



Yankton Area Ice Association

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2016 at 6:30pm
Rink Meeting Room



Board Members Present: Heath Larson, Kevin Schulz, Gwen Wenisch, Kevin Heiman, Ryan List, Sarah Thoms and Heidi Berry

Guests Present: Brian Wenisch, Chad Kapla, Glen Anderson

I. Call the meeting to order, by Heath Larson

II. Approval of June minutes, motion made by Gwen Wenisch, second by Heidi Berry, All In Favor

III. Old business

a. 4-H meeting recap – Heath

- 1) Randy Freng and Heath Larson met concerning some issues with the relationship between both entities. With Rob off the board and Ryan soon to be off the board, having communication within both organizations will have to be a bigger priority going forward.
 - a. Keys to the facility – keeping better track and getting them to each other in a timely manner
 - b. Bathroom updates – in need of quotes to move forward
 - c. Outdoor sign repairs – damages need to be repaired
 - d. Loan payment progress and terms – discussed how YAIA fundraising and payments were moving forward
 - e. Off season use of the facility – having communication with 4-H on document days/registration times to make sure they do not rent out the facility – Fiddler's contest dates – people renting the rink – etc...
 - f. Future improvement possibilities – discussed possibly replacing the doors with ½ glass option – players entrance – players restroom
 - g. Having a joint fund to fix/repair/update issues – possibility of doing combined fundraiser at an event (ex. kitchen fund did raffle for gift baskets at a tournament to help fund kitchen updates)
 - h. Lastly, need to both meet at the end of each 6 month term to go over any issues that need to be addressed and make sure the transition goes smoothly for each party involved.
 - i. Possibly do a fundraiser together- raffle?

b. Positions needing volunteers confirmed

- 1) Safe sport
- 2) Party coordinator

c. List of contacts for future projects needs to be updated - CTM update

d. Bathroom repairs update –quotes

e. SDAHA conference call – Heath

- 1) See attached email string

f. Other

II. Committee Reports

a. Financial –

- 1) Dibs Deposit made
- 2) Next Months expenses: Known next months expense: SportNgin, utilities,???
- 3) Yankton Area Ice Association received from the United Way a \$1500.00 scholarship for 2017 Connecting Kids, Youth Scholarship funds.
- 4) I attended their June 30, United Way Partnering Meeting and heard what various agencies are doing to make a difference in the community of Yankton.
- 5) I am sending out the 2017 Continue the Miracle Campaign invoices for this fiscal year commitments.

b. Registrar - Need to verify rink document dates with 4-H- Doc Date is July 24, 2016

c. Coaching-

- 1) Ice time will be set by July 20th
- 2) Level of Play is currently on hold
- 3) October 1st- is tentative 1st day of Ice
- 4) **Motion was made to approve the Red & White scrimmage throughout month of October for \$25.00 per player or \$35.00 per Family by Heath, second by Gwen Wenisch**

d. Figure Skating- submitted by Pam as she will be unable to attend

- 1) There are 56 kids registered for YAIA programs for this coming season so far.
- 2) Chad and I are still hashing out the ice schedule. Hope to have it ready for approval by next Tuesday.
- 3) I will be going through skates in August to determine what sizes we need to purchase for rentals.
- 4) Still working on coaching recruitment for this fall and class schedules for times that works with our coaches.
- 5) **Is it possible to schedule the YAIA fall rummage sale September 29th & October 1st?**
- 6) Hope to touch base with Julie Peraksis in the next couple of weeks to get a flyer prepared for when school starts to remind skaters to register, and for the beginning of October for Discover Figure Skating and Discover Hockey. Need to confirm dates.
- 7) Performance: Last month it was noted:
 - 1) End of Season performance – March 4th & 5th or March 11th & 12th dependent upon when Sioux Falls schedules their competition.

2) Dress Rehearsal for End of Season – If performance is March 4th & 5th, then dress rehearsal is March 2nd (Thursday) starting at 6:00 p.m. Note: March 1st is Ash Wednesday and would prefer not to have it that day. If Performance is March 11th & 12th then dress rehearsal is Wednesday, March 8th.

a. **I received notification that Sioux Falls has scheduled their competition for March 11th & 12th therefore I would like our end-of-season performance to be scheduled for March 4th & 5th with the dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 2nd starting at 6:00 p.m.**

3) Yankton's competition date has been secured for February 25th.

4) 2016 – 2017 District 10 ISI Competitions Schedule (Note: Yankton Figure skaters usually participate in Brookings, Blue Mound, Frosty Blades, Yankton and Sioux Falls but all skaters in District 10 are welcome to participate in any of these):

- a. Oct 29, 2016 Woodbury
- b. Nov 19 & 20, 2016 New Ulm
- c. Dec 2-4, 2016 White Bear
- d. Jan 7 – 8, 2017 Brookings
- e. Jan 13-15, 2017 Blue Mound
- f. Feb 3 – 5, 2017 Frosty Blades – NSC
- g. Feb 25, 2017 Yankton
- h. March 3 -5, 2017 Skate Parade
- i. March 11-12, 2017 Sioux Falls
- j. July 15, 2017 Cottage Grove

e. Equipment – submitted by Shawn Wagner

1) Need list of items needed to replace/purchase.

2) I have gone through all the jerseys and I'm only missing a few. at this point I'm tired of chasing the jerseys down, so please send a bill for \$125.-**Kevin Heiman will be calling these families one more time before sending invoice.**

a. here is the list:

i. JV girls

- 1. 1 Renee Cross
- 2. 4 Taylor Weber
- 3. 7 Abby Weber
- 4. 21 Victoria Welland
- 5. 14 Katelyn Stewart- **Sue wants to buy the jerseys at the \$30 rate. That decision is up to the board.-**

a. **The jersey is Not for sale.**

ii. Peewees

- 1. 8 Gage koster missing red
- 2. 23 Bradley Clark missing red

iii. Mites

- 1. 22 Thoms-They were going to bring it to a meeting. please collect and put in locker room 2- **Returned**

3) I have a quote for new helmets from Mike at Ace for medium and large white helmets.

a. 10 medium helmets with cage is \$420 or \$42 a piece

- b. 10 large helmets with cage is \$420 or \$42 a piece
- c. Mike said that this would be the worst price and we may get a better price because we are an association. please let me know what action you want to take.
- d. Motion was made to approve the purchase of 10 medium helmets with cage at \$420 or \$42 a piece and 10 large helmets with cage at \$420 or \$42 a piece by Gwen Wenisch, second by Ryan List**

- 4) I would like to order 10-12 more bantam jerseys because of the large number of bantams we will have this year.
- 5) The Bensen's are going to due the skate inventory this month, so when I get it I will get a quote and get it to you.

f. Scheduling

- 1) The following dates have been submitted to the SD Schedule:
 - a. October 16, Discover Figure Skating
 - b. November 19-20, Pee Wee B Tournament
 - c. November 30, Figure Skating Dress Rehearsal
 - d. December 2, Figure Skating Holiday Program
 - e. December 3, Squirt Jamboree
 - f. December 10, Mite Tournament
 - g. January 7-8, Bantam Tournament (level of play to be determined)
 - h. January 28-29, Squirt Tournament
 - i. February 25, Figure Skating competition
 - j. March 11-12, Figure Skating end of season performance

g. Marketing-NA

h. Discipline-NA

III. New business

a. Deep dive project #3 –

- 1) Practice times - what other associations are doing?
- 2) How do we best use mite boards and time we have allowed?
 - a. Chad and Coaches are actively looking into this.

b. Compressor discussion – No Quote was received by time of meeting.

- 1) Quotes
- 2) Next steps

c. Squirt - Dibs - fees - calendars re-evaluation- We are leaving as is currently on Website.

d. Riverboat Days – Float – Clean up Friday 6-12 and Saturday 8-12

- 1) **Heath Larson and Kevin Heiman are heading up the coverage of this.**

VI. Adjourn, motion made by Gwen Wenisch, second by Heidi Berry, All In Favor

A. Next meeting August 9, 2016

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Terence Pedersen" <TPedersen@avera.org>

Date: Jun 29, 2016 11:39 AM

Subject: Re: RECAP ...

To: "Heath Larson" <yanktonbudman@midconetwork.com>

Cc: "Chad and Jenny Kapla" <cjkapla@iw.net>, "KevJenEli Heiman" <eliheim.arabesque@gmail.com>, "schulzkevin@welfl.com" <schulzkevin@welfl.com>, "Gwen Wenisch" <gwenisch@midco.net>, "Ryan List" <listelectric@yahoo.com>, "sthoms84@gmail.com" <sthoms84@gmail.com>, "johnl@valyousat.net" <johnl@valyousat.net>, "heidimberry@gmail.com" <heidimberry@gmail.com>

I can see the arguments for a winning team moving up, and a losing team moving down. What confuses me is it's not the same team the following year. The following year, generally that good teams are generally a second-year team, and are going to move to a higher level of play the next season, such as Second year peewees to first year bantams. Then I'll play level a bantams, get their heads kicked in. The way I see it, you would have to make that argument for that second year peewee B team, not moving to a higher status until they are a second-year bantam team. I know this isn't your deal, but this is where I think it's kind of screwy.

Terence S. Pedersen

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On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:12 AM, Heath Larson <yanktonbudman@midconetwork.com> wrote:

Each level (A and B) would still have a 8 team state tournament (separate tournament locations – just like we do it now...) – only the top 4 from each conference would be invited... (ex. Peewee level has 23 teams – 11 would be "A" level and 12 would be "B" level) Campbell A (5 teams)-Clarke A (6 teams)... Campbell B (6 teams)- Clarke B (6 teams) ... so now winning conference games will be the key to getting in to the tournament and then determining any conference tie breakers would still have to be decided...

*Any petitions down would have to include a documented history ... IE: would be determined by past season results and who is moving in or out of that age level...

If a B level team goes 14-2, they are more than likely getting moved up to A level... (going to be hard to argue against that level of success ...)

If an A level team goes 2-14, you will have a documented history of not being able to compete at A level – B level status for that team would be granted... (again going to be hard to argue against that level of play)

Heath M. Larson

From: Terence Pedersen [<mailto:TPedersen@avera.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:34 AM

To: Heath Larson

Cc: Chad and Jenny Kapla; KevJenEli Heiman; schulzkevin@welfl.com; Gwen Wenisch; Ryan List; sthoms84@gmail.com; johnl@valyousat.net; heidimberry@gmail.com

Subject: Re: RECAP ...

I like the idea of not every team making the state tournament. What I think we have here is an opportunity to start calling or labeling different teams in tier 1 and tier 2. Perhaps we have a tier one and tier 2 state tournament, the winning top four teams are tier one, and the bottom teams are tier 2. We then have a state tournament for everybody which would consist of tier 1 and tier 2. Perhaps this is an idea that could be worked out over time? The more hockey all the kids play, the better it is for

the entire state of South Dakota.
Terence S. Pedersen
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On Jun 29, 2016, at 9:43 AM, Heath Larson <yanktonbudman@midconetwork.com> wrote:
RECAP of the Conference call from last night...

Essentially comes down to this – limiting the amount of travel each side of the state has to do by breaking up each age level division with 2 conferences in it – both would consist of about 5+ teams each – you would play each team in your conference 2-3 times for at least a 15 game schedule (they may add a couple of non-conference games to fill in the schedule- if needed)... the top 4 teams in each conference would move on to the playoffs (no more play-in games and NOT everyone makes it to the state tournament). This would essentially be the same formula for all ages and all levels (A teams would NOT be playing B teams) They would still have a A and B level, if needed, (based on the number of teams)... C level would be eliminated with this proposal...

We have NOT voted on this proposal – several changes were recommended with this first call – another call is scheduled.

The only complaint I can see is the eliminating of C level hockey – I am guessing that the B level programs will consist of weaker play with this consolidation – they are expecting everyone to have an A level team at each age level... and the rest to fall into B level hockey. I am not sure how this will play out, but several associations will have C level teams playing in this format to even the competitive balance at the B level. With the number of teams coming in from new and growing programs – scheduling has become a very arduous task to say the least... this will give the state scheduler an easier time with getting everything figured out and set up...

Also, this defines what levels of play an association has to have – EX: if Sioux Falls has 4 teams – then they are required to evenly split the teams with 2 A level teams and do the same with the 2 B level teams – again this will be hard to determine – as we all know – several associations will take advantage of the split to “load a team”. They are also looking into a fine/penalty for associations that abuse this privilege... How the determination of what is an “offense” is going to be difficult...

As soon as I get an updated proposal, I will forward it on!

Thanks!

Heath M. Larson

From: Dan French [<mailto:d.french1229@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 2:58 PM

To: 'Tony Leif'; schenracing@aol.com; Randy Honkomp; jsscheel@gmail.com; cauwels@gmail.com; 'Sam Becher'; president@brookingsrangers.com; sthompson0669@gmail.com; mike.huntersd@icloud.com; jklord@mitchelltelecom.net; znbsanders@hotmail.com; 'Johns James'; hhbarjd@premieronline.net; john.sievert@sfflyers.com; sio.midco.net, sfyha'; stevesheehan1000@gmail.com; yanktonbudman@midconetwork.com; 'Dave & Maxine Tronnes'

Subject: league proposal

To all;

I hope your summer has been going well so far.

As you may recall, Sam from Brookings, led a committee to look at the makeup of our leagues and the format of our state tournaments and how to handle the growth of teams as well as the addition of new local associations. The committee was made of himself, and representatives from Rushmore, Sioux Falls and Sioux Center. They met several times via conference call and have come up with the following proposal they would like to implement for this coming season. Now, Max has already started working on the Varsity/JV schedules and I don't want to interrupt that work so I suggest we look at any of the proposals that may pass to implement at the Bantam and PW levels for this season.

There are some changes that you may need to visit with your local boards for discussion. This is how I would like to handle this.....

Email to all Presidents.

Presidents share with their local boards.

Conference call conducted with Presidents participating. They can bring questions, concerns to the conference call. Hopefully all questions can be answered. Presidents can then take answers back to their local boards. Conduct another conference call for voting purposes. This may be able to be done via email. It all depends on the local boards and if there is more discussion or questions to answer and/or issues to address.

The biggest thing I want to ensure is that this does not mess up Max and the scheduling that she has started. Max, you can certainly participate in the conference call so we have your input as well.

I would like to have this initial conference call as soon as possible. How does Wednesday, June 29th sound for the initial call?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Dan French
SDAHA President

APPROVED