

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

Sunday, October 13, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. Meeting was in person at Sun Prairie Ice Arena.

Board Members Present:

President – Eric Morehouse

Past President – Ryan Dunt

Incoming President – Mark Gernetzke

Secretary – Sara Pieper

Girls' Rep – Megan Davis

Bantam Rep – Jennifer Billings

PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen

Squirt Rep – Tracey Miller

Mini-Mite Rep – Tony Uhlenkamp

Board Members Absent: Coaches' Rep – Larry Clemens

Attendance: Zak Gordon, Ashley Scott, Ryne Hodgson, Tim Clavette, Seth Starr, Marsha Schroeder, Jerry O'Gara, Biren Dodia, Phil Schlesinger, Tara Muszynski

1. Public Comments
 - a. None
2. Affirmation of Email Votes
 - a. *Casey motioned to approve travel evaluators for the 2024-2025 season. Mark second, motion passed unanimously.*
3. Appointments & Membership Changes
 - a. None
4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Secretary – Sara Pieper
 - *Jenny motioned to approve the September minutes. Tony second, motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
 - Collected about half of dues so far.
 - c. President Elect – Mark Gernetzke
 - None
 - d. Past President – Ryan Dunt
 - Set up SPYHA email accounts for team reps; need to determine if these will be used for the 2024-2025 season.
 - SP Ice board is interested in offering a coffee cart in the lobby. Ryan will meet with them to discuss.
 - e. President – Erik Morehouse
 - None
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Volunteer Committee
 - Looking for a 3rd member of the volunteer committee. Will ask Colleen to post on social again.
 - b. Annual Fundraising Committee
 - None
 - c. Communications Committee
 - Social media report shared in advance of the session.
 - d. Registrar
 - None
 - e. Groundhog Games Tournaments Committee
 - None
 - f. Concession Stand Committee
 - None
 - g. USA Hockey Initiatives
 - None
 - h. ACE Director(s)
 - Sent email to all respective coaches who need to still complete SafeSport, USA Hockey and/or background checks
 - i. Equipment Managers
 - Ordered replacement equipment for the equipment room.

- Need another person who knows the equipment room process to support the number of incoming players at the Mite level
 - j. Jersey Coordinator
 - Jerseys expected to be delivered the week of October 25
 - k. Spirit Wear / Bags
 - None
 - l. Region 4 Meeting
 - None
6. LEVEL REP REPORTS
- a. Mini-Mite
 - 40 registered, registration closes October 25
 - Hosting Back to Hockey event on October 20th
 - b. Mite
 - 55 registered, expecting to have 6 teams
 - Hosted Back to Hockey event on October 6th
 - c. Squirt
 - Teams are posted, 5 teams
 - Working on loading games
 - Tournaments and hotels are booked
 - d. PeeWee
 - Teams are posted, 4 teams
 - Working on loading games
 - Tournaments and hotels are booked
 - e. Bantams
 - Tournaments and hotels are booked
 - Bantam B tournament in Sun Prairie has 3 spots open
 - f. Midgets
 - None
 - g. Coaches' Rep
 - None
 - h. Girls' Rep
 - Girls Try Hockey for Free event on October 13 went well, 30 girls registered
 - Region 4 Girls' Meeting, discussed how to grow girls' hockey.
 - Need to begin considering our exit plan when Sun Prairie has a large enough girls' program to run as a standalone.
 - Request to mention girls' hockey opportunities as part of the 8U registration process in the 2025-2026 season
 - Currently have eleven 8U girls players
 - Region started initiatives too late to have teams ready to support 8U programming
 - Considering holding a session after Mini-Mites to share Dragon opportunities
7. OLD Business
- a. 2024 - 2025 Ice Scheduling
 - Whole season is scheduled
 - One-week deadline to cancel ice, otherwise DCH charges us a fee for refs
 - b. Registration Update
 - None
 - c. Fundraising Committee Responsibilities and Dues Reduction Initiative Proposal
 - d. Stephen has heard SPYHA is asking for money often (dues, tourneys, baskets) and would like to look at the goals and responsibilities of the Fundraising Committee to remove the funding requirement and coordination from families and tournament coordinators.
 - e. The proposal is for SPYHA to cover the cost of fundraising baskets, and the Fundraising Committee will purchase and assemble tournament raffle baskets. Families are still welcome to donate baskets if they'd like, but this will not be a requirement.
 - *Casey motioned to approve SPYHA funding home tournament raffle baskets at \$300 per tournament with a minimum of 5 baskets per tournament across and assign coordination of tournament raffle baskets, including purchasing raffle items, assembly of baskets, and assisting with table setup to the fundraising committee. Jen second, motion passed unanimously.*

8. NEW Business
 - a. Scholarships submission timeline
 - Proposal to update SPYHA website to specify that all scholarship requests, including minis and mites, must be submitted by September 1 so we can collectively review all requests during the September board meetings moving forward.
 - *Jenn motioned to move all scholarship request deadlines to September 1. Tony second, motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Unrecovered gear
 - Families who have not returned gear are to be charged at replacement value per policy
 - c. Approve coaches in closed session
 - d. Next Board Meeting
 - November 10 at 6:00 pm
9. Adjourn
 - *Jenn motions to adjourn. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
10. Closed Session
 - Voted on 2024-2025 coaches
 - Voted on 2024-2025 team reps
 - Voted on registration fee refund request