



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



**YAIA Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024
6:00 PM Rink Board Room**

1. **Called Meeting to Order at 6:02 PM**
2. **Approval of October Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **Motion was made by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Brian Wenisch. Motion passed.**
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Tournament fees – confusion on tournament fees for league levels this year. Board agreed to go by the fee chart for 2024/2025 season
 - b. Request was made to approve jerseys to be worn for first league games instead of waiting for Hockey day like originally voted on. **Motion was made by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Jen Livingston. Motion passed.**
 - c. Via Email: 10/28/2024
 - i. Request was made to approve T-Shirts designed for the Squirts to be paid for by interested Squirt families at no charge to YAIA. Motion was made by Brian Wenisch, seconded by Ryan Rusher. **Motion passed.**
 - d. Via Text: 10/29/2024 –
 - i. Motion to approve Butter Braids Fundraiser was made by Barrie Larsen, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. **Motion passed.**
 - i. Figure Skating Apparel Designs – motion to approve the designs was made by Barrie Larsen, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. **Motion passed.**
 - e. Via Text: 11/8/2024 –
 - i. Motion to approve the new jerseys for JV/Varsity players to be worn for the individual and team pictures was made by Barrie Larsen, seconded by Ryan Rusher. **Motion passed.**
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Curling – Juliana Dick-Ford**
 - i. Reviewing schedule to potentially add dates
 - b. **Hockey Coaching – Chad Renken**
 - i. **Coaching Committee**
 1. **Team Coordinators – motion was made to approve team coordinators by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. Motion passed.**
 - a. **Mini-Mite:** Julie Minow
 - b. **Mite:** Janelle Saylor
 - c. **Squirt Director & A:** Jenny Livingston
 - d. **Squirt B:** Ana Schurman
 - e. **Squirt C:** Lyndsey Murphy
 2. JV/Varsity practice times were updated to accommodate the large number of skaters. Varsity 5:30 AM to 6:30 AM; JV 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM.
 - c. **Figure Skating – Jamie Stevens / Heidi Enge**
 - i. **Revisit FS Coach Rates**
 1. Morgan (Privett) Fellows \$20.ph returning coach
 - a. **Motion was made by Ryan Rusher, seconded by Jen Livingston.**



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Motion passed.



- i. **FS Coach jackets**
 - 1. Request purchase of 2 jackets for competition coaches (Morgan Privett Fellows and Lauren VerSteeg). Board requested to look for jackets in the \$100 range.
 - ii. **Parent/Skater meetings:** took place on October 22, 2024 at 5pm for Freestyle Skaters and 6pm for Pre-Alpha thru Delta skaters. Currently have 64 Figure Skaters on the roster.
 - iii. **Renting practice ice to non-YAIA figure skater:** during the holiday break – board suggested the person rent the ice & sign the waiver included in that agreement.
 - v. **FS Special Events Coordinator:** Recommend Katie Uhall .
 - 1. **Motion was made by Jen Livingston, seconded by Brian Wenisch. Motion passed.**
 - vi. 10 Pre-Alpha's received complimentary (Gala funds) – Equipment rental fees
 - vii. Thanks to the Board for approving FS apparel & team jackets. Orders due by Nov 15.
 - viii. Thanks to Zamboni drivers for filling in extra Zamboni sessions for Figure Skate camp weekend
- d. **Registrar- Amy Schramm**
- i. Reminder for SafeSport for Board members & volunteers associated with the athletes.
 - 1. Plans to roster all volunteers that would be required to have safesport to keep better records.
 - 2. Game sheets training to be provided before 1st league games
 - a. Need to update the dibs description to make sure scorekeeper arrives 30-45 minutes prior to game start time.
 - 3. Reminder if YAIA should host events where more than 1 town is participating, we are required to complete the form and pay a \$250 special event fee
 - 4. Would like to start looking and training for a replacement for this position
 - i. **Motion was made to update the Registrar position to be an Exempt position by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Brian Wenisch. Motion passed.**
- e. **Safety Committee – Tona Larsen**
- i. Return to Covid Plan will be to follow CDC Guidelines
 - i. Physicals / Recertifications
- f. **Executive Report – Sarah Thoms**
- i. **4-HLeaders Meeting**
 - 1. **4-H to use building/ice on the 1st Sunday in November from 12:00-5:00 p.m. for their Awards banquet starting in 2025-forever.**
 - a. **They typically have a couple families that are members of both YAIA & 4-H that we can give Dibs to if requested to hand out and put away ice skates and music.**
- g. **Treasurer Report – Jennifer Livingston**
- i. Budget Committee – Jen Livingston, Ryan Rusher, Dan Bentley, & Kevin Perakslis
 - 1. Financial Shortfall(Ryan)- when looking over the budget there is a pretty big short fall on incoming funds to cover our estimated spend.... I think it's \$30k but some things were still being adjusted... We need to be prepared for this and look at what we can do.
 - a. Will continue to review the financials & budget; along with working with Fundraising Committee to raise funds.
 - 2. Square vs Clover POS system(Ryan)-
 - a. Discussion was had and it was agreed to utilize Square POS System, motion was made to approve Ryan to purchase necessary equipment to utilize Square at a maximum of \$1,000.00 by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Barrie Larsen. **Motion passed.**
 - i. Financial Report was provided
 - ii. New Credit Cards – language clean-up for credit cards through First Dakota required by First Dakota: Proposal is for Jenny Livingston to work with First Dakota National



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Bank to get 3 credit cards through First Dakota National Bank one for each of the following individuals: Lisa Nielson, Sara Shoemaker and Heidi Enge.

1. "YAIA Board authorizes the Treasurer, currently Jennifer Livingston, to apply and obtain a business credit; issued by Pinnacle Bank and through First Dakota National Bank."
 - a. Motion was made to approve this verbiage by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Brian Wenisch. **Motion passed.**
- iv. Wholesale Supply – continuing to work with them.
- h. **Vision Committee – Shawn Weber**
 - i. **No Report**
- i. **Social Committee – Stephanie Marlette**
 - i. **No Report**
- j. **Hockey Development – Karen Schleiger**
 - i. **LTS Session 2: 11/6 -12/11**
 - ii. All preseason events LTS, Try Skating/Try Hockey, GHD, carnivals are done.
 - iii. Looking for LTS Coordinator, asked at parent meetings.
- k. **Alumni Committee – Shawn Wagner**
 - i. **No report**
- l. **Marketing Committee – Shelby Nilsen**
 - i. **No report, Lisa Nielson will send a note to promote the first game with New Jerseys**
- m. **Discipline Committee – Ryan Rusher – VP**
 - i. **No report**
- n. **Facility Committee**
 - i. **Equipment–Karen Schleiger**
 1. Figure Skate rental skates on backorder. - should arrive mid-November.
 2. Equipment & jersey handouts done.
 3. Game socks for sale.
 - ii. **Building – Brian Wenisch**
 1. Zamboni
 2. Compressor
 - a. Look into Becker fixing the board doors in the rink, estimate was approved by board previously.
 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.
- o. **State Delegate – Brian Wenisch**
 - i. **GameSheet training**
- p. **Events Management Committee – Lisa Nielson**
 - i. **No Report**
- q. **Fundraising – Amy Ondell**
 - i. Fall Gala –Stacey Renken - 11/9/2024
 1. Meridian Venue
 2. Funds to go towards – 2025 Mini-Mite/Mite & Pre-Alpha/Alpha registration costs & Facility maintenance (heater replacement/repairs, north double door replacement/repairs, board door repairs, dehumidifier motor replacement cost, additional skate racks, helmet hook board, etc.)



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- i. Melissa Smith with Siouxland OMFS wants a contact person for their donation of HS mouthguards in exchange for rink signage.

- r. Key Master – Sarah Thoms
- s. Handbook – Lisa Nielson / Karen Schleiger

5. New Business

a. Open Skate(Ryan) –

- i. Open Skate Dates - I feel we need to expand the open skate program - it's a way to use our best asset to make more money!!
- ii. Hired Help for Open Skate?/ Varsity Dibs?? Need to spread the workload out so people don't get burned out.
- iii. Teen Nights like Cosmic Skate Sioux Falls / Bring in Aspiring DJ's
- iv. Pricing of Open Skate and Special Events?
 - 1. Motion was made to increase the price of admission to open skate to \$6.00 by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Abby Sprecher. **Motion passed.**
- v. Event Lighting / DJ Setup - Does anyone want this besides me?? Don't want to go thru teaching myself about commercial event "lighting" setups if I am the only person that would like to see this at the rink.

- b. Eagle Scout Project – was presented by Garrett Haas. A motion was made to approve the donation of \$500 from YAIA to help with the cost of the project by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Barrie Larsen. **Motion passed.**

c. Other

- i. Via Text: 11/14/2024 a motion was made by Ryan Rusher to let the Bantams use the Logo for bag tags & Door Hangers to be made and/or Purchased by the team coordinator (Pictures of items were provided); seconded by Abby Sprecher. **Motion passed.**
- ii. Via Text: 11/20/2024; we were notified of an emergency zoom call for SDAHA Executive committee & delegates to discuss a request by Brandon Valley to drop their JV team. This was past the deadline of 10/1 and no formal vote can be completed due to the timing.

d. Next Meeting

- i. December 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM

- 6. Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:54 pm by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Barrie Larsen. **Motion passed.**