Nominees-
    - i. Voting ends 3/22/2025
      1. Ryan Rusher
      2. Jeff Eilers
      3. Shawn Weber
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Curling – Juliana Dick-Ford
    - i. No Report
  - b. Hockey Coaching – Chad Renken
    - i. Coaching Committee
      1. Meeting with Ryan Rusher about Coaching Apps
      2. Handbook review of # of Assistant Captains
  - c. Figure Skating – Jamie Stevens / Heidi Enge
    - i. End of Season performances taking place March 7 & 8 @ 7pm.
    - ii. FS Family Skate & Banquet will be March 16 from 4-7pm.
      1. Request was made for YAIA to cover the costs of pizza instead of cookies since cookies were being donated. Board agreed.
    - iii. FS equipment and rental skates will be collected during FS Family Skate on March 16. Another date for equipment turn in will be selected in consultation with FS Equipment Coordinator Sarah Smith.
    - iv. Submitted lettering request to YAIA President for junior and senior figure skaters



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- v. Jami Stevens will be stepping down as Co-Director and focusing on Event Director
- d. **Registrar- Amy Schramm**
  - i. **Submitted projections and will continue to review**
- e. **Safety Committee – Tona Larsen / Karen Schleiger**
  - i. **No Report**
- f. **Executive Report – Sarah Thoms**
  - i. **4-HLeaders Meeting**
    1. Sarah has sent Mary Fiedler a Lease Agreement to present to the 4-H board.
    2. Walk Through will be between 3/26 & 3/30
- g. **Treasurer Report – Jennifer Livingston**
  - i. Budget Committee – Jen Livingston, Ryan Rusher, Dan Bentley, & Kevin Perakslis
  - ii. Financial Report was provided
- h. **Vision Committee – Shawn Weber**
  - i. **If you are interested in joining the Vision Committee, please contact Shawn Weber.**
- i. **Social Committee – Stephanie Marlette-**
  - i. **3/14/2025 – Annual YAIA End of Year Skate from 6:00-8:00 p.m**
- j. **Hockey Development – Karen Schleiger**
  - i. Skate with a Buck went great! Lots of memories made!
  - i. Working with Coaching director to choose summer offerings through YAIA.
  - i. Beadle carnival scheduled for 4/24, plan to do outreach event.
    1. **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
  - iv. Congratulations to Bantam, PW state teams (kudos to YAIA as hosts for PWB tourney). JV and V both earned state berths.
  - v. Learn to Skate:
    1. Last LTS completed 2/26. Attendance was good, numbers skewed d/t 3 joined hockey, 2 never attended, 1 had injury.
- k. **Alumni Committee – Shawn Wagner**
  - i. **Apps were due on 3/10/2025, 2 Seniors will be chosen with a scholarship of \$500 each after 1<sup>st</sup> semester of secondary education.**
- l. **Marketing Committee – Shelby Nilsen**
  - i. **No Report**
- m. **Discipline Committee – Ryan Rusher – VP**
  - i. **Had a meeting with safesport issues, state is looking at the direction of safesport and possible changes.**
- n. **Facility Committee**
  - i. **Equipment–Karen Schleiger**
    1. Received Open Skates to ship (from donation).
    2. Budget will not be presented this month, pending equipment manager to inspect returned gear.
      - a. Some Jerseys appeared to have paint from the red benches on them, possibly need to replace and see how many are damaged.
    3. FS equipment budget will not be presented for same as above.
    4. A jersey for display was requested by Boss's pizza. Fundraising to follow up as potential lead. Recommend providing old Miracle jersey.
      - a. Board agreed to provide an older jersey w/ potential of fundraising opportunities with it.



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5. YAIA donated old, unused hockey gear to Northern Hills Hockey Assn.
6. LTS and Hockey Development budgets will not be presented for 1-2 months as transitioning to new directors.
- i. **Building – Brian Wenisch**
  1. Zamboni-
    - a. Replaced a few minor items, Minor maintenance repairs & preparing for Summer maintenance
  2. Compressor
    - a. Small pressure issue on compressor –
      - Will start to get estimates on what it would cost to repair or replace more areas as we believe we will continue to have issues with the old pipes.
      - End of Season
  3. Heaters above bleachers
    - a. This is being reviewed as the heaters are not heating at the end of the tube over the student section
  4. Team Banners in Rink-
    - a. Need to update some logos before next meeting
    - b. Add Northern Hills
  5. LiveBarn vs Private Stream
    - a. There have been links sent out on SportsNgin chat for private streams of certain games.
  6. Game Music language-
    - a. There has been some language in music played that is not appropriate that includes the curse words.
  7. Other:
- o. **State Delegate – Brian Wenisch**
  - i. **There was concerns and complaints regarding our Bantam B team at the State tournament in Brookings. An email was sent by a parent to the state; looking for YAIA support in filing a complaint as an association.**
  - i. **SDAHA has an open President and Secretary positions**
  - i. **Awards for Varsity State tournament will be at the Hall of Fame supper, many complaints on that due to having to purchase a ticket to see your child get an award.**
    1. **A motion was made by YAIA to purchase a table for \$520 for the 2025 Hall of Fame & Awards Event to represent Yankton Hockey to provide seats to the Senior Award Recipients and board members who would like to attend.**
      - a. **Motion was made by Jen Livingston, seconded by Lisa Nielson. Motion passed.**
- p. **Events Management Committee – Lisa Nielson**
- q. **Fundraising – Amy Ondell**
  - i. Request to apply for Yankton Foundation Grant, due April 1. – sent to a grant writer and will be reviewed by Tiffany & Abby.
- r. **Key Master – Sarah Thoms**
  - i. Majority of fobs will deactivate on 4/1/2025. Only necessary fobs are active during off season.
- s. **Handbook – Lisa Nielson / Karen Schleiger**
  - i. **Add Donation Coordinator- Eric**
    1. **Motion to approve by Brian Wenisch, seconded by Jen Livingston (See**



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attached)

- i. **Locker room policy/handbook update? -Ryan Rusher**
  - a. Further review is needed on the Locker room policy, use USA Hockey, SafeSport, ISI and US Figure Skating as resources to update our policy.
    - **Review and vote during May Meeting prior to registrations**

## 5. New Business

- i. Review items
  - Assistant captains –
    - Handbook has 3 Assistant captains
    - SDAHA/USAH has 2 Assistant captains
      - **Update Handbook Rule 202 to match SDAHA/USA Hockey**
  - Get Apparel Order bids
    - JJ Benji –**apparel, Jerseys**
    - House of Brands –**Miracle patches**
    - Royals –**Captains Letters**
    - Hanson Briggs
  - Scheduler Replacement
    - Looking for someone to take over Scheduling on 4/1/2025
  - Others
    - Consider Reviewing Scholarship requirements to approve/deny during registrations
- b. **Other**
  - i. **Would like to replace our Center Logo with a “Y” and smaller bucks & Gazelles, FS, Miracle logos**
- c. **Next Meeting**
  - i. April 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM

## 6. Executive Session(if needed)

7. **Motion to Adjourn at 8:21 PM by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. Motion passed.**



## HANDBOOK/BYLAW CHANGE REQUEST FORM FOR THE YANKTON AREA ICE ASSOCIATION

### SECTION I.

I wish to: (check one)

Amend an existing Bylaw or Handbook Item

Add a new item

Delete an existing item

I would like to add a Donation Coordinator position on the Organizational Chart under the Treasurer hierarchy. This position would be a dibs position (25 dibs) acting as the conduit between the donator and the treasurer while completing the following tasks: Invoicing for charitable donations, ensuring payments are received, ensure payments are allocated appropriately (signage, THFF, LTS, equipment etc.), updating/tracking spreadsheet, ordering signage/plaques etc and getting payments to the treasurer.

(Item/Page/Number/Letter/etc. – If adding, indicate where you wish the item to be placed)

### SECTION II.

If amending or replacing, please write the rule/item as it is currently worded:

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### SECTION III.

Please write the rule/item as you wish to amend/add it, using different color print and crossing out portions of the rule/item you wish changed/removed:

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### SECTION IV.

Please explain why you wish to add or amend the rule/item:

Currently we have a fundraising committee that organizes and facilitates fund raising activities along with donations for Continuing the Miracle (CTM). If these two duties are separated it will allow more YAIA members to get involved in the progress and allocate more time to for each respective position to focus on specific duties. This position would be the sole point of contact for anyone wishing to make a charitable donation to YAIA through out CTM pledge process at which time they would be assigned a YAIA board member as their “personal” representative.

**SECTION V.**

Submitted By: Eric Shoemaker

Date Submitted: 1/15/25 715PM