



Southwest Eagles Youth Hockey Association  
Minutes  
April 18, 2014



7:00 pm ENIA Mezzanine

NEEDS TO BE APPROVED AT THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

1. Call to order – Janie Ritter @ 7:00 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes - Motion by Bill Monroe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Scadden to approve minutes. Motion Passed
3. Ice Inc. Report – Joel Marshall
  - Explanation that Ice Inc. runs the rink is a non-profit group and about 8 people sit on the Ice Inc. board.
  - The last 5 years, fiscally, they have been moving in a positive direction as far as finances and were able to do needed repairs.
  - \$65,000 - \$70,000 spent on the last year on improvements that haven't been able to happen in the last 5 years or so because of finances, but they are finally able to do them. Verona Fest raised over \$30,000 that helped with the repairs.
  - Learn to Skate had the biggest year that it's had in years. Partly because of the Olympics and it shows the potential for skaters for our organization.
  - Purchased new rental skates that helps with the Learn to skate program and also open skate.
  - Fixed the compressors.
  - Replaced water pipes that were over 25 years old.
  - Off Season offerings:
    - Jr Jets, spring travel hockey. That is taking up the majority of the weeknight ice.
    - Learn to Skate for 6 sessions (3 weeks each) until the first of June
    - Joe Geier's camps.
    - Joel Grant camp.
    - In-House has in-house squirt and PeeWee league.
    - External camps coming in. Janelle Z All girls
    - Simply Defense
    - Turcotte Stick handling camp is having 1 session.
    - Joel has a handful of his high-school skaters and Joel himself will be offering private lessons as well. He can be contacted through the website.
    - Verona Fest will be the first weekend in August. It helps keep the budget in the black not red.
    - Rink was built in 1994, 94 was the first year the association had teams which makes that 20 years for the association and 5 year anniversary for Verona Fest (previously Nest Fest).

- Roof is still needing close to \$300,000 to “fix-it” hopefully this summer with the de-humidification running properly it will help lessen the leaks. Ultimately, the insulation was not done properly. Bob Schaefer adds

4. Treasures Report – Janie Ritter for Roxanne Brazeau

- Report given. Balance sheet and Profit and Loss were available

5. President’s report – Janie Ritter

- Janie says Thank you to all the parents in the room for all their volunteer work that they do. We wouldn’t have a place for our kids to skate
- Registrations this year were down; one thing we really need to think about is more recruiting.
- Another high-lite of the year is that our Goalie Dojo program
- Squirt A, PeeWee B and HS2 went to state
- Will host the HS2 state tournament in 2015. March 21 and 22.
- Janie wanted to mention that this was a really great year as far as almost no disciplinary actions.

6. Concessions - Janie Ritter reporting for Bradd Sims: Getting people to work their hours in the concessions is always a problem, especially at the end of the year.

Looking at making some changes to the concession stand and improve it. The board will be discussing different options in the upcoming months.

- It’s not uncommon for other organizations to have 25 to 35 hours of required volunteer times.
- Bradd Sims will not be running the scheduling of the concession stand, that position will be coming open.
- The Bishop’s also not be returning as Concessions Managers.

7. Equipment – Tom Osting is heading that again this year. No issues.

8. Coaches Committee – Jamie Stebbeds

- Jamie thanked everyone for the patience during his transitioning into the position of ACE.
- 16 teams and 48 coaches on staff.
- Coaches again were very successful.
- We had 7 non-parent coaches, which is great. He thanks them for their time commitment, especially not having children in the program.
- We had the first season of the Sweet Hockey program. The non-traditional hockey families found it very useful to help their kids.
- Explained that the coaches committee meets monthly, basically to overall better the program.

9. Goalie DOJO – Jay Jurrens

- It provides basic instruction and guidance for goalies

- When Jay came to the program there was no structured goalie program. Jay wanted to ensure that in future years we don't have any gaps in goalies for our teams.

10. Website update - John Hebgen

- He will be working this summer on getting up the registration earlier.
- One thing that he wants everyone to know is that he welcomes and encourages members to let him know what to put up on the websites. He's noted that he's not one to go out and find the stories, but relies on others to offer him the info and content to place on the Web.

11. Fundraising – Kerry Curtis

- This year we got rid of a few things that were not really working.
- They formed a committee this year.
- They did a Homecoming Tailgate this year and it went well, but the weather didn't cooperate so Kerry thinks it can grow in the future.

12. Registrar – Mike Bakalars.

- 170 skaters this year. 182 last year.
- Mike noted that if anyone is an out of area skater make sure to get that transfer release from.
- We are only allowed 2 transfers per team.
- Still working on making Registration easier.
- WAHA is making a change for the rostering process; they are going to a web base program instead of Mike having to have a program on his own computer.

13. Mite Tournament Coordinator, Kari Brotzman gave an update and felt it went really well.

14. Recruitment – Kristen Simpson not present, update received via email:

- The last few years we've done the Try Hockey for Free day and Kristin tried running her own at the end of last summer.

15. Ice Scheduler – Mike "Earl" Tollefson said not much to report except that the scheduling went well.

16. Updates from ALD's.

- HS2 – Bob Schaefer – 9 skaters, played 34 games, the league for them is statewide.

- LTP – Bill Snow - 13 kids, had a great first year. Again the focus is fun and retention. He wants to get with the media next year and work with registration to possibly increase the numbers.
- RW&B- Steve Simpson –Year went very well. Kids had a lot of fun during the season and also had them doing a few tournaments at the end of the year.
- U6 – Bill Monroe – This last year they took over the U6 scheduling.
- Squirt – Tony Heinrics had 2 teams. Both qualified for state. Squirt B had a lot of first year skaters. Goalie was new skater. There is good potential for those skaters.
- PeeWee – Janie Ritter reporting for Steve Scadden - 2 teams at PeeWee’s. Both teams had good years.
- Bantam –Jason Benigni - To start we had quite a challenge and decided to have 2 teams. The B team had a huge range of ability. B team missed the state tournament by 1 goal in double overtime.

#### 17. New Business –

##### a) Name Change for the association

- Bob Schaefer, Janie Ritter and Jay Jurrens gave some background. We used to be combined with Middleton and Oregon.
- Options for funding increase, buy in for gift cards, handling of jerseys etc.
- The “Rebranding Committee” presented option 1 and Option 2. Option 1 would be the worst-case scenario in their mind.
- Option 2 is still a work in progress.
- Ballots were passed out to member to check either yes or no if they agree that the Southwest Eagles Youth Hockey Association should change its name to Verona Wildcat’s Youth Hockey Association. The result was yes unanimously with 33 yes votes 0 no votes.

**MOTION by Earl Tollefson for the SOUTHWEST EAGLES YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. IS CHANGED TO VERONA WILDCATS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. 2<sup>ND</sup> by Rick Schaefer, Unanimous. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Monroe. Motion passed.**

#### 18. Elections – Janie Ritter and Jamie Smith

##### 1. Motion to open nomination by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Benigi.

##### a) President – 2-year term.

##### a. Nominations:

- i. Janie Ritter nominated by Steve Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Schaefer. Unanimous.

- 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Benigni. Motion passed. Janie re-elected as President.

##### b) Registrar – 2 year term

- a. Nominations:
  - i. Mike Bakalars nominated by Jason Benigni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Simpson.
  - ii. Angie Kamoske (self-nominated) officially nominated by Janie Ritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Smith.
    - 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Benigni.  
Motion passed. Mike Bakalars re-elected as Registrar.
- c) LTP ALD – 1 year term
  - a. Nominations:
    - i. Bill Snow nominated by Steve Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Stebbeds.
      - 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Stebbeds.  
Motion passed. Bill Snow elected as LTP ALD.
- d) U6 ALD– 1 year term
  - a. Nominations:
    - i. Bill Monroe nominated by Scott Mirwald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jared Marske.
      - 1. Motion to close Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Benigni.  
Motion passed. Bill Monroe elected as U6 ALD.
- e) RWB ALD– 1 year term
  - a. Nominations:
    - i. Steve Simpson nominated by Scott Mirwald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Benigni.
      - 1. Motion to close Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Benigni.  
Motion passed. Steve Simpson elected as RWB ALD.
- f) Squirt ALD– 1 year term
  - a. Nominations:
    - i. Tony Heinrichs nominated by Steve Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bakalars.
      - 1. Motion to close Mark Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Schaefer.  
Motion passed. Tony Heinrichs elected as Squirt ALD.
- g) PeeWee ALD – 1 year term
  - a. Nominations:
    - i. Steve Scadden nominated by Mike Bakalars 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kari Brotzman.
      - 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Benigni.  
Motion passed. Steve Scadden elected as PeeWee ALD.
- h) Bantam ALD – 1 year term
  - a. Nominations:
    - i. Scott Mirwald nominated by Jason Benigni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Simpson.
      - 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Benigni.  
Motion passed. Scott Mirwald elected as Bantam ALD.
- i) HS2 ALD – 1 year term
  - a. Nominations:
    - i. Bob Schaefer nominated by Jason Benigni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Smith.
      - 1. Motion to close by Jason Benigni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Smith.  
Motion passed. Bob Schaefer re-elected as HS2 ALD.

19. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn 8:45 by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Bakalars. Motion Passed.

June 1, 2014 – submitted by Jamie Smith, Secretary