



# Yankton Area Ice Association

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## YAIA Meeting Minutes September 18, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

**Board Members Present:** Kevin Heiman, Gwen Wenisch, Kevin Hunhoff, Shawn Wagner, Kevin Schulz, Heidi Berry, Tom Petersen, Sarah Thoms

**Guests:** Pam Erickson, Chad Kapla, Sherri Koletzky, Kendra Baake, Jim Palmer, Brian Schoenfelder, Angie Schoenfelder, Brian Wenisch, Glenn Andersen

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Approval of August meeting minutes.

**- Motion was made to approve August meeting minutes was made by Kevin Schulz, second by Kevin Hunhoff, all in favor.**

### III. Old Business

#### a. Merchandise Suggestions - Wenisch/Hunhoff

- Gwen talked to Andy at EASW. Embroidered designs of Miracle logo will be available. He can figure out what prices would be if we want to add screens for a screen printed logo. Do you think there will be enough demand/use for the additional screens? We have insulated mugs (similar to Yeti) that we are looking at as well. We need to decide on Miracle Logo, general hockey logo, or Bucks logo for the design.

-We want the Miracle Logo, Gwen will find out the price.

#### b. Registration Update – Pam

##### **Registration Information:**

1. Calendars are ready for Thursday. Carol will not be able to be there so I will hand them out and collect dib checks and hand out calendars.
2. Does anyone know if the stage will come down before Thursday. Figure skating cannot determine if new equipment is needed or hand out equipment that evening unless the stage comes down. -Yes
3. Flyers went to the schools last week and mailed to some surrounding schools.
4. Facebook reminder posted on Saturday.
  - a. Not sure if anyone ran anything in the paper.
5. Is rink setup on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from noon-5:00 p.m.? If so, we need to email skaters and post on the calendar on the website.-Yes
6. Will the first open skate be on October 28<sup>th</sup> or earlier?
  - a. Brian Schoenfelder is going to talk to the city to get the contract signed.
  - b. October 28<sup>th</sup> is expected first open skate.
7. Do we want to hand out free open skate passes again on Halloween night? Did anyone find out how many were returned last year? If so, was it worth our while?
  - a. We would like to try this again, we just need to let Pam know how many we would like to handout.
8. Registration numbers as of this morning 9/18/17:
  - a. 99 Hockey Players – includes Learn to Skate
  - b. 20 Figure Skaters – includes Learn to Skate



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- c. Tournament update – Schulz
  - 1. There are 3 teams signed up for the Squirt tournament- Sioux Falls, Fremont and Brookings.
- d. Compressor Bids - Wenisch (quotes attached)-N/A
- e. Donation Drive recap- Freeman – N/A
  - 1. Shawn will follow-up with Matt at Ace Hardware on this.
- f. Tarp is ready to go for the outside facility.

## IV. Committee Reports

### a. Executive - Wenisch/Hunhoff/Heiman

#### 1. State Meeting Recap

- i. Basic level of play recap = state says we must field the following teams:

HS - 1 Varsity and 1 Junior Varsity

Bantam = 1 A team

Pee wee = 1 A team, 1 B team

They threw out all of our proposals. The proposal was based off of registered players as of August 2017 (23 at the HS level) as these proposals have to be submitted to the State by August 15. Chad Kapla as the Coaching Coordinator had to base his final proposals off of actual registered players not an assumption of possible players. Chad stated ultimately he would love for us to be at a point to field a Varsity and a JV but, we just aren't there yet this year with numbers and skill. He would like to go back to the State with a new proposal of 1 JV team with the player's safety and the best interest of our Association in mind. But, the state still could require us to play Varsity/JV. The parents present at this meeting expressed concern with us fielding a Varsity team due to safety and confusion as to why we would even consider this when we as the board had already determined this past summer there was no talk about fielding a Varsity team. The board and coaches request for parents' feedback on the Varsity/JV levels was done as a courtesy to see where parents/players stood on the subject. It was also said by one that they would like to see their child play Varsity but, understands that fielding a JV team is the best fit for all of the kids' safety and interest of the association. Chad is adamant that no child will be eliminated from the team. It is our mission to grow the game of Hockey.

**- Motion was made to accept Chad's recommendation of proposing 1 JV team to the State by Tom Petersen, second by Kevin Schulz, passed**

- ii. Registrar items - background checks/Safesport need to be completed before you take the ice with the kids. Coaches need to double check their CEPs and make sure they don't expire this year or you'll need to complete a coaching clinic. Rosters need to be approved before ANY game (needs to be submitted and approved prior to game).
- iii. Risk Management items - Safe Sport needs to be completed NOW. They are revamping the system so if you simply need a refresher (35 minutes), do so before September 27th. Otherwise you'll need to complete the full training course from scratch (90 minutes long!)



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- iv. Officials Report - state purchasing reffing equipment for each association to help increase younger refs within associations. Then they can decide if they like it and invest in the gear later on their own.
  - v. Senior Showcase - November 10th. Registration due Oct. 13th.
  - vi. Scheduling Report - had flaws with the late approval of level of play. Delayed schedules pretty severely. Will provide schedulers with guidelines for game times to follow unless an agreement can be reached between both teams.
  - vii. State will "clean up" the playing rules, USA hockey rules, by-laws, etc. to ensure no overlap or conflicting information. Created the erroneous interpretation of JV Gold below.
  - viii. Covered rule changes - filled Chad in.
  - ix. Discussion had on SF playing 1 Varsity and 3 JV. Board voted and said if SF plans on fielding 4 teams, 2 must be V and 2 must be JV.
- a. Finance - .
- 1. Financial Statement- is available upon request
  - 2. Hydrant Repair status update - completed
    - a. Tom Sedlacek donated his time to the project and deducted it from his bill.
  - 3. 16-17 Dibs Ck payments due before you can take the ice.
  - 4. United Way grant came through to use for scholarships.
- c. Coaching Update – Chad
- 1. Chad and Pam are working on Ice Schedule
  - 2. Chad will be sending a list of coaches for approval via email.
- d. Figure Skating - Pam (sent prior via email)
- Report from Pam:**
- 1. **Coaches meeting held 9/7/2017.** Determined break out groups and lesson times for Figure Skaters. Would recommend changing the schedule slightly on Thursdays so that figure skaters come off the ice at 5:30 instead of 5:45. Discussed with Chad and he is in agreement.
  - 2. Approached a couple of coaches from other rinks about providing upper level instruction once a month.
  - 3. Coaches would like to have another open house or Discover day in December prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> session starting.
  - 4. **Pre-season ice** – Recommend skaters pay \$25 if they want to participate and skate during the 2 weeks of preseason.
  - 5. **Fundraisers** – Rummage sale scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Need lots of help for set up, tear down and the sale. Possibly doing Butter Braids again this year.
  - 6. **Try Figure Skating event** -will be held October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Flyers will be distributed at the schools and will be setting up radio spots.
- I am recommending that Yankton does not host a competition this season: Reasons are as follows:**
- 1. Competition coordinator resigned and we don't have anyone knowledgeable as to how to coordinate it.
  - 2. Don't have the manpower/volunteers to run it well. Upper level parents recommend we skip it this year as they don't feel we can support it.
  - 3. We need a gold level judge to sign the competition application.



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4. Participation numbers have been decreasing over the past couple of years.
5. Location of it being so far out in the district inhibits participation.
6. The only date we could get was February 3<sup>rd</sup> which is a week from Frosty Blades.
7. That being said, we reimburse competitors a stipend (split \$450 for those participating in competitions) for participating in a team competition. I recommend we split the \$450 to all competitors who participate in the Sioux Falls competition in March in an effort to encourage them to participate and reduce some of their registration fees. Registration for the competition will be \$75 or \$80 for first event and \$15 for each event afterwards. Most skaters register for 3-5 events.

**Board agrees with Pam's recommendation to not hosting a competition and the stipend split.**

e. Discipline Committee -NA

f. Registrar – Kendra

- a. Need coaches list
- b. Will be providing Gwen the scholarship applications

g. Facility Committee – John T, John L, Shawn, Heidi

1. Equipment - Shawn/Kapla

**Equipment report from Shawn:**

a. I used the \$200 from discover hockey to purchase a speed and agility kit for off ice and 1 cone just to use up the remaining dollars. There was no equipment offered like years past.

b. Matt at Ace said he would honor the quote Mike Freeman gave us on the following equipment:

Helmet combos (10xSmall and 10xMedium) – \$39.50

15 pairs of youth socks knit red – \$8.00/each

I also asked about purchasing some youth sticks since we aren't getting them from USA hockey and he quoted me about \$20 a stick.

**-Motion was made to approve the purchase of Helmet combos (10xSmall and 10xMedium) – \$39.50/each, 15 pairs of youth socks knit red – \$8.00/each and 10 youth sticks at \$20.00/each by Heidi Berry, second by Kevin Hunhoff, passed.**

c. Tom mentioned to me that maybe a self locking door for the equipment room would work better. Chad and I spoke and we will give each head coach a key to the equipment room, so they had access.

d. Skate inventory is done, will have an order recommendation at the meeting.

e. The Jerseys aren't in yet but, Shawn will follow-up on this to see if he can get a status update.

2. Building - John L. - Compressor Update

a. The dehumidification and compressors all seem to be running well.



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3. Zam - Tjeersdma
  - a. Mike Stoll is lining up getting the blade sharpened
  - b. We are going to need fuel
4. Key Master - Heidi
  - a. Gave Chad and Pam keys to handout to the other coaches
- h. Event Mgmt Committee - Heidi, Kevin, Sarah
  1. Scheduling
    - a. 10/8/17 - Try Girls Hockey @ 4-6pm
    - b. 10/14/17 - Referee clinic @ 1-4pm
    - c. 10/15/17 - Try Figure Skating @ 1-3pm
    - d. 10/28/17 - Open Skate @ 1-4pm and 7-9pm
  2. Rentals/Tournaments & Dibs Enforcer -
    - a. Sarah is going to discuss with Randy to update the Dibs when she has verified Dibs were fulfilled.
  - i. Marketing Committee - nominations/suggestions
    - Publicity & Ads, Continue the Miracle - Heath, Fundraising
    1. RBD Clean up - payment - will be coming
    2. YAIA parking lot sale -
      - a. Pulled in a total of \$869. Paid taxes and kept remaining half approx \$400. We will need to discuss further whether or not we want to do this again next year.
    3. Calendar Sales Incentive - recap from last month's meeting
      - Motion was made to give all individuals \$10 YAIA concessions dollars for every 5 additional calendars sold above their max amount by Shawn Wagner, second by Kevin Hunhoff, passed.**
    4. Dehumidification matching fund donation of \$10,000.00
      - a. Tom and Heidi will put together the fundraiser board.
        - Envelopes, explanation, etc.
- V. New Business
  1. Repair of bench area and score keeper table - Kapla
    - a. Rink updates are going well (player benches, penalty and announcers boxes, etc.)
  1. Rink Equipment -
    - a. pricing for painting system \$2839.98 w/o shipping - Brian Wenisch
      - i. We will revisit this in April
    - b. Vinyl lines - would like to switch from mesh to vinyl
      - i. The colors would be brighter and may last longer
    - Motion was made to approve the purchase of a Vinyl line kit for the Rink by Kevin Hunhoff, second by Heidi Berry, passed.**
  3. Next Meeting
    - a. October 2, 2017 @ 6:30pm
- VI. Adjourn - **Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Hunhoff, second by Tom Petersen, passed.**



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