

South Wood County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
South Wood County Rec Center
September 29, 2008
7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: Candy Blakeslee, Eileen Hillila, Patty Weinfurter, Jane Overfelt, Jay Capelle, Jen Derks, Dan Paulsen, Mike Gulenchyn, Bret Kastein.
Absent: Jay Prochnow, Chris Hoffman & Joe Berry

MINUTES: Motion made to approve August minutes (M1 Hillila, M2 Blakeslee) motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jay Capelle shared two grants awarded to SWCYHA by South Wood County 2000.

SOUTH WOOD COUNTY 2000, INC.
Board Meeting
Conference Room at Mark Motors (Hwy 54 East WR)
4:30 PM
September 23, 2008

Excerpt – Draft Meeting Minutes

SWC Youth Hockey Association Proposal: Reviewed and discussed an email from Jay Capelle, President of SWCYHA. Jay proposed a pilot grant program to make hockey and figure skating more affordable for families. Motion was made and seconded, "SWC 2000 will match up to \$5,000 for specific fundraising activities by SWCYHA and WRFSA in order to assist families for hockey and figure skating registration for the 2009-2010 season. Grant will be distributed after 6/30/09" (Mark / Jill). Motion carried.

SWCYHA "Shoot n Score" Program: Reviewed and discussed request for ". . . this equipment will allow all the kids from age 3-through age 8 benefit in one form or another from the "Shoot n Score" program." Proposed grant of \$2,718.92 would cover 4 "Mr. Goalie" hockey shooting targets, 12 stick handling horseshoe sets, 4 hat trick shooting pads, 4 hockey deke trainers, 4 hockey training goals and equipment cleaning. Motion was made and seconded to, "Grant SWCYHA \$1,500 towards the mite "Shoot n Score program" (Mark / Jim). Motion carried.

- Also noted that Jennifer Hanzlik has offered to help write future grant proposals for the association.
- Changes needed to be made with the Mite A tournament, as it conflicted with the State Mite Tournament. It was decided to Schedule the mite tournament for Feb.

- 21 & 22, and schedule games for the weekend of March 7&8 as it is also the weekend of the H.S. State tournaments.
- Red Panther's requested our support with an add in their team program for the season. Last year we were unable to support them in this area, but helped with Ice costs. They need to know by Oct. 20th. Final decision will be made at Oct 13th meeting.
 - Girls U12/U14
 - Discussion regarding rules, registration and PCYOI – will continue discussions fro girls program.
 - Ice will be distributed amongst rest of teams if not used.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Sponsors – We need to start contacting team and association sponsors. Patty Olinyk has done this in the past. Jay Capelle will contact her to see if she is still interested.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Checking account Balance - \$59,354.87
- Money Market - \$19,053.33
- Concessions are doing well. Still have start- up bills coming in- further reports will be in at the end of football season. Thanks to all who run and help make this work for our association.

BUSINESS:

Pictures: Patty will work with the photographers to schedule team photos in early December if possible.

Children in the rink: A response/request was made to develop a play/activity area for kids. If anyone is interested in working on this contact the board.

WIAA BUDGET PROPOSAL: The high school team is requesting \$2,409.00 for their budget. They pulled the budget for goalie rotation in an effort to lighten our load. The board discussed stipulating the need to support Neil and asking that they get a quote from Neil on the purchase of equipment. Neil's shop is vital to our association and we would hate to loose his services. A motion was made to approve their budget request on the stipulation that the request a quote in a timely manner from Neil as well as previous suppliers, with the understanding that we may need to ask the Boosters for financial assistance based on our year end finances. (M1/Blakeslee M2/ Paulsen) Motion carried.

GOLF OUTING: The golf outing went smoothly as a co-operative effort with the boosters. The sharing of the burden was a great help to our association. \$11,339. was

taken in. \$4950 went to the Ridges and \$690 in start up cash. Postage and copies are not noted in these costs. Which leaves a profit of \$5007.59 split between SWCYHA and the HS Boosters. The outing will return to Bulls Eye next year.

EQUIPMENT: Mike will be ordering new equipment. The exciting news for the association is that he ran out of equipment for the mites. The SWC 2000 grant was received to purchase equipment.

JERSEY ORDERS; We will be putting together a jersey order with Neil for new players & squirts. We need to let members know in case anyone needs new jerseys.

REGISTRATION NUMBERS:

As of today:

- Mini-mite – 20
- Mite 2 – 11
- Mite 3 – 12 (possibly 1 more)
- Mite 4 – 13 (1NR)
- Squirt – 24 (+1)
- Pee Wee – 28
- Bantam – 12/8 (+2)
- High School – 27 (+5) WIAA or Club

**Concern with bantam team being too small for 2 teams and too large for 1.

- Discussion followed about possibility of pulling from Pee Wee level. Decided not the best choice.
- Should we hold Bantam try-outs..stressful and may not be needed.
- Final decision is to wait until after HS tryouts (Nov. 13) to see final numbers. Use try out ice for Bantam practice. Have the Bantams play as 1 team for the first few games and then try out and split if necessary. Candy will make schedule changes to schedule appropriate level teams for the whole group.

CLUB LEVEL COACH NEEDED

FUNDRAISING REPORT: A report was shared from the meeting with the fundraising committee. The committee has some ideas brewing and was requesting money up front for a water bottle fundraiser. The board has concerns about paying up front for a fundraiser that may not be able to fill the costs later. There was concern that the last similar fundraiser still has unsold product years later. They would prefer fundraising that does not have an upfront cost, as our budget is tight.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: A discussion prompted from the fundraising discussion about having a Strategic plan. Developing a 3-5 year plan to raise some major funds instead of reinventing the wheel and being in debt year after year. Perhaps tapping into some big business for stronger financial backing?

Next Meeting: October 13th @ 7:00 or sooner based on our request to meet with WAHA representative.

Meeting adjourned 10:20 pm (M1 Blakeslee/M2 Weinfurter)

Next meeting items: Summer Camps
Camp raffle
Jerseys