



Yankton Area Ice Association
905 Whiting Drive
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**YAIA Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025
6:00 PM Rink Board Room**

Board Members present: Barrie Larsen, Brian Wenisch, Dan Bentley, Ryan Rusher, Abby Sprecher, Lisa Nielson. Phone: Eric Shoemaker, Jen Livingston

Guests: Jami Stevens, Heidi Enge, Kevin Perakslis, Chad Renken, Karen Schleiger, Jennifer Clavel (Curling), Sara Shoemaker

1. **Call Meeting to Order at 6:02**
2. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **Motion was made by Abby Sprecher, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. 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****
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Curling – Juliana Dick-Ford**
 - i. Learn to Curl participation is good, new players signed up
 - b. **Hockey Coaching – Chad Renken**
 - i. **Coaching Committee**
 1. Working on concussion protocols with coaches and using specific color jerseys / beanies to show the players that are “no-contact”
 - c. **Figure Skating – Jamie Stevens / Heidi Enge**
 - i. FS Coaches attended Concussion/First Aid training with Karen on Dec 17.
 1. Will be utilizing a scarf to show coaches which skater has had a concussion
 - ii. Winter Showcase performances took place on Dec 20 at 7pm and Dec 21 at 2pm.
 - iii. Costumes for the end of season performance have arrived.
 - iv. Team photography took place on Thursday, January 9.
 - v. Dress Rehearsal for End of Season Performance is Thursday, March 6.
 - vi. End of Season Performances - "Dance the Night Away" - will be Friday, March 7 & Saturday, March 8 at 7pm both nights.
 1. Heidi will work on getting the end of season performance dibs spreadsheet updated and submitted to the Dibs coordinator.
 2. Skater dad would like to participate in a Year End performance routine with his daughter, Board agreed to have the dad sign a liability waiver.
 - d. **Registrar- Amy Schramm**
 - i. **No report**



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- e. **Safety Committee – Tona Larsen / Karen Schleiger**
 - i. Approval requested: YAIA Concussion protocol (attachment)
 - ii. Approval requested: YAIA Return to Play - Injury (attachment)
 - 1. **Motion was made to approve both documents but with the verbiage updated on Return to Play to remove “onset of illness” by Brian Wenisch, Seconded by Abby Sprecher. Motion Passed**
 - iii. Website updates for Health and Safety, concussions are needed
 - 1. Webmaster will update website
- f. **Executive Report – Sarah Thoms**
 - i. **4-H Leaders Meeting**
 - 1. 4-H to use building/ice on the 1st Sunday in November from 12:00-5:00 p.m. for their Awards banquet starting in 2025-forever. **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 prepare a Lease agreement to have dates confirmed annually with scheduler.
 - **Motion to approve was tabled until Sarah could be present to discuss**
- g. **Treasurer Report – Jennifer Livingston**
 - i. Budget Committee – Jen Livingston, Ryan Rusher, Dan Bentley, & Kevin Perakslis
 - 1. Financial report was provided, currently working on getting items categorized properly based on POS system
- h. **Vision Committee – Shawn Weber**
 - i. **No Report**
- i. **Social Committee – Stephanie Marlette-**
 - i. **No Report**
- j. **Hockey Development – Karen Schleiger**
 - i. Kids converted after LTS 2: Six- 5 hockey, 1 FS
 - 1. **Mites would like to do a Parent’s Meeting Mid-Season since there are new skaters**
 - ii. 12/30/24 THFF event - had 20 signed up; bad weather - 11 came. 5 joined hockey.
 - iii. 14U girls hockey - did well at January tourney!
 - iv. Over age girls practice squad - six girls participating, thanks bantam coaches!
 - v. Great Midland camp 12/15. Attendance: Mini-Mites 6/11, Mites 12/14, Squirts 25/32, PW 13/16, G14U 10/17, Bantam 6/11, HS 24/35. Overall 68% attendance.
 - vi. SDAHA development meeting 11/12. We are doing as well or better than other SDAHA for #events hosted. All have similar recruiting difficulties.
 - vii. Committee met 11/12. Next activities: YAIA family spotlight, Skate with a Buck 2/16, plan summer program offerings.
 - viii. Barrie Larson will be Board Development Co-chair with Abby Larson for 25-26 season, training now.
 - ix. Learn to Skate:
 - 1. Session 3 is full, 40 kids.
 - 2. Session 4/adult LTS will not be done due to FS coaches prior commitments.
 - 3. Tiffany Townsend to replace Shawn Weber for 25-26 season, training now.
 - x. Ideas to possibly have a “Couples Skate” on 2/15/2025 after Varsity games, will possibly send out a Survey to gauge interest.
- k. **Alumni Committee – Shawn Wagner**
 - i. **No Report**



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

- m. Discipline Committee – Ryan Rusher – VP**
 - i. There has been a few calls for state incidents, 1 player from Rushmore to lessen a penalty due to error from Referee, Safesport/language discipline action for a player. Language has become a large issue this year with players, coaches, etc.**

- n. Facility Committee**
 - i. Equipment–Karen Schleiger**
 - 1. Budget, will this current Board approve/which month to present budget?
 - a. Budget will presented at March meeting
 - 2. We ran out of small and X-small helmets
 - 3. Awaiting results of open skate skate usage in order to purchase more open skates with recent donation. Consider more racks to hold skates and helmets.
 - a. **Board agreed to utilize the \$1,000.00 donated to Open Skate expenses to purchase 10 pairs of new skates, sizes to be decided by Ryan & Karen. Motion was made by Jen Livingston, seconded by Eric Shoemaker. Motion passed.**
 - 4. Sara Shoemaker will fully take over equipment following end 24-25 season. Steph Marlette for jersey Coordinator. Perakslis' for high school jersey coordinators.

 - i. Building – Brian Wenisch**
 - 1. Zamboni
 - a. TMA logo on the zam needs to be added.
 - b. General maintenance being completed
 - 2. Compressor
 - a. Look into Becker fixing the board doors in the rink, estimate was approved by board previously – being taken care of by Terry Haas.
 - b. Small pressure issue on compressor – determined there was a leak, had to shut down the compressors & Rink for a short time to repair. 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.
 - 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. Request Board consider moving “Red box” near Board room and add third functional locking box; and all boxes be properly labeled.
 - Board agreed to purchase another box and ask Jim B if he would move the Red Box and install the new box to be over by the conference room. Boxes will be marked appropriately to designate. No Vote necessary.

- o. State Delegate – Brian Wenisch**
 - i. SDAHA Commemorative puck sale information will be coming from Sarah Mellem to pass onto SDAHA for ordering.**
 - i. Important dates:**
 - 1. Hockey Day South Dakota: January 11th, 2025
 - 2. State Tournaments: February 21st-23rd, 2025
 - 3. Girls 14U State Tournament: February 28th- March 2nd, 2025
 - 4. Bantan State Tournaments: February 28th- March 2nd, 2025
 - 5. Youth JV State Tournament: March 7th- March 9th, 2025



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6. Girls Varsity State Tournament: March 6th-8th, 2025
 7. Youth Varsity State Tournament: March 13th-15th, 2025
 8. 2025 SDAHA Hall of Fame Award Recognition Event: April 11th, 2025
 9. 2025 SDAHA Spring Meeting: April 12th, 2025
 10. 2025 SDAHA Development Camp: April 25th-27th, 2025
 11. 2025 Northern Plains District Development Camp: May 15th-May 18th, 2025
- p. **Events Management Committee – Lisa Nielson**
- i. Private Party Open/Close help from Board was requested, will send a text to board to get volunteers.
- q. **Fundraising – Amy Ondell**
- i. Fall Gala –Stacey Renken - 11/9/2024
 1. Will be meeting soon and will have all final numbers and summary of event.
 - i. Pride Pump – approx. profit of \$1000
 1. Pump Displays located in board room currently in case we want to do another pump in the future
- r. **Key Master – Sarah Thoms**
- i. **Note:** Equipment Room key is now different than locker room key. If you need in the Equipment Room please contact the Equipment/Jersey Managers Sara Shoemaker, Stephanie Marlette or Karen Schleiger.
 - i. There have been issues with the North Door on West side of Building, **Hanson Locksmith was called and repairs were made on 1/15/2025**
- s. **Handbook – Lisa Nielson / Karen Schleiger**
- i. YAIA Organization Chart
 1. **Motion was made to approve the submitted Chart by Dan Bentley, seconded by Brian Wenisch. Motion passed.**
5. **New Business**
- a. **Proposal of Building Expansion: Eric Shoemaker**
 - i. Board has agreed to grant Eric Shoemaker permission to present renderings to the 4H board at their next meeting. Motion was made by Brian Wenisch, seconded by Barrie Larsen. **Motion Passed.**
 - b. **Contact of the Day – Ryan will send a shared google sheet to put your name in to volunteer**
 - i. Lisa & Abby did offer to share the responsibilities for PWB state tournament in Yankton
 - c. **Board Terms Ending for:**
 - i. Sarah Thoms
 - i. Ryan Rusher
 - Nominations will be accepted until February 15th.
 - 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. **Other**
 - e. **Next Meeting**
 - i. February 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM
6. **Executive Session(if needed)**
7. **Motion to Adjourn at 8:49**
- a. **Motion was made by Barrie Larsen, seconded by Dan Bentley. Motion passed.**