



**Yankton Area Ice  
Association**  
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## YAIA Minutes

September 12, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Rink Board Room & Zoom

Board Members Present: Brian Wenisch, Shawn Weber, Ryan Rusher, Eric Shoemaker, Katie Feimer, [Jennifer Livingston](#), Terry Haas and Kevin Hunhoff (zoom)

Guests: Karen Schleiger, Heidi Berry, Matt Berry, Juliana Dick-Ford (zoom), Amy Schramm, Terry Pedersen, Geoffrey

1. **Called Meeting to Order @ 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Approval of August Meeting Minutes – Attached**
  - i. **Correction to the date of the next meeting needed, stated September 11, should be September 12th. Motion was made by Terry Haas, seconded by Brian Wenisch to approve with the correction. Motion Passed.**
3. **Old Business**
  - i. **DIBs – Katie Feimer / Sarah Thoms / Heidi Berry/Karen Schleiger/ Stephanie Marlett**
    - i. Coaching committee has approved players cleaning their own locker rooms as well as the opponent locker rooms.
    - ii. A key holder and key chain have been made for the locker rooms keys. This is for the visiting teams to check out from Admissions in exchange for coaches keys.
    - iii. A document with frequently asked questions is being developed for the Contact of the Day. If you anyone has suggestions to add email to [president@yanktonice.org](mailto:president@yanktonice.org).
    - iv. Game day duties and time slots will be adjusted. Sarah Thoms and [Karen Schleiger](#) will work on this.
    - v. Handbook edits are in process and will be presented to the Board for approval.
4. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Curling – Julianna Dick-Ford**
    - i. Curling was asking about the season schedule which is still TBD due to ice timeline.
  - b. **Hockey Coaching – Terry Pedersen**
    - i. A coaching seminar will be held September 24th at Bens Brew Station.
    - ii. Discussed coaches as well as JV/Varsity players helping with Learn to Skate.



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- c. **Figure Skating** – Heidi Berry
  - i. The Figure skating coaches list was submitted for approval. The list included Courtney Heath, Morgan Bame, Morgan Privett, Lauren Versteeg, Johanna Starzl, Eva Paulson, Jade Schramm, Halle Mortensen and Coach trainee Braxton Adams. **A motion was made by Terry Haas, second by Brian Wenisch. Motion Passed.**
  - ii. Practice Schedule was discussed. Figure skating is requesting some adjustments to the Thursday practice schedule. After discussion it was decided [Terry Pedersen](#) and Heidi Berry can work together to come up with a proposal.
  
- d. **Registrar** – Amy Schramm
  - i. Report Attached
  
- e. **Safety Committee** - Tona Larsen
  - i. Player sports physical information has been sent to the players and parents needing to submit
  
- f. **Executive Report** – Katie Feimer
  - i. **4-H Leaders Meeting**- Kevin Hunhoff
    - i. September 27th will be the walk thru with 4-H
    - ii. 4-H asked if we would be interested in putting a Christmas Tree up in the lobby area.
  
- g. **Treasurer Report** – Jennifer Livingston(Brunick)
  - i. No Report
  
- h. **Vision Committee** – Shawn Weber
  - i. Need to get Team Coordinators approved
  - ii. Third Thirsty Thursday is being discontinued. Not enough interest. Potential other alternatives. More to come
  - iii. Yankton Hockey Day 12/2 – Planning in works. Waiting for the game schedule to be released
  - iv. Yankton Mite fest – 12/3
  - v. Mite of the Night will happen again.
  - vi. Scholar Athlete program. – Looking for someone to organize and run with it
  - vii. No Tom Orr camp this year
  - viii. Plan to bring in Jan Dam from Midland University on 12/10. Potential cost/payment still in works. Most likely hotel and food.
  
- i. **Social Committee - Stephanie Marlette**
  - i. Yankton Hockey Day & Mite Tourney –
    - i. 12/2 and 12/3/2023
  
- ii. **Hockey Development - Karen Schleiger**



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- i. Learn to Skate, Try Hockey and Try skating dates will be reworked when we know ice is ready.
- ii. Lincoln School carnival was held 9/7 and Stewart school carnival will be held 10/14.
- iii. Girls Hockey Development Coordinator for YAIA will be [Eric Shoemaker](#). He will work with SDAHA for the Girls Hockey Day.
- iv. More information to come on a possible girls squirt team.
- v. SDAHA grant submitted for hockey development, winners will be announced late September
- vi. Mentor program/skate with a Buck being explored.

**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. Requesting November 22nd for the Alumni game.

**i. Marketing Committee – Shelby Nilsen**

- **No Report**

**i. Discipline Committee – Amanda Bottolfson-VP**

- i. It was determined that a process that fits figure skating needs to be developed as the current flow chart is very tailored towards hockey.

**j. Facility Committee**

**i. Equipment – Karen Schleiger**

- i. HS game jerseys are still out of the country with no estimated arrival date.
- ii. HS practice socks, jerseys and mite jerseys will be available next week and then taken in for screen printing.
- iii. Helmets have arrived.
- iv. Eligible list of coaches needed to get jackets ordered.

**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**

1. Trainings will be set for Zamboni drivers
2. The hydrant in the Zamboni room is leaking. There are some issues with the shut off and how this will be fixed. It is being looked into as it may require water shut offs.

**iii. Compressor – Brian Wenisch**

1. Update: there are some plumbing fittings we are



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waiting on. The target date for ice will be October 23rd. Requests to help with markings will go out when it is time. Due to the delay in ice this year, Hockey Development will send out notice of any opportunities in the area for camps or clinics.

2. Once the compressor is complete and ice is ready, it was suggested some type or recognition go out to those that worked on and donated time and resources to the project. Possibly see if the paper would do some sort of story.

**ii. Players bench mat replacement**

- i. This was ordered with the replacement mats in the rink area.

**i. Warming Area:**

- i. **Locker rooms**
- ii. **Concessions**

**k. State Delegate- Brian Wenisch**

- i. Brian provided information for the upcoming state meeting. There were two play down requests, one for Mitchell Bantam A to play Bantam B and one for and one for Sioux Center Pee Wee A to play down to Pee Wee B. The board did not have any issues with these two requests.
- ii. There was a lot of discussion regarding the Team Splits proposal and YAIA stance on this. There were still concerns with the proposal as is. The board discussed it would be best to have the proposal tabled so the proposal can still be adjusted with more clarification. **A motion was made to vote proposal be tabled by Terry Haas. Second by Eric Shoemaker. Motion Passed.**

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

**i. Scheduling**

- i. Games-
- ii. Tournaments – **no state tournament in Yankton this season**
- iii. Performances
- iv. Private parties
- v. Special events

**m. Fundraising Committee – Katie Feimer**

- i. Butter Braid sales will begin November 13th and run through November 29th with delivery December 12th. This will be open to and encouraged all association skaters participate.
- ii. Fall Gala- Saturday, November 4th - at the Meridian Venue. [Jonathan Larsen](#) will be the auctioneer again this year and Counterfeit Catering will provide the meal. Please help promote the event and sell tickets.



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- iii. The Kiwanis group had contacted YAIA to let us know that their group would be dissolving. They will be donating \$2800 to be used for new skates for Open Skate. These will be ordered when the donation is received.

- n. **Key Master** - Sarah Thoms  
i. **No Report**
- o. **Handbook** – Secretary  
i. **No Report**

5. **New Business**

a. **Other**

i. **Team Coordinators-**

1. The list of team coordinators was submitted for Board review. It was determined those that have more than one team would have an overall coordinator and then team parents.
- Varsity – Sheila Haas
  - Bantam – Sherri Koletzky
  - Pee Wee – Coordinator and Team Parent - Stephanie Marlette and Team Parent Angela Wrage
  - Squirts – Coordinator – Jennifer Livingston, Team Parents – Samantha Grome, Abby Spricher and Tina Sasse
  - Mites – Team Coordinator – Sara Shoemaker
  - Mini Mites – To Be Determined.

**Motion by Eric Shoemaker to approve. Seconded by Brian Wenisch.  
Motion Passed.**

- ii. It was proposed to the Board, that with the goalie situation at the Bantam level and not having a dedicated goalie, the association cover the fee for a Goalie Camp being held in Mitchell for the Bantams that have agreed to step in and play goalie with the understanding there will be guarantee to play goalie for a minimum of five games. The cost of the camp is \$375 per goalie. **A motion was made by Shawn Weber to approve. Seconded by Eric Shoemaker. Motion passed.**

- iii. Hunter Haas will be presenting to the Board at some point regarding his Eagle Scout project he will be doing at the outdoor ice rink.

b. **Next Meeting**

- i. October 10th at 6:00pm.

6. **Adjourn 9:18pm – Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Wenisch, seconded by Terry Haas. Motion passed.**