

## SAHA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 18th, 2016

**Present:** Raygor, Stenberg, Downs, Curtis, Piggott, Berthiaume, Marthaler, Nygaard, Christy, Larson, Crimmins, Franta, Ligman, Helenius

**Absent:** McCoshen, T. Smith

**Guest:** Pat Etter, Dan Peterson, Jason Kalin, Ernie Harker, Troy Lambert

Meeting called to order by Raygor at 6:02

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve April meeting minutes by Curtis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Berthiaume, Unanimous approval.

**Approval of Financials:** Motion to approve April Financials by Berthiaume, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Piggott. Unanimous approval.

### Officers Reports:

**President:** Brian Raygor attended WAHA meeting, one of the main topics from that meeting was Safe Sport. WAHA had near 20 complaints two of which came out of Region One. Largest complaint came from issues inside locker rooms; Brian stressed the importance of having locker room monitors. Other topics of the WAHA meeting was the change for all mite events are to be cross ice, no full ice.

**Executive Director:** Chris Stenberg talked on the budget that it will be done for board review come June. He is working on the technical equipment upgrades for the meeting room and locker room assignment software; he hopes to have estimates ready for board review in June.

**Treasurer:** No Report, financials were reviewed.

### Committee Reports:

**Development:** Brian Raygor began discussion on the proposed age change recommendation from Development Committee and explained the voting procedure. Brian informed the board members and guests there will be a presentation with a Q and A session following the presentation. After the Q and A session board members would have open discussion and then it will be put to a vote.

Chris Stenberg followed with a slide show presentation of pros and cons, following the presentation Chris read the recommendation from development in its entirety and had it posted on screen for everyone to read.

The full recommendation is as follows:

- The SAHA Development Committee recommends that the USAH/WAHA age structure be adopted immediately at all playing levels for the 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 seasons. The SAHA Development Committee will be responsible for bringing an analysis and recommendation to the SAHA Board of Directors following the 2018-19 seasons. The Development Committee recommends that the SAHA Board does not vote the age structure issue again until after the 2018-19 season ends. The SAHA Development Committee insists that all SAHA teams from Squirt/10U Girls and above continue to play in DAHA/District 11 leagues and encourages all teams to continue to attend invitational tournaments in Minnesota. The Development Committee recommends that if at any time WAHA changes to, or closer to Minnesota Hockey Age Structure SAHA will comply immediately. The Development Committee insists that SAHA teams eligible for State play downs may not “opt out” or “forfeit” play downs, per WAHA Guidebook page 48 paragraph 9.

After reading the recommendation Stenberg opened up the Q and A session.

One guest spoke against the age change and one other spoke for the change. After asked for any other questions or comments from guests Chris opened discussion for the board members. Discussion was had with opinions on both sides of the recommendation for and against.

Brian Raygor closed discussion and called for the vote: 10 for and 2 against, recommendation passed.

**Rinks and Facilities:** Chris Stenberg, outdoor rink is in need of repair. Estimated cost is \$10,369 to replace old board panels. The recommendation from Committee is to invest the \$10,369 and repair the boards. Recommendation went to vote and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** Online survey is still up and active, will bring to board with report in June.

**New Business:** Possible naming rights for the building. Topic sent to committee.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm by Curtis second by Berthiaume. Unanimous approval.