

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 29, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Members Present:

President — Eric Morehouse
Past President — Ryan Dunt
President Elect — Mark Gernetzke
Treasurer — Stephen Elmer
Coaches Rep — Larry Clemens
Girls' Rep — Megan Davis
Bantam Rep — Jennifer Billing
PeeWee Rep — Casey Moen
Squirt Rep — Tracey Miller

Board Members Absent:

Secretary — Sara Pieper
Mini Mite Rep — Tony Uhlenkamp (appointed in this meeting)

Attendance: Colleen Uhlenkamp, Brad Haines, Kylie West, Taylor Seep

1. Public Comments:

- i. None

2. Affirmation of Email Votes:

- i. None

3. Appointments & Membership Changes

- i. Tony Uhlenkamp would like to be considered for Mini Mite Rep
 - a) *Mark Gernetzke motioned to approve Tony Uhlenkamp as the 2024-2025 Mini Mite Rep. Second by Jenn Billings. The motion passed unanimously.*

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Secretary —
 - i. *Jenn motioned to approve the March and April meeting minutes, Second by Megan Davis. Motion passed unanimously.*
- b. Treasurer — Stephen Elmer
 - i. Budget sent in advance of this meeting
 - ii. 2023 – 2024, financially solvent ~\$66k.
 1. Driven by concessions, Try Hockey for Free and rental equipment.
- c. President Elect — Mark Gernetzke
 - i. None

- d. Past President — Ryan Dunt
 - i. National Night Out is Thursday, August 1 from 6-8 PM. SPYHA representatives will be in attendance to distribute registration promotional materials at the event.
- e. President — Eric Morehouse
 - i. None

5. Committee Reports

- a. Volunteer Committee
 - i. 2024 – 2025 DIBS registration is underway
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee
 - i. None
- c. Communications Committee
 - i. Social media reports were sent in advance of the meeting
 - ii. The Communications Committee will update social channels and website with new logo/mascot and brand elements on launch day, August 1
- d. Tournament Updates
 - i. The Communications Committee will post on the website when it is finalized
 - ii. Tournaments will require a name change to coordinate with the new logo/mascot.
 - a) *Jenn Billings motioned to change the tournament name to Groundhog Games, Second by Casey Moen. Motion passed unanimously.*
- e. Concessions Committee
 - i. None
- f. USA Hockey Initiative
 - i. None
- g. ACE Director(s)
 - i. Safesport information will be sent to coaches
- h. Equipment Managers
 - i. The policy manual states that there are repercussions if items are not returned on time and in good condition. This topic will be addressed in a future board meeting.
- i. Jersey Coordinator
 - i. None
- j. Spirit Wear
 - i. None
- k. Registrar
 - i. None
- l. Region 4 Meeting
 - i. Board will vote for WAHA Board of Directors at August session

6. Level Rep Reports

- a. Mini Mite
 - i. None
- b. Mite
 - i. None
- c. Squirt

- i. Back to Hockey level party will take place September 15
- d. PeeWee
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- e. Bantams
 - i. Ice times for 2024-2025 season
 - ii. Number of Bantam teams
- f. Coaches Rep
 - i. SPYHA coaches' meetings to begin in early August
- g. Girls' Rep
 - i. Dragons registration is open
 - ii. First Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for late July
 - iii. Suggestion to host a joint Try Hockey for Free event for boys and girls. To be discussed in future Board meeting.
 - iv. Dragons will participate in Corn Fest parade

7. Old Business

- a. Bank of Sun Prairie is now giving SPYHA a 4% interest rate
- b. SPYHA credit card will be available for the 2024-2025 season

8. New Business

- a. New Mascot
 - i. Designed by a Sun Prairie Hockey Alumni
 - ii. New jerseys in home and away colors were shared for board approval and a co-op pricing model was discussed
 - 1. *Jenn motioned to approve the new jerseys with the new logo. Casey second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - iii. *Katrina Watkins up for 3 DIBS hours to help Casey Moen and Sara Pieper with the new brand rollout. Jenn motioned to approve the 3 hours, Mark second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- b. SP Ice
 - i. Ryan Dunt will serve on the SP Ice board
- c. Ice Scheduling
 - i. SP Ice is working with SYHA on ice scheduling
- d. Policy Updates
 - i. Nick guard requirements begin August 1, 2024
 - 1. Players will not be allowed to practice or play in a game without an approved BNQ certified neck guard
 - ii. 2024-2025 Budget
 - 1. 2024-2025 budget was presented
 - a. *Jenn motioned to approve the 2024-2025 budget. Casey second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - iii. Registration opens August 1, travel player fees will increase on August 16. Registration will close September @ 11:59pm
- e. Next Board Meeting
 - i. Next board meeting is scheduled for August 25 at 6 p.m.

ii. *Jenn motioned to adjourn. Casey second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

9. Closed Session