



Yankton Area Ice Association
905 Whiting Drive
PO Box 235
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YAIA Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025
6:00 PM Rink Board Room

Board Members present: Sarah Thoms, Brian Wenisch, Barrie Larsen, Ryan Rusher and Eric Shoemaker.

Guests present: Karen Schleiger, Chad Renken, Heidi Enge and Jami Stevens

1. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:03 p.m.
2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion was made by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Brian Wenisch, motion passed.
3. Old Business
 - a. Open Skate(Ryan Rusher/Sarah Thoms) –
 - i. Open Skate Rules Sign made by sign tech. (3ft wide x 4ft tall) – Ryan will work on condensing the rules & work to get it done at the end of the season.
 - ii. Requesting PA Subwoofers for the rink. I will work with Tim Paulson and Tim H who helped design and install the current system on what we need for our space and will work seamlessly with our current system. \$4000-\$8000 guesstimate. ****To be discussed after this season****.
 - b. Proposal of Building Expansion: Eric Shoemaker
 - i. January 2025 YAIA Board approved this proposal to be presented to 4-H at their February 2025 meeting.
 - i. YC4H's meeting had been cancelled.
 - c. Board Terms Ending for:
 - i. Sarah Thoms
 - i. Ryan Rusher
 1. Nominations will be accepted until February 15th.
 2. Looking for individuals that really want to be actively involved that are willing to commit the time, skills and resources in the success of YAIA for all of our members and communities involved.
 - d. Board Nominations-
 - i. Currently, no nominations have been received.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Curling – Juliana Dick-Ford
 - i. No Report
 - b. Hockey Coaching – Chad Renken
 - i. Coaching Committee
 1. Meeting with Ryan Rusher about Coaching Apps
 2. Handbook review of # of Assistant Captains
 - c. Figure Skating – Jamie Stevens / Heidi Enge
 - i. They will use all 4 locker rooms and Ref Room for end of season dress rehearsal and performances.
 - i. Dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 6
 1. No Hockey Practices Thursday evening
 - i. Performance on Friday, March 7
 - iii. Performance on Saturday, March 8



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- v. Dibs spreadsheet for end of season performances will be submitted to Dibs coordinator very soon.
- vi. Costume invoices were sent for payment.

- d. **Registrar- Amy Schramm**
 - i. **No Report**

- e. **Safety Committee – Tona Larsen / Karen Schleiger**
 - i. YAIA Concussion protocol approved by Board and concussion information.
 - i. Incident report forms are now updated on website, in first aid bags, and in hanging wall file.
 - i. Athletes in YSD must also complete YSD concussion RTP form which is included in info above.

- f. **Executive Report – Sarah Thoms**
 - i. **4-HLeaders Meeting**
 - 1. 4-H to use building/ice on the 1st Sunday in November 2025 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. for their Awards banquet. **FS uses Rink 1st weekend every year**
 - a. They typically have a couple families that are members of both YAIA & 4-H that we can give Dibs to if requested to hand out and put away ice skates and music.
 - b. Sarah will update Lease agreement to have dates confirmed annually with scheduler.
 - We will agree to the 2nd weekend in November starting in 2026 from 12:00-4:00 pm or another date and time agreed to by YC4H & YAIA by August 1st.

- g. **Treasurer Report – Jennifer Livingston**
 - i. Budget Committee – Jen Livingston, Ryan Rusher, Dan Bentley, & Kevin Perakslis
 - ii. **Financial report was provided.**

- h. **Vision Committee – Shawn Weber**
 - i. **If you are interested in joining the Vision Committee, please contact Shawn Weber.**

- i. **Social Committee – Stephanie Marlette-**
 - i. **3/15/2025 – Annual YAIA End of Year Skate tentatively from 6:00-8:00 p.m. plus a Varsity State Tournament Watch party(depending on game times).**

- j. **Hockey Development – Karen Schleiger**
 - i. Session 3 done in 3 weeks, going well.
 - i. Skate with a Buck 2/16 @4:30pm following Varsity game, advertising/notifications sent.
 - i. YAIA Family Spotlight began with first family this month, and solicitation for additional participation was sent
 - iv. YAIA Summer offerings- tentative programs and dates set
 - v. Catch up Mite/new parent meeting well attended and well received.
 - 1. Need to have this additional meeting every season.

- k. **Alumni Committee – Shawn Wagner**
 - i. **Essays will be mailed to Shawn Wagner**
 - i. **There will be 2 - \$500 scholarships awarded with checks issued after 1st semester.**

- l. **Marketing Committee – Shelby Nilsen**
 - i. **No report.**



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- m. **Discipline Committee – Ryan Rusher – VP**
 - i. There are a lot of meetings scheduled right now.

- n. **Facility Committee**
 - i. **Equipment–Karen Schleiger**
 1. Open Skate Donation funds, skate sizes determined, quote requested.
 2. Recommend additional skate racks, helmet hooks; and will submit request for Sparx sharpener with equipment budget for YAIA owned skates.

 - ii. **Building – Brian Wenisch**
 1. Zamboni-
 - a. Routine maintenance to be completed.
 2. Compressor
 - a. Look into Becker fixing the board doors in the rink-
 - estimate was approved by the board previously, being taken care of by Terry Haas.
 - **This has been fixed. Thank you.**
 - b. Small pressure issue on compressor –
 - Will start to get estimates on what it would cost to repair or replace more areas as we believe we will continue to have issues with the old pipes.
 - End of Season
 3. Heaters above bleachers
 - a. This is being reviewed as the heaters are not heating at the end of the tube over the student section
 4. Other:
 - a. Boxes moved outside of Board Room
 - Black Box - for Safety Committee
 - Incident Reports, Sports Physical forms, Return to Play forms, etc.
 - Red Box – Treasurer or other Board Members
 - Checks, Reimbursement forms, W-9, Key return, etc.
 - Brown Box – possible future uses-Raffle/Apparel/Fundraisers

- o. **State Delegate – Brian Wenisch**
 - i. **No Report**

- p. **Events Management Committee – Lisa Nielson**
 - i. **No Report**

- q. **Fundraising – Amy Ondell**
 - i. **No Report**

- r. **Key Master – Sarah Thoms**
 - i. **No Report**

- s. **Handbook – Lisa Nielson / Karen Schleiger**
 - i. Karen will no longer be helping with the updates.
 - ii. **Increase Fundraising Committee Chair Dibs - Eric**
 1. Currently 20 – requests this be updated to 25
 2. Eric will prepare the handbook update form.
 - iii. **Donation Coordinator position – Eric**
 1. Add position



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2. This position would be responsible for working with the Treasurer to ensure payments/donations are received, update the CTM spreadsheet for tracking and ordering signs as needed.
 3. Eric will prepare the handbook update form.
 - iv. **Bullying section – Ryan Rusher**
 1. See update request
 2. Motion to approve this request as written but to include reference to SafeSport after USA Hockey was made by Eric Shoemaker, seconded by Barrie Larsen, motion passed.
 - v. **Locker room policy/handbook update? -Ryan Rusher**
 - a. Further review is needed on the Locker room policy, use USA Hockey, SafeSport, ISI and US Figure Skating as resources to update our policy.
- 5. New Business**
- a. **End of Season Banquets/Shut Down/Tear Down:**
 - i. **Figure Skating Banquet –**
 - 3/16/2025
 - 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Cookies and drinks to be provided by YAIA.
 - i. **Hockey Banquet –**
 - 3/23/2025
 - 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 - Cookies and drinks will be provided by YAIA.
 - ii. **Rink Tear Down –**
 - 3/23/2025
 - 1:00-4:00p.m.
 - iv. **Official Ice Compressor Shutdown date-**
 - 3/19/2025
 - b. **Academic Eligibility - Barrie**
 - i. **Do we supply a copy of the SDHSAA policy to the student athletes when they sign up for hockey?**
 - No, we can add a link to the SDHSAA on our website.
 - i. **Do our student athletes and their parents sign the same form that YHS requires?**
 - No, at registration they agree to our handbook and that references that we follow the YSD policy which follows SDHSAA policies.
 - ii. **How are grades communicated to YAIA?**
 - Either by parents or the school has periodically contacted the Coach or Coaching Director.
 - iv. **Is it YAIA's responsibility to contact the school periodically? How often should that be done if it is currently not done.**
 - Per our handbook monitoring grades for eligibility is the responsibility of the skater and parents.
 - One suggestion was the Coaching Director should do that every 9 weeks?
 - v. **Does this affect all levels of play?**
 - If a skater(hockey or figure skater) becomes ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities they would be ineligible to participate in YAIA activities as we follow the YSD Training policies.
 - vi. **Do we need to contact out-of-town schools for verification of grades.**
 - We need to update the handbook to include reference to out of town skaters.
 - vi. **The SDHSAA policy is based on credits not GPA? Is that what we are basing our disciplinary decisions on?**
 - If a skater becomes ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities per the YSD / SDHSAA policies they are ineligible to participate in YAIA activities.



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- vi. If a player is suspended we need to have a proper procedure to notify parents and the player of the suspension.
 - c. Other
 - d. Next Meeting
 - i. March 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM
6. Executive Session(if needed)
7. Motion to Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Wenisch, seconded by Eric Shoemaker, motion carried.