

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Minutes

Sunday, August 25, 2024 – 7:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:35 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
Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens
Girls' Rep – Megan Davis
Bantam Rep – Jennifer Billings
PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen
Squirt Rep – Tracey Miller
Mini-Mite Rep – Tony Uhlenkamp

Board Members Absent: Mite Rep – Allison McKee

Attendance: Colleen Uhlenkamp, Kylie West, Taylor Seep, Tim Grebel, Eric Seidl, Sarah Karsten, Scott Sorenson, Megan Jordan, Brad Haines

1. Public Comments:

- i. None

2. Affirmation of Email Votes:

- i. None

3. Appointments & Membership Changes

- i. *Casey Moen motioned to approve Allison McKee as the 2024-2025 Mini-Mite Rep. Second by Jennifer Billings. The motion passed unanimously.*

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Secretary – Sara Pieper
 - ii. None
- b. Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
 - i. Treasurer's report sent. Deposit account earning 4%.
 - ii. New SPYHA credit card is being used to register for tournaments.
- c. President Elect – Mark Gernetzke
 - i. None
- d. Past President – Ryan Dunt
 - i. None
- e. President – Eric Moorehouse
 - i. WAHA Board of Directors Update:
 - a. Pre-season level rep scheduling meetings will be held on Oct. 17 at Madison Ice Arena
 - b. Playoff seeding will be based on MyHockey ratings

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee
 - i. Will have evaluations staffed to support the check-in process
 - ii. SP Ice requested volunteer shifts for landscaping, painting, sound panel installs, etc.
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee
 - i. None
- c. Communications Committee
 - i. Social reports were sent to the Board before the meeting for review.

- d. Groundhog Games Tournament Committee:
 - i. None
- e. Concession Stand Committee
 - i. None
- f. USA Hockey Initiatives
 - i. None
- g. ACE Director(s)
 - i. None
- h. Equipment Managers
 - i. None
- i. Jersey Coordinator
 - i. Jerseys will be available for try on the week of September 2. Jerseys will have a 3-week turnaround time once ordered. The approximate delivery date is Oct. 15.
 - ii. Travel players will be billed \$50 for jersey costs; SPYHA will fund the remaining \$50.
- j. Spirit Wear / Bags
 - i. None
- k. Registrar
 - i. None
- l. Region 4 Meeting
 - i. None

6. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. Mini-Mite
 - i. Registration close date is 10/25 at 11:59 pm
 - ii. Reversible jerseys will be provided for Mini Mites and Mites. At the close of the season, Mini Mites will be given a jersey, which they can keep.
 - iii. It is expected there will be 7 Mini Mite teams.
- b. Mite
 - i. It is expected there will be 6 Mini Mite teams.
- c. Squirt
 - i. Tournaments are in the process of being booked based on the current ice schedule.
 - ii. C2 Squirts Winter Classic Tournament is full.
- d. PeeWee
 - i. Tournaments are all booked.
 - ii. It is expected there will be 4 PeeWee teams.
- e. Bantams (Jen)
 - i. Tournaments are in the process of being booked
- f. Midgets
 - i. Registration will be kept open until after United JV / Varsity teams have been decided.
- g. Coaches' Rep
 - i. Working on securing evaluation staff.
 - ii. Building a plan to encourage the development of coaches.
 - iii. Practice schedule for travel teams: Monday will be skills night, Tuesday will be a classroom day, and Thursday will be a team practice.
 - iv. Larry will share eval info with level reps.
- h. Girls Rep
 - i. Dragons participated in the Corn Fest Parade.
 - ii. We're at 18 Sun Prairie Dragons players today.
 - iii. Hoping to recruit 4 more 12U girls to join Dragons.
 - iv. *Megan motioned that we request a bill for each SP Dragons player for an administrative fee of \$150 to be used towards the Dragons ice bill at SP Ice for the 2024-2025 season. Second by Casey Moen. The motion passed unanimously.*

7. OLD Business

- a. 2024 - 2025 Ice Scheduling
 - i. The first 2 weeks of age-specific evals and Dragons scheduling are completed
 - ii. Evals are on the SP Ice calendar

8. NEW Business

- a. WAHA Board of Directors vote
 - i. Region 4 reps announced
- b. Registration Update
 - i. In good shape
- c. Team announcement and posting process
 - i. SPYHA will post at 3 pm on Friday, October 11
 - ii. Kylie and Colleen to post immediately following
 - iii. Reps to share team announcement schedule
- d. CoachNow
 - i. Larry Clemens provided information on the coaching platform CoachNow Pro.
 - a. Coaches can add practice feeds from LiveBarn (e.g., all PeeWee teams could have access to videos, or you can share them with individual teams).
 - b. Coaches can flag things for players to review. Every player in the association could have their own space and would be able to track progression through their SPYHA journey.
 - c. Can help with parent education as well.
 - d. WAHA using for all goalies in the state.
 - e. Parents and kids can have accounts; accounts are set up with an email address.
 - f. Fee is \$600.
 - g. Larry motioned to purchase an account for CoachNow Pro for \$600 for the 2024-2025 season. Second by Mark Gernetzke. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Fundraising Committee Changes
 - i. Stephen Elmer shared families feel as if SPYHA often asks for additional funds throughout the season and that we are asking a lot of tournament coordinators.
 - ii. Stephen proposes we have a three-person fundraising committee that is given a fundraising goal. The fundraising committee would also be accountable for tournament baskets for all home tournaments (SPYHA would fund tournament baskets; families would be welcome to donate a basket if they choose, but it would not be a requirement). Proposed dues reduction initiatives should be grouped together (e.g., RaiseRight and wreaths).
 - iii. Stephen will draft the volunteer committee charter for review at the next meeting.
- f. Equipment return policy management
 - i. Continue to follow existing policy
- g. Joint SPYHA and Dragons Try Hockey for Free
 - i. Co-Ed and Girls Try Hockey for Free would be challenging to host the same weekend this year because of the MyHockey tournament on site that weekend.
 - ii. In the future, Megan Davis would like to host the co-ed and girls try hockey for free events the same weekend and have jerseys to give to the girls.
- h. Next Board Meeting
 - i. September 22 at 6 pm
 - ii. October 13 at 6 pm

9. Adjourn

- i. *Casey motion to adjourn to close session. Second by Jennifer Billings. Motion passed unanimously.*

10. Closed Session