



Meeting Minutes

8/21/24

ROLL CALL: Crimmins, Garver, Grothe, Hanson, Howarth, Kyrola, Papko, Penney, Peterson, Severin, Sislo, Steen

ABSENT: Anderson, Berthiaume, Izzard

GUEST: Kristi Essen

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 6:02 by President Sislo

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: via email on 6/24 motion by Kyrola second by Papko

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS: Motion by Crimmins second by Peterson

OFFICER REPORTS:

President:

- Tyler Walsh (Gibson Walsh Foundation) is looking to pay for registration for a family in need, please let Matt know if you know of anyone going through a hardship that could use the help
- We applied for the WAHA mite equipment grant and received 10 sets
- We applied for the WAHA \$1,000 Grass Roots Grant
- We will apply for and receive the WAHA Girls Growth Initiative Grant
- The WAHA Rules and Regulations were passed on 6/30
- WAHA meeting was held Aug 3, Dick and Matt attended, Dick was re-elected to the WAHA board

Executive Director:

- Race Wars will be using our outdoor property and donating 10% of their profits to SAHA
- Volunteers will be needing for flooring project

Treasurer:

- \$72,000 net income, big parts of that were the Cenovus grant, registration fee increase, 4-wheeler fundraiser, and the fundraiser policy
- Few revisions were made to the budget, motion to approve by Penney, second by Papko

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development:

- Teams were submitted to D11
- Level directors have been scheduling tournaments
- Rob Downs is the new High School head coach and will be a new Development committee member
- Recommendation by the committee to approve the following coaches they have turned in applications to be on the ice if their USA Hockey stuff is complete: Matt Bouvine, Doug Clark, Noel Edwards, McKenna Holman, Bill Kyrola, Drew Liebaert, Craig McGrath, Josh Moyer, Danica Peterson, Matt Sislo, Jeremy Symiczek; all in favor
- Recommendation by committee to approve new mite development policy (policy included at end of minutes); all in favor
- There is no Dust The Rust this year as there has not been enough interest to run it again
- Goalie clinics will be run September-mid November for registered SAHA goalies

Equipment:

- Jersey mockups were voted on
- Socks are not "cut-proof", but cut resistant and durable
- Price on reversible jerseys for Mites is \$95 each
- Shirts Unlimited is willing to do a year-round online open store and donate 10% of sales to SAHA, checking with Wicked Rags to see what they can do

Fundraising:

- SAHA earned \$1230 for having volunteers work at Bayfront concerts, volunteers each earned \$150-175 in tips
- Meat raffles will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month with each level doing a different month
- Raffle tickets for July paid registrations were handed out
- August paid registrations will be handed out in a few weeks
- Skate-a thon will help offset new jersey cost
- KRP needs to get us added to their calendar

Rules and Referees:

- CEL (culture education liaison) position needs to be appointed; Rules and Referees committee chair will take that position

Tournaments:

- Travel Teams hotel agreement was signed

Registration and Communication:

- 111 registered (75 in July, 36 so far August)

Player Recruitment and Retention/Publicity:

- 17 kids participated in the 4th of July parade
- Skate-a-thon is Sept 28
- Hudson does “Hero Skates” at the end of the season for disabled kids, we’d like to do something similar
- Need people at open house for Superior schools is Aug 29 4-6pm

Long Term Planning

- Focus is on phase 1
- Private investor dealing with family issues so this is not top priority right now

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion by Crimmins second by Hanson

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:27

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Crimmins

NEXT MEETING: September 18, 6:00 @ Ace’s

MITE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1. Generate and sustain a passion for hockey in all children that emphasizes developmentally appropriate learning of the fundamental skills necessary to create a successful experience for all skaters.
2. Establish a positive, enthusiastic, and supportive hockey culture that includes volunteerism, respect, and healthy relationships between all participants of the game.
3. SAHA follows USA Hockey's American Developmental Model (ADM). We use station-based practices to keep players active and engaged while utilizing the ice more efficiently. Our players will receive more opportunities for individual coaching. They'll receive more repetitions which means more development. The practices are designed to maximize activity in a fun and competitive environment. In addition to the core fundamentals (skating and stick-handling), players will develop contact confidence while battling for loose pucks in races and other small-area scenarios. We understand that keeping our players active and engaged means they will have fun and want to return. By getting them to return we can further their development.
4. We do not promote full-time goalies at the 8U age level. Players will rotate through the goaltender position. 8U participants will practice one to two times during the week with a practices or games on Saturday and Sunday. Games are played with neighboring associations.
5. There are three levels of Mite Hockey; Termite, Mite 1 and Mite 2. Progression between levels is based on skill capabilities with consideration for age.
 - a. Players will benefit by being matched with kids their own age with similar skill levels. It will also allow coaches to better meet the needs of their players and run more effective and efficient practices.
 - b. SAHA coaches and Mite level directors will place players at the appropriate skill level at the beginning of the season. The Mite directors and coaching staff will work to ensure each child ultimately participates in an appropriate level where they will be able to have fun and succeed.
 - c. As the season progresses, players may be asked to move to another level that is more appropriate for their skill level. If your child is identified for a possible level change, you would receive a recommendation from the Mite directors to discuss a level change.

TERMITES

This program is designed for both boys and girls (typically ages 4-7) who are new to hockey. Kids will learn to play hockey in a fun, casual environment without a significant time or financial commitment. In this program, agility, balance and coordination are the primary focus for this age group. The Termite program uses skill repetition with weekly progressions in a relaxed, fun environment.

Practices will typically be held 2 times a week.

Following Termites, all kids will move up to Mites upon either completion of a season or upon gaining the necessary skills and abilities to keep up with the Mite level players and skill requirements. Kids who will be in 10U/Squirts the following year, will progress "in-season" through the Mite program upon gaining the necessary skills and abilities to keep up with the next Mite level players.

Skaters will be evenly divided into groups or "teams."

MITE 1

- Primarily for players ages 5-7 that have some skating experience.
- 1 year of Termites is required before entering Mite Program
- All practices will be cross-ice or half-ice games. There will be no full ice games

MITE 2

- Primarily for skaters that are 6-8 years old
- Player has participated in Termites and at least one season of Mite 1 hockey before entering the Mite 2 program
- All practices will be cross-ice or half-ice games. There will be no full ice games.
- There are two groups (Red, and White) within the program allowing the association to provide an appropriate skill-level experience for all skaters.

* Mite 1's and Mite 2's are typically on the ice twice week for practice and play games in-house and against other local associations.