



Yankton Area Ice Association

901 Whiting Drive / PO Box 235
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YAIA Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Rink Board Room & Zoom

Board Members Present: Katie Feimer, Brian Wenisch, Ryan Rusher, Terry Haas, Jennifer Livingston(Brunick), Sarah Thoms, Amanda Bottolfson, Shawn Weber(zoom).

Guests: Julianna Dick-Ford(zoom), Eric Shoemaker(zoom), Krystal Paulson, Karen Schleiger.

1. **Called Meeting to Order @ 6:00 p.m.**

2. **Approval of January Meeting Minutes – motion to approve January minutes amended with an update of Individuals Board Terms ending to include Jennifer Livingston(Brunick); made by Brian Wenisch,seconded by Jennifer Livingston(Brunick), motion passed.**

3. **Old Business**

a. **Open Skate**-Sarah Thoms/Dave Spencer/Lisa Nielson

i. Remaining Scheduled Open Skates:

i. **February 2023**

i. 2/18/2023 @ 1:00-4:00 p.m.

ii. 2/19/2023 @ 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Family Only)-must have Parent or Guardian skating or present.

iii. 2/20/2023 @ 12:00-3:00 p.m.

4. **Committee Reports**

a. **Curling** – Julianna Dick-Ford

i. Looking to have league during State Tournament weekend or Performance weekend will work with Lisa to see what ice time is available.

b. **Hockey Coaching** – Terry Pedersen

i. No Report

c. **Figure Skating** – Heidi Berry

i. Cancel practice on Saturday of State Tournament.

ii. Performance on 3rd -4th ; don't need 5th.

iii. FS Basket for State Tournament will be dropped off end of week.



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d. **Registrar** – Amy Schramm

- i. No report.

e. **Safety Committee**- Tona Larsen

- i. No report.

f. **Executive Report** – Katie Feimer

i. Monitor- motion was made on 1/25/2023, for evening monitor to return to monitor duties by Ryan Rusher, seconded by Kevin Hunhoff, motion passed.

ii. Katie has been asked to participate in The Center Rock-a-thon fundraiser.

iii. **4-H Leaders Meeting**- Kevin Hunhoff

- i. No Report

g. **Treasurer Report** – Jennifer Livingston(Brunick)

- i. Report was presented.

h. **Vision Committee** – Shawn Weber

i. **Social Committee - Stephanie Marlette**

- i. Thirsty 3rd Thursday 2/23 @ 6:30 p.m. – Boat House
- ii. YAIA Family Open Skate – 3/10 @ 6-8p.m.

ii. **Hockey Development - Karen Schleiger**

i. Try Hockey Spring: 2/4/23 10:45-11:30am – Huge Success!

ii. Hockey Academy:

- i. Looking to the fall may have a THFF or Hockey Academy in Oct during Red/White scrimmages. Following up with Coaching Committee to look at the schedule.

iii. LTS session 2:

i. Wednesday: 5:45 - 6:15pm

i. 1/11 – 2/15 (6 sessions, \$20)

- ii. Last session is tomorrow and has been successful with good support from Figure Skating.

iv. Start discussion how & when to implement a girls 14U team. This is critical in developing hockey.

- i. We will need to put a committee together for this.



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- v. Hockey 101
 - i. Information can be found on Ace Case by Exit Door.
- iii. **Recruitment Coordinator - Karen Schleiger**
 - i. Referral program to be marketed for 2023-24' season
- iv. **Alumni Committee - Shawn Wagner**
 - i. Update - The Alumni game was held in November 23,2022. We had 40ish players, everyone seemed to have a good time. We raised \$500 for a "Yankton Hockey Alumni" scholarship for a graduating senior hockey player.
 - i. Shawn Wagner will put together a scholarship proposal to include application and selection criteria.
 - i. Document sent to Katie.
 - ii. Board has requested additional requirements be added: 2.5+ GPA and 500+ Word essay.
- v. **OTHER:**
 - i. **Marketing Committee – Lisa Nielson**
 - i. Finalizing Senior Spotlights and P&D team page will run 2/22
 - j. **Discipline Committee – Amanda Bottolfson-VP**
 - i. All hearings are done for now.
 - k. **Facility Committee**
 - i. **Equipment – Karen Schleiger**
 - i. Equipment budget for 2023-2024 season to be approved in March meeting.
 - ii. Coaches jackets purchased for 2 coaches.
 - ii. **Building – Brian Wenisch/Kevin Hunhoff/Terry Haas**
 - i. **Rink:**
 - i. **Rink Wi-Fi-**
 - 1. Resetting admin privileges for Zamboni Connect system and new compressor remote monitoring. Brian will work with Tim Paulson on Wi-Fi requirements needed for Compressor and Zamboni.



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- ii. **Zamboni** - Brian Wenisch
 - 1. Ships 2/15/2023.
- iii. **Compressor** – Brian Wenisch
 - 1. Warranty – 24 months from ship date on full unit.
 - 2. Temperatures in the Rink- We have had numerous inquiries from Spectators this season about the cold temps maintained in the ice rink and requests to increase the temp in the rink to better align with Spectator comfort. With our current/old/inefficient system, it is not able to maintain recommended floor temps to ensure quality ice; when the weather outside or rink air temp is too warm or if the outdoor temp is too cold. Once the new system is up and running, we will be able to review the possibility to increase the temperature in the rink while maintaining the ice stability.
- ii. **Players bench mat replacement**
 - i. Follow-up with Chad Renken - \$462.50 from Gala 50/50 game. Terry Haas will look into this.
- iii. **Skate Trainers/Walkers-**
 - i. Thank you to Tim & Lisa Irwin that have donated the funds to purchase 24 walkers/skate trainers to replace the current metal walkers/skate trainers. These are going to be great for LTS & Open Skate.
 - ii. These have been ordered, however will not be delivered until mid to late March at the earliest.
- iv. **Threshold Replacement-**
 - i. Part of the threshold was ripped up and needs to be replaced. Terry Haas is getting quotes.
- ii. **Warming Area:**
 - i. **Locker rooms:**
 - i. LR #1 damaged door handle replaced by Hansen Locksmith.
 - ii. **Concessions-**



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- i. Thank you to Hunhoff family(Mark & Kevin) that have donated a NEW Popcorn machine & 50 lbs of popcorn(it works great) and they had it delivered before our next events so we didn't lose spectators due to not having popcorn, just in case we weren't able to repair the old one in time. Thank you Barrie Larson, for continuing to repair the old one every time it broke down and it can now be used as a backup/additional one if needed(not sure how many batches it has left in it).

I. **State Delegate-** Brian Wenisch

i. **Spring Meeting**

- i. Proposals deadline-don't have this info yet Brian will get to us ASAP.
 - i. Clean-up #12
 - ii. Squirt League

m. **Events Management Committee** – Lisa Nielson

i. **Scheduling**

- i. Games-
- ii. Tournaments
 - i. Bantam A State Tournament @ Yankton.
 - i. Note: Same weekend as the USD Track Meet; limited hotels. The new hotel behind Fry'n Pan-Fairfield Inn is taking reservations.
 - ii. Committee is formed. Plans have begun. Request sent for more committee members. Only team OOT is Bantam B, will need help from other levels to cover DIBs.
- iii. Performances
 - i. FS End of Season Performance
 - i. March 3-5, 2023
- iv. Private parties
 - i. 2/17/2023 @ 6-8 p.m.
 - ii. 2/17/2023 @ 8:15-10:15 p.m.
- v. Special events
 - i. Mite Scrimmage



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i. 2/19

n. Fundraising Committee – Katie Feimer

- i. The committee met on February 8th.
- ii. All donation requests or received need to go through the Fundraising Committee to ensure we are keeping track to ensure we do not hinder future donations.
- iii. The list of wish list items has been updated and is updated on the website as well.
 - i. We should consider adding replacement of the Netting at each end of the rink (white or filament).
- iv. -We received a donation for 24 skate trainers/walkers. We also were gifted a new popcorn machine for concessions! As well as 50 lbs of popcorn.
- v. -There are some new and updated signs to be hung in the rink. There is also a new sign that was put behind the shooting cage, this sign will need to be reordered as it was ruined by the pucks. Terry Haas has agreed to get some help and work to get these new signs up and remove some signs that need to be taken down. It may not be until the end of the season.
- vi. -The Yankton Community Grant application will be open again April 1st, we will continue to apply for this twice as year as it opens.

ii. Continue The Miracle(rink advertisement signs)

- i. will need help calling

ii. Fall Gala- Stacey Renken

- iii. Planning meetings for 2023 Gala have already started.

iii. Bragging Rights- Sarah Thoms

- i. 5/25/2023
- ii. Coming up with Food options; will need helpers for event.
- iii. Would like to have the NEW Zamboni present to show supporters what some of their donations were used for.

o. Key Master - Sarah Thoms

p. Handbook – Sarah Thoms

5. New Business

- i. DIBs



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- i. Open for discussion on whether changes need to be made, all these extra requests for Dibs jobs etc. We need to start thinking about if things need to be adjusted.
 - ii. We need to form a committee to review this. Sarah and Katie will work on putting this together.
 - ii. **Terms Ending for Board Members**
 - i. Lisa Nielson
 - ii. Sarah Thoms
 - iii. Jennifer Livingston(Brunick)
 - ii. Info sent to association by Katie, nominations being accepted through 2/15.
 - iii. **All Association Picture**
 - i. Ryan Rusher will work on finding a date or we will complete during next season pictures.
 - iv. **End of Season Banquets/Shut down/Tear down:**
 - i. **Figure Skate Banquet-**
 - i. 3/12/2023:
 - i. Skate @ 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 - ii. Banquet @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 - ii. **Hockey Banquet-**
 - i. 3/26/2023 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 - iii. **Official Ice Compressor shutdown date-**
 - i. 3/13/2023
 - ii. Ice Removal-C&B Operations is looking for a community give back and is interested in assisting with ice removal.
 - iv. **Rink Tear Down –**
 - i. 3/25/2023 @ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- b. **Next Meeting**
 - i. March 14, 2023 at 6:00pm.

6. **Adjourn- motion to adjourn made by Amanda Bottolfson, seconded by Jennifer Livingston(Brunick), motion passed.**