



Yankton Area Ice Association

901 Whiting Drive / PO Box 235

Yankton SD 57078-0235



YAIA Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

Rink Board Room & Zoom

Board Members Present: Katie Feimer, Lisa Nielson, Brian Wenisch, Terry Haas, Shawn Weber, Amanda Bottolfson, Eric Shoemaker

Guests: Heidi Berry, Krystal Paulson, Karen Schleiger

1. **Called Meeting to Order @ 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Approval of May Meeting Minutes; Motion was made by Amanda Bottolfson, seconded by Terry Haas, Motion Passed.**
3. **Old Business**
 - i. **DIBs – Katie Feimer / Sarah Thoms / Heidi Berry/Karen Schleiger/ Stephanie Marlette**
 - i. A proposal for the changes to the Dibs requirements regarding the dollar amount for each Dib and raffle “calendar” requirements was emailed to the Board. The committee is asking for Board approval on the attached document. **Motion was made by Lisa Nielson, Seconded by Terry Haas, motion passed.**
 - ii. The committee will continue to meet to adjust the amount of Dibs given for each job. They will also help to determine a list of what duties will need to be filled next season.
 - iii. One item being explored to help with cleaning duties is bringing back the Trustees to help clean once or twice per week. Katie is looking into this.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Curling – Julianna Dick-Ford**
 - i. **No Report**
 - b. **Hockey Coaching – Terry Pedersen**
 - i. **Motion was made to proceed with a contract to hire Bob Smith by Amanda Bottolfson, seconded by Lisa Nielson. Motion Passed.**



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- c. **Figure Skating** – Heidi Berry
 - i. Figure Skating is requesting the schedule for practice and events be finalized.

- d. **Registrar** – Amy Schramm
 - i. **The board received an updated projected registration list, State Registrar Meeting in July – more to come.**

- e. **Safety Committee**- Tona Larsen
 - i. **No report**

- f. **Executive Report** – Katie Feimer
 - i. **4-H Leaders Meeting**- Kevin Hunhoff

- g. **Treasurer Report** – Jennifer Livingston(Brunick)
 - i. **Budget** –Jennifer has been on the budget, a draft should be ready to review at the July meeting.

- h. **Vision Committee** – Shawn Weber
 - i. Skater by School – Shawn has provided a report that is attached that shows where our skaters are from. This could be helpful in recruitment.
 - ii. Vision Committee Meeting – June 6th – The primary discussion and focus was on the girls program.

- i. **Social Committee - Stephanie Marlette**
 - i. Thirsty 3rd Thursday - Third Thirsty Thursday: 6/15/23.. TBD, maybe cancel? Low attendance recently. **This was cancelled**
 - i. Other Events
 - i. YAIA picnic – 8/6/2023
 - ii. Yankton Hockey Day & Mite Tourney –
 - i. 12/9-12/10/2023 (alternate date – 12/2-12/3/2023)

- ii. **Hockey Development - Karen Schleiger**
 - i. YAIA May 2023 Survey Summary is attached in PDF.
 - ii. Recruiting: More “TRY” events to be scheduled during red/white scrimmage/pre-season.
 - iii. Girls Development: Committee being formed. Discussing options how/when to restart girls team. Possibly even this fall. SDAHA involved. Will seek Board and parent input early in process.
 - i. **Discussion was had regarding the potential possibility of forming a girls team for the 23/24 season. More to come.**



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- iv. Roller hockey for squirts - going well; averaging about 13-15 each week.
- v. Messaging for hockey opportunities over the summer have been sent.
- vi. We will not have a booth at RBD as this was an ineffective recruiting tool.

iii. Recruitment Coordinator - Karen Schleiger

- i. Participant Referral program – Referral bonus for recruiting/bringing in new families?
 - i. Suggestion was made to add a “referred by” box with the ability to type in a name during registration process.

iv. Alumni Committee - Shawn Wagner

- i. No report

i. Marketing Committee – Shelby Nilsen

- i. Lisa will be handing over the Marketing items to Shelby.

j. Discipline Committee – Amanda Bottolfson-VP

- i. No report

k. Facility Committee

i. Equipment – Karen Schleiger

- i. Jerseys, miracle patches orders in progress.
- ii. Helmets to be ordered next and protective equipment at discount through corporate sales. **Karen will continue to work on this.**

ii. Building – Brian Wenisch/Kevin Hunhoff/Terry Haas

i. Rink:

i. Rink Wi-Fi-

- 1. Will provide updated and information when available.

ii. Zamboni - Brian Wenisch

- 1. Zamboni was checked by R & R Specialties; Shipping Hydraulic Filters, R&R potentially willing to take the old Zamboni

iii. Compressor – Brian Wenisch

- 1. Brian is working with Craig to start the process of getting the old system out.



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- a. Working on concrete slab, demo work is needed and help is being requested.

- ii. **Players bench mat replacement**

- i. Terry Haas will look into this. Funds were raised at the Gala

- ii. **Other: stick racks are currently being rewelded per Bryan Woods**

- i. **Warming Area:**

- i. Locker rooms
 - ii. Concessions

- I. **State Delegate- Brian Wenisch**

- i. **SF appeal was approved by USA hockey** – no fines were given to SF; rules are being edited to evaluate levels



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- m. **Events Management Committee** – Lisa Nielson
 - i. **Scheduling**
 - i. Games-
 - ii. Tournaments
 - iii. Performances
 - iv. Private parties
 - v. Special events
 - n. **Fundraising Committee** – Katie Feimer
 - i. The committee discussed timelines and future fundraisers. It was recommended that the Butter Braid fundraiser continue, but to look at a new company that offers the butter braids and pizza items. It was recommended that this be in November like in past years and to encourage all YAIA skaters to participate.
 - ii. Fall Gala- Stacey Renken
 - iii. Planning meetings for the 2023 Gala have started.
 - ii. Bragging Rights- Sarah Thoms
 - i. Was held May 25th, \$2050 was raised.
 - o. **Key Master** - Sarah Thoms
 - p. **Handbook** – Secretary
- 5. **New Business**
 - a. **Ice Schedule**
 - i. The proposed ice schedule for the 2023-2024 season is attached for Board approval. **Waiting for approval until we hear back about potential girls program.**
 - b. **Registration**
 - i. Due to having to re-build the registration form, it has pushed back when we typically open registration. When should the early bird registration deadline be? **Allow 2 weeks for early bird Registration**
 - c. **Other** –
 - i. **message to be sent out for Team Coordinators**
 - ii. **Request to have a partition put in the men's bathroom**



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- d. **Next Meeting**
 - i. July 11, 2023 at 6:00pm.

- 6. **Adjourn – Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Nielson, seconded by Shawn Weber, Motion passed.**