



**Yankton Area Ice
Association**
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YAIA Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Rink Board Room & Zoom

Board Members Present: Lisa Nielson, Brian Wenisch, Shawn Weber, Ryan Rusher (Zoom), Eric Shoemaker, Katie Feimer

Guests: Karen Schleiger, Tona Larsen, Sarah Thoms, Geoffrey

1. **Called Meeting to Order @ 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Approval of July Meeting Minutes – Attached**
 - i. **Motion was made by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Brian Wenisch. Motion Passed.**
3. **Old Business**
 - i. **DIBs – Katie Feimer / Sarah Thoms / Heidi Berry/Karen Schleiger/ Stephanie Marlett**
 - i. The committee continues to meet to discuss the flow of game days, number of workers needed for different jobs and the length of the shifts.
 - ii. Concession manager responsibilities are being discussed. Exploring the option of a Contact of the Day - Document Attached
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Curling – Julianna Dick-Ford**
 - i. **Curling is looking for a more consistent schedule during the season for a 2 hour time slot for youth**
 - b. **Hockey Coaching – Terry Pedersen**
 - i. Bobby Smith - has declined our offer
 - ii. Coaches Pay Scale - Needs to be approved - please review the attached proposal
 - i. **Motion was made by Lisa Nielson to approve the updated Coaches Pay Scale, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. Motion passed.**
 - iii. Tom Orr Camp - Costs, Dates, Expectations
 - i. **Possibility of not having this year due to cost (\$8,000.00); options of having more Try Skating events, 3v3 games, etc**
 - iv. Players cleaning locker room after games
 - v. Rename Red/White Scrimmage – “Yankton Pre-Season” “Red/White” “Red/White Camp” or something Else - Spell out expectation and goals (won't be all scrimmages at the younger levels. Skill development will be included)



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- vi. Need to Identify and Nominate a Director of Referee - (Need more ref's in Yankton)
 - i. **Discussion of being able to have Geoffrey Edwards become our referee director to recruit, schedule, etc pending approval from SDAHA and complete details of job.**
- c. **Figure Skating** – Heidi Berry
 - i. No report
- d. **Registrar** – Amy Schramm
 - i. Report Attached
- e. **Safety Committee**- Tona Larsen
 - i. Player sports physicals
 - i. **Email will be sent out informing the appropriate age groups that physicals are required, Tona will work with Coaches on who needs one, Coaches will need to enforce the no practice without one.**
- f. **Executive Report** – Katie Feimer
 - i. **4 scholarship applications were received. Board was notified of the number of applications via text message on 7/31/2023. A motion was made by Eric Shoemaker via text message to approve the scholarships, seconded by Ryan Rusher. Motion Passed.**
 - ii. **4-H Leaders Meeting**- Kevin Hunhoff
 - i. **Door knob was switched out from Conference room to Referee Room to keep conference room locked during Feeding America.**
 - ii. **No access inside week of August 14-19th due to Riverboat days Vendor fair**
- g. **Treasurer Report** – Jennifer Livingston(Brunick)
 - i. **No Report**
- h. **Vision Committee** – Shawn Weber
 - i. Survey results were sent to appropriate committee's. Use comments to plan and act accordingly
 - ii. Mentor Program -
 - iii. Skate with a buck program. (Skate with Varsity players after a game. Need to pick a date after the schedule comes out)
 - iv. Community Bulletin Board
 - v. Recognition of Scholar Athletes
 - vi. Grade School Carnival Dates:
 - Lincoln - Sept 7 @5:30-7:30
 - Stewart - Dates coming... Tentatively Oct. 15 (Sunday)



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Sacred Heart Bazaar - Oct 1, 2024

St. Ben's Bazaar - March 3, 2024

Beadle - was 4/27/2023 @5:30-7:00

Webster - was 4/24/2023 @4:30-6:00

i. Social Committee - Stephanie Marlette

- i. Thirsty 3rd Thursday - Third Thirsty Thursday: TBD
- i. Other Events
 - i. YAIA picnic – 8/6/2023 - Canceled due to weather
 - ii. Yankton Hockey Day & Mite Tourney –
 - i. 12/2 and 12/3/2023

ii. Hockey Development - Karen Schleiger

i. Other girls development opportunities

a) Board action: Since we do not have a 14U girls team this year, and we have a couple of older girls interested in playing, we request consideration be given to allowing those girls to register for and practice with the younger team (ie bantam age would pay registration fee of PW level) with an additional 20% discount since they would be unable to play in SDAHA games.

- Motion was made to accept the 2 girls to practice with the PeeWees for the 23-24 season, NO GAMES, at a 20% discount to registration fees pending no issues with USA Hockey.
- Motion made by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Brian Wenisch. Motion Passed.

b) Awaiting more squirt registrations to see if numbers warrant having 3 teams, one being a girls-only team for those moving up to PW (girls 14U) in the 2024-25 season.

ii. Request revisiting preseason ice schedule to include more “try” events, mini camps, girls events

iii. Fall focus - recruitment opportunities as possible.

iv. Summer camps, ice opportunities have been sent to membership.

v. Goal to have LTS dates selected for approval on or before September board meeting, open registration October 1.

iii. Recruitment Coordinator - Karen Schleiger

- i. Participant Referral program – There will be a spot on registration to track referrals.

iv. Alumni Committee - Shawn Wagner

- i. No Report



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- i. **Marketing Committee** – Shelby Nilsen
 - i. Shelby has taken over. If anyone has any ideas or items you would like her to work on let her know.
 - **No Report**
- j. **Discipline Committee** – Amanda Bottolfson-VP
 - i. **No Report**
- k. **Facility Committee**
 - i. **Equipment** – Karen Schleiger
 - i. HS game & practice; squirt jerseys still on track for delivery mid August.
 - ii. HS practice socks, helmets and mite jerseys estimated arrival mid August
 - iii. Protective hockey gear received.
 - ii. **Building** – Brian Wenisch/Kevin Hunhoff/Terry Haas
 - i. **Rink:**
 - i. **Rink Wi-Fi-**
 - 1. Will provide updated and information when available.
 - ii. **Zamboni** - Brian Wenisch
 - iii. **Compressor** – Brian Wenisch
 - 1. Update: old Concrete pad was removed, Jeremy Stevens will pour new concrete during the week, cost may be to have a sign hung. Electrical has been worked on, and continually working on rest.
 - ii. **Players bench mat replacement**
 - i. Terry Haas will look into this. Funds were raised at the Gala
 - i. **Warming Area:**
 - i. **Locker rooms**
 - ii. **Concessions**
- l. **State Delegate-** Brian Wenisch
 - i. Details of outcome from SF wanting to join the Midwest League
 - ii. Team Split information - Documents Attached
 - iii. SDAHA Affiliate Growth and Development Grant - Application Attached
- m. **Events Management Committee** – Lisa Nielson
 - i. **Scheduling**
 - i. Games-
 - ii. Tournaments – **no state tournament in Yankton this season**
 - iii. Performances



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- iv. Private parties
- v. Special events

n. Fundraising Committee – Katie Feimer

- i. It was recommended that the Butter Braid fundraiser continue, but to look at a new company that offers the butter braids and pizza items. It was recommended that this be in November like in past years and to encourage all YAIA skaters to participate. Working on dates
- ii. Fall Gala- Saturday, November 4th - more details to come

o. Key Master - Sarah Thoms

- i. **No Report**

p. Handbook – Secretary

- i. **No Report**

5. New Business

a. Website Updates

- i. Ryan is working on updating the website.
 - Cleaned up history of teams in Sports Engine, hoping to speed up the system

b. Other

- i. **Riverboat Days Parade** – committee is currently planning the float, asked about pulling new Zamboni – board decided to not allow it this year.
- ii. **Adult League** – Geoffrey Edwards is currently working on Recruiting players from Yankton, area colleges to play in an adult league. Proposing to charge \$8/game or \$100 per season. YAIA will need to speak with insurance to determine Waivers, liabilities. They are ok with Sunday evenings.

c. Next Meeting

- i. September 11th at 6:00pm.

6. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Wenisch, seconded by Shawn Weber. Motion passed.