



Yankton Area Ice Association



Minutes, November 11, 2014, 6:30 pm

Board Members in attendance: President, Dave Withrow, VP, Rob Barger, Treasurer, Mike Krajewski, Secretary, Julie Perakslis, Heath Larson, Max Roesler, and Ryan List

Guests in attendance: Kendra Bakke: Registrar, Pam Erickson: Figure Skating, Randy Eichacker: Rink Manager, Kris Kopetjka: Varsity/JV Team Coordinator

Approval of October Board minutes: Motion to approve: Rob, 2nd Julie, passed

Committee Reports:

A. Registrar:

1. Girls JV roster submitted and approved, Varsity and JV/Varsity submitted then asked to be retracted. Squirts are being split and Chad wanted to make changes to Varsity/JV. Kendra will finalize with coaches and submit on Monday. Kendra is making a calendar raffle deposit (785 calendars). With returned calendars, all but one calendar are accounted for.

2. **Team Rosters:** Kendra needs a breakdown for Squirts and Mites. State said they are not approving roster for anyone not Safesport qualified, USA Hockey registered and background check approved. Coaches who completed Safesport last year may have to do it again this year due to a software change at the state level; but then certification will be good for 2 – 3 years. Coaches have until December 31st to complete their coaching modules. As an association we cannot roster a coach who is not certified. Mike works with one of the coaches who is not USA Hockey registered yet -- he will talk to him about getting registered. Dave Withrow will send an email out to the coaches telling them they need to have all paperwork done by Tuesday or Wednesday next week so the state can approve our rosters.

2. **YAIA scholarship requests:** One other scholarship (figure skater) child came in and was approved via email.

B. Figure skating:

1. Pam made a **deposit** which included apparel fees, ISI dues, calendars and rummage sale. Randy asked about moving the **rummage sale** to an earlier date because it interfered with parent meetings and a private party. Pam said they can do it before. Discussion on moving the garage sale to the first weekend in October. Everyone agreed.

2. **Discover the World of Figure Skating** event was held October 18th. 28 kids came and a few learn-to-skaters came that day.

3. Total **registered** is 52 figure skaters. Pam gave Mike a check for the figure skaters and learn-to-skate hockey ISI dues.

4. One of the coaches Moms is on the Luverne Rink board. They are planning a day to go up there and try out their **harness**. This is something the figure skaters would like to get eventually.

5. **Dibs request** for ISI parents volunteering as rink monitors during non-coach practice days. Two high school junior coaches are coming to help as well and Pam would like to have Dibs approved for them. Mike made motion to approve dibs, Dave seconded, motion passed. Discussion on how many dibs credits that would be. Ryan suggested one credit per night.

6. October 19th was a **testing day** and a few skaters move up. They'll do another one December 6th so skaters can see progression. When they move up they pay the difference in dues.

7. Pam contacted Avera after a skater was injured. **Avera** will give us a **\$200 donation to get ice packs** for the rink. Pam suggested using a locker to put ice packs in. Discussion on how to keep ice packs secured. Suggestion was made to keep a few in the penalty boxes/rink for emergency/quick use. Rob suggested keeping in coaches box in rink and put the rest in the concession area. Pam will accept the donation then buy the ice packs.

C. Coaching:

Chad was unable to attend the board meeting. He had two things he wanted us to address:

- 1: Chad wants to **reimburse** the students coming over to Yankton from USD to coach (Tyler Johnson, Zach Johnson and Spencer Mannes) for their **travel expense**. Chad wants to give them a gas card with \$180 (.21cents/mile) on it. He will submit a request for every month. We would write the check to Chad. The board approved via email paying \$.21cent per mile.
2. **Coaches list:** it is currently tentative. Chad might have to shift coaches around if anyone doesn't complete the paperwork. Rob said based on occurrences in last game, Chad needs to identify a JV coach.

D. Financial

1. **Financial report** Legend Hockey expense and Insurance expense pending. This balance does not include the deposit coming in from calendars or the income from Legend Hockey Camp payments (78 kids signed up for camp). Invoice for lights and Mead Lumber should come out of the Continue the Miracle bank line. All Figure Skating and Hockey deposits will continue going into the main account and Mike will just work the Figure Skating account down.
2. Through **Northwestern Energy**, Randy found a **rebate** offer in his bill and gave the information to Ryan. YAIA will get about \$1,700 back if this rebate works as Ryan believes. .35Cent per watt rebate when we went from old lights to new efficient lights. This should help offset the overage on the locker rooms. Ryan is going to submit that paperwork. Every year we put a program ad in for Mount Marty Theatre and they give us tickets to a show, we gave Randy the tickets.
3. Dave Spencer sent out this years' invoices for signs. He has the list of businesses/entities that get invoiced. We need a chairman for the **Continue the Miracle** Committee. Max suggested asking Bryan S., who was on the committee, to chair the board. Nancy W. was mentioned as a good lead person. Ryan would be willing to take over managing the invoices and financials. Dave said he would be willing to take over committee chair if no one else comes forward. Julie suggested joining the Chamber to have access to all of the business' contact information and for marketing opportunities. It is \$245/year. Everyone agreed. Regarding an earlier question on earning dibs hours for fundraising support, the board said "no."
4. **Renovations/upgrades:** Temporary lights are up, we are waiting for final efficient lighting. Locker rooms are 90% finished. Randy was finishing up benches tonight. Pam suggested getting shelves on casters so they can be moved without having to load and unload boxes of equipment and gear every time they are needed. Randy had to do a lot of set-up and take down for red/white scrimmage, learn-to-skate and Discover Hockey. Frustration was expressed about the inadequate size of the equipment room. Following some discussion, the equipment room needs will be made a priority.

E. Disciplinary:

1. Regarding disciplinary action on a hockey player: Kevin will meet with Ryan Mors, Activity Director of YHS on Thursday. The committee is waiting for the high school to determine what they are doing regarding discipline of this player; then hockey will decide what to do about the hockey incident. Dave issued a temporary suspension, then discipline committee met with player and parent. Outcome pending.

F. Other Rink Items:

1. Nancy Wenande is doing **scorekeeping and scoreboard training** an email will go out on this.
2. **Team level coordinators Feedback:** a separate calendar coordinator is needed. Coordinators liked process of collecting a post-dated checks for calendars. Calendar requirements are high, they suggest making them optional

for Mites, MiniMites and pre-Alpha's & Alpha's. Randy provided a true cost of each level. It's a good thing to see what people are paying up front. Squirts and Mites also have additional tournament fees on top of their registration, equipment and calendar costs. Max suggested looking at March/April to re-evaluate dibs credit requirements and calendar requirements.

3.Photo/Activity passes for PeeWees and up. Team Coordinators will collect that fee. It is \$5/pass. Good for all state league play HOME games. Tami Keller made up some **gift certificates** to sell for the holidays. They have a watermark which doesn't come across when photocopied. Max and Rob suggested pre-printing with \$10 and \$20 increments. They would be good for concessions, logo gear/apparel and game entry. They would not be good for Open Skate as that is currently run by the City. When they are used, if there is change, it would be marked on the gift certificate no cash will be given in change.

4. Max brought up having a **Mite/MiniMite skate out** with the pucks before Varsity and Girls JV Games. Max suggested buying the Mite's Miracle Jerseys to wear in their tournaments and to wear when they skate out with the Boys Varsity and Girls JV home games. Randy will talk to Mike Freeman to see what Ace has. Randy will send out info to the board and we can vote via email. They come in sets of 12, we'll order 24 jerseys of the home team color only. Mite, Emma Eichacker, expressed an interest in singing the National Anthem prior to one of the home games. The board is fine with this and looks forward to it.

5.Sponsors for programs. Randy suggested increasing from \$100 as they sold very easily last year. Discussion on pricing the ad for program based on the number of games over the weekend. Discussion on going to restaurants for ads/sponsorship/coupons. Everyone agreed to bump up to \$150/weekend. Weekends with one or two games, we will sell sponsorships at reduced price.

6.Senior Gifts: Senior Jersey's gifts. All the senior hockey players will get a jersey. \$25-\$35 is usually what the association has given. There are 13 seniors this year. This would be \$455 total. The parents will pay for numbers, names, etc. to be put on the Jerseys. Mike made a motion to approve the \$35/jersey paid by the Association, Max 2nd, motion approved. Senior Spotlight bill. The association has always paid for this. 11 Seniors have signed up to go. It's about \$55/skater. Association will pay this again this year.

G. Scheduling:

Everything is on the calendar. Max will be putting private parties on the calendar this year so everyone can see when they are. Feedback on PeeWee C schedule is that it is brutal for travel. Max will send feedback back to the state on this. Open Skate wants to know by third week of the month about next month availability days. Halloween Open Skate was a great success—over \$900 in gate. Jamie gave away \$5 gifts certificates as door prizes, so we'll add some \$5 gift certificates to the certificates Tami is making. Ryan spoke with Tyler of Open Skate and he was open to doing more fun things during open skate like the games Jamie ran for the Halloween Open Skate. Question regarding Zambonies: Varsity has to rum zamboni after every period of game play. Max put in two hour time blocks for each game which gave zamboni plenty of time and games stayed clear and on schedule. We should have enough time. If Varsity runs late it might get tight but otherwise okay.

H. Marketing:

Observer & P&D ran photo with Hockey goalie camp, Julie did interview with Morning Coffee on KYNT on Legend Camp and Discover Hockey and KYNT aired a follow-up after goalie camp, Randy sent goalie camp picture to Hockey 605, the P&D is putting in the hockey schedule. Dave talked to James at paper and he said if coaches call or email after every game and give him results/summaries, he'll run them. Dave will talk to Chad about submitting this. Dave Spencer talked to someone about live-broadcasting boys Varsity games at KVHT.

I. Old business:

1.Dave signed Open Skate contract. We'll have to decide whether we want to run open skate on our own next year. We're covered by insurance if we do take it over. We'll table this discussion for a later date.

2. Pro-Hockey Hunt: They would have liked us to be involved. Randy put it on the site. The Sam Tronnes Foundation want YAIA to rent a table at the benefit. We've received back \$1,500 plus what our kids have received in scholarships from this foundation. Discussion on buying a table, then raffling it off.

J. New business:

1. NGIN Scoring system is all set-up. We still need to work on internet for live scoring and if we want to do any live streaming. Hockey 605 would like to live stream for our organization—they're doing it for everyone. We need to get router put in, then try it and see if bandwidth is enough, if not we'll call Wow to fix it. We could live stream with an iphone, but quality would not be as good. Rob & Randy will run cable through the rink area. Dave will contact Carol Key and let her know if we get it out there it'll be okay for Hockey 605 to live stream.

2. Pink weekend for boys & girls through the South Dakota refs association are trying to get everyone to pick a weekend to promote breast cancer awareness. Girls JV is doing a Tshirt for cancer. Julie will have Michelle Lyman forward to Rob for Monday 17th 10am conference call.

3. Kelle Loecker looking for **JV state tournament** help. The State will contact Dave. Jamie VanWinkle worked on GirlsJV tournament in the past, she may be able to provide guidance. Dave gets requirements for tournament from the state. They set an amount for the weekend gate and the state gets a share of it.

4. Safesport needs to be done for all including locker room monitors. Kevin will put Safesport information on bulletin board. We want our policy on phones in locker rooms to be strong. They should be forbidden in locker rooms. We'll have to follow as best as possible.

5. Orange line: USA Hockey strongly recommends this. Pierre and Rushmore are doing it this year. Sherwin Williams will donate the paint for it if we do it next year. Refs said it wont change how they call the game.

6. State Issues: Petitioning for BJV and Varisty—state wants this moved up to early summertime next year. Each association will need to submit prompt communication regarding game misconducts and match penalties. Refs would normally submit that information to State. Scoresheets would need to be done right away. Discussion on when the score sheets get submitted online and how a game misconduct is ordinarily communicated. Dave will call the State for clarification on this directive and talk to Chad about best practice for handling any misconduct or match penalty issues.

7. Legend Hockey: Went very well. 78 kids signed up and feedback was good. Julie asked about sending out to the organization for donations, and once enough received, bringing Legend Hockey back to run practices. \$685 is needed to bring them down to run a day of practices with each level. If we don't reach \$685 in donations, it was decided any amount donated will go towards next year's Legend Hockey Camp.

Documents provided by Randy Items 1 and 2 below:

Item 1: Examples of Costs for a Family

One Kid	Two Kids	Three Kids
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• USA Hockey - \$45• Squirt - \$160• Calendar - \$140• Total - \$345	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• USA Hockey \$45x2 = \$90• Squirt - \$140• Peewee - \$185• Calendar - \$180• Total \$595	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• USA Hockey \$45x3 = \$135• Mite - \$60• Peewee - \$185• Boys JV - \$225• Calendar - \$240• Total - \$845 (\$798 with 10% discount on registration)

Example if only one child

Mini-Mite

- No USA Hockey Fee if under 7 years old
- Registration - \$60
- Gear rental - \$30 with skates
- Calendars - \$140
- Total - \$230

Mite

- USA Hockey - \$45
- Registration - \$60
- Gear rental - \$30 with skates
- Calendars - \$140
- Total - \$275

Bantam or Girls JV

- USA Hockey - \$45
- Registration - \$210
- Calendars - \$140
- Total - \$395

Squirt

- USA Hockey - \$45
- Registration - \$140
- Calendars - \$140
- Total - \$325 or \$355 with gear rental

Boys Varsity/JV

- USA Hockey - \$45
- Registration - \$225
- Calendars - \$140
- Total - \$410

Peewee

- USA Hockey - \$45
- Registration - \$185
- Calendars - \$140
- Total - \$370

Board Members Costs

Withrow

- USA Hockey 2x\$45 = \$90
- Registration
 - Bantam \$210
 - Bantam \$210
- Calendar \$180
- Total \$690

Larson

- USA Hockey 2x\$45 = \$90
- Registration
 - MiniMite \$60
 - Boys Varsity \$225
- Calendar \$180
- Total \$555

Barger

- USA Hockey 2x\$45 = \$90
- Registration
 - Bantam \$210
 - Boys Varsity \$225
- Calendar \$180
- Total \$705

Roesler

- USA Hockey 2x\$45 = \$90
- Registration
 - MiniMite \$60 (\$54.00)
 - Squirt \$160 (144.00)
 - Peewee \$185 (\$166.50)
- Calendar \$240
- Total \$694.50

List

- USA Hockey 3x\$45 = \$135
- Registration
 - Peewee \$185 (\$166.50)
 - Bantam \$210 (\$189.00)
 - Boys Varsity \$225 (\$202.50)
- Calendar \$240
- Total \$933

Krajewski

- USA Hockey 1x\$45 = \$45
- Registration
 - MiniMite \$60 (\$54.00)
 - MiniMite \$60 (\$54.00)
 - Squirt \$160 (144.00)
 - Alpha \$145 (\$130.50)
- Calendar \$240
- Total \$667.50

Perakslis

- USA Hockey 2x\$45 = \$90
- Registration
 - MiniMite \$60 (\$54.00)
 - Peewee \$185 (\$166.50)
 - Boys Varsity \$225 (\$202.50)
- Calendar \$240
- Total \$753

Item 2: Training-

Nancy Wenande will conduct training.

- Scorekeeping and NGIN – Wednesday November 12 – 7pm
- Scoreboard and Music – Thursday November 20 – 7pm

Team Coordinator Feedback

- Need a Calendar Fundraiser Coordinator
- Liked the postdated checks for Calendars – reduced the collecting afterwards
- Calendar requirements are high
 - Current:
 - One skater/player: 7 calendars @ \$20 = \$140
 - Two skaters/players: 9 calendars @ \$20 = \$180
 - 3 + skaters/players: 12 calendars @ \$20 = \$240
- Make calendar fundraising optional for Mini-Mites, Mites, Pre-Alpha, and Alpha
- Reduce or eliminate volunteer requirement for Mini-Mites, Mites, Pre-Alpha, and Alpha

Photo Pass for Peewee and above - \$5 – Team coordinator will collect the fee and the fee is optional. Jamie will create pass for \$4.

Gift Certificate – Creating gift certificate to use towards concessions and ticket purchases. Cannot use for open skate admission unless agreement can be made with City. City does offer punch card.

Emma Eichacker wants to sing National Anthem prior to a game.

Sponsors for Programs – Last year’s fee was \$100 per weekend. May want to look at increasing. Some weekends will not have a sponsor due to the limited number of games.

Chronological Schedule for game hosted by Yankton

Day	Date	Time	Rink	Home	Away
Sat	11-29	01:00 PM	Y	PB: Yankton	Sioux Falls -W
Sat	11-29	06:30 PM	Y	PC: Yankton	Aberdeen
Sun	11-30	08:00 AM	Y	PC: Yankton	Aberdeen
Sun	11-30	09:30 AM	Y	PB: Yankton	Sioux Falls -W
Sun	11-30	11:00 AM	Y	GJV: Yankton	Watertown
Fri	12-05	07:00 PM	Y	GJV: Yankton	Mitchell
Sat	12-13	01:15 PM	Y	BB: Yankton	Sioux Falls

Sat	12-13	03:00 PM	Y	BJV: Yankton	Rushmore
Sat	12-13	05:00 PM	Y	BV: Yankton	Rushmore
Sat	12-13	07:00 PM	Y	BB: Yankton	Sioux Falls
Sun	12-14	08:00 AM	Y	BJV: Yankton	Rushmore
Sun	12-14	10:00 AM	Y	BV: Yankton	Rushmore
Sat	12-20	01:15 PM	Y	PC: Yankton	Sioux Center
Sat	12-20	03:00 PM	Y	BJV: Yankton	Huron
Sat	12-20	05:00 PM	Y	BV: Yankton	Huron
Sat	12-20	07:00 PM	Y	PC: Yankton	Sioux Center
Sat	12-27	01:00 PM	Y	BB: Yankton	Rushmore
Sat	12-27	03:00 PM	Y	PC: Yankton	Rushmore
Sat	12-27	04:30 PM	Y	PB: Yankton	Rushmore
Sat	12-27	06:00 PM	Y	BB: Yankton	Rushmore
Sun	12-28	08:00 AM	Y	PC: Yankton	Rushmore
Sun	12-28	09:30 AM	Y	PB: Yankton	Rushmore
Sun	12-28	11:00 AM	Y	BB: Yankton	Rushmore
Sun	12-28	01:00 PM	Y	BJV: Yankton	Sioux Center
Fri	01-02	07:00 PM	Y	BV: Yankton	Mitchell
Sat	01-03	05:00 PM	Y	BJV: Yankton	Sioux Falls -2
Sat	01-03	07:00 PM	Y	BV: Yankton	Sioux Falls -2
Fri	01-09	07:00 PM	Y	GJV: Yankton	Sioux Falls
Sat	01-10	03:30 PM	Y	PB: Yankton	Sioux Center
Sat	01-10	05:00 PM	Y	GJV: Yankton	Sioux Center
Sat	01-10	07:00 PM	Y	PB: Yankton	Sioux Center
Sat	01-17	01:15 PM	Y	BB: Yankton	Brookings
Sat	01-17	03:00 PM	Y	PC: Yankton	Oahe
Sat	01-17	04:30 PM	Y	GJV: Yankton	Rushmore
Sat	01-17	06:30 PM	Y	BB: Yankton	Brookings
Sun	01-18	08:00 AM	Y	PC: Yankton	Oahe
Sun	01-18	09:30 AM	Y	GJV: Yankton	Rushmore
Sun	01-18	11:30 AM	Y	BJV: Yankton	Brookings
Sun	01-18	01:30 PM	Y	BV: Yankton	Brookings
Fri	01-23	07:00 PM	Y	GJV: Yankton	Brookings
Fri	01-30	06:15 PM	Y	BJV: Yankton	Watertown
Fri	01-30	08:00 PM	Y	BV: Yankton	Watertown
Fri	02-06	07:00 PM	Y	BB: Yankton	Sioux Center
Sat	02-07	05:00 PM	Y	BJV: Yankton	Aberdeen
Sat	02-07	07:00 PM	Y	BV: Yankton	Aberdeen
Sun	02-08	08:00 AM	Y	BJV: Yankton	Aberdeen
Sun	02-08	10:00 AM	Y	BV: Yankton	Aberdeen
Sat	02-14	01:00 PM	Y	PB: Yankton	Mitchell
Sat	02-14	06:30 PM	Y	PB: Yankton	Mitchell
Fri	02-27	07:00 PM	Y	BV: Yankton	Sioux Falls -1