

South Wood County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
South Wood County Recreation Center
January 14, 2008
7:00 pm

***PLEASE NOTE THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED

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

MINUTES: Approval of Dec. minutes was tabled due to Dan's absence

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Marshfield Girls Co-op- Jay shared the response to co-op for girls. Marshfield wondered about long-term intentions for WIAA team. We will look into and discuss this issue.

Mite Tournaments – Concern about filling these 2 tournaments and where we are for #'s. How do we attract teams sooner in the future? (Discussion followed about scheduling them more strategically, offering early sign-up rates, and staying below other area tournament rates). A motion was made to reduce entrance fees from \$400 to \$300 to fill the tournaments. (M1 Hoffman, M2 Blakeslee) motion passed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jane shared about a recent trip she a Patty had to Antigo for a game where the association was celebrating "Antigo Hockey Days". Each team had a home game; there were raffle baskets and special events going on. It's a great way to involve an entire association and get some publicity. We may want to try this... ideas discussed (mites vs. HS, skate with the HS team and get autographs, combine with USA Hockey's lets play hockey weekend, early in season before 2nd round of learn to skate hockey registrations.)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Checking account Balance - \$47,366.06
- Money Market - \$14,910.01
- 2009 Budget was laid out based on last years spending and income. There are some variables that will change this year over last.
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BUSINESS:

Mini- Mite Tournament – We may need more ice time for this tournament. We have looked into trading or buying the time from the figure skaters. They would like to sell it to us for \$106/hr (their purchase rate). We need to wait and see what we need.

Fan Zone on the Website- This pages purpose was discussed. Chris Hoffman is going to follow up and see how easy/hard it would be to offer each team a spot on this page to post team photos. We do not want teams to feel left out.

H.S. Club
Coach?

Establish a Committee to look in to the planning of a Rapids Hockey day's event

Fundraising- Seat cushions have been ordered and will be in by the end of the month. Seat cushions will sell for \$10 and key chains \$1. This is a matching funds fundraiser. We also need any teams that have had additional fundraising this season share those numbers with us so we can turn them in. Pee Wees have had a bake sale and glass sale, Squirts did a bake sale and Mites have requested permission to try a few things as well (Chicken dinner/pizza contest). The board supports any fundraising that helps teams, but would like to know about them and needs some documentation of funds earned.

Sled Hockey – Mike has a contact that comes in. They recently were in Marshfield. We are looking into how that went.

Our matching funds grant is throughout this season only, we had originally thought we had 1 year from receiving the grant. Any association ideas are welcome.

Association members on Alternate Payment Plans will be checked on to be sure they are up on payments.

Volunteer Hours-

Posted as of December

Problem of people signing up and not showing up to work. Should they be billed? These situations will be handled if we are aware of whom the problem is with.

Maintenance hour questions- in the past we have required 5 maintenance hours. This year's policy states 15 hours of maintenance and other rink hours. This does not mean 15 maintenance hours. Home Tournament Hours were also discussed. Team managers require each family to work their "fair share" of the workload. It takes a village; if one family doesn't help at all it leaves a lot for others to pick up. Tournaments are a huge source of income for our association; we need everyone's help.

Election Committee

Chris Hoffman will chair the committee assisted by Eileen Hillila.

The board received the request from the school district for WIAA coach's salaries. We tabled the discussion and decision until next month when we have a better look at our income and expenses (farther into the season). WRPS is and always has, recommended that Gunderson and Sweeney receive equal pay. Up until now that has not been the case.

As a board, we have agreed this year that we should try to compensate them equally (as last year we did not).

Ref Reimbursement

We have 9 Pee Wee Refs. Some of these refs will not make their 10 game reimbursements due to scheduling of their games. We are asking John Baker to recommend refs for reimbursement based on their effort to work (game schedule aside). Mike G. will check with John Baker.

Our association really needs to look into the recruitment of Coaches at all levels. How do we get qualified people involved?

Neil – Campus Cycle

In Neil's contract there is a no competition clause. We need to be sensitive to his needs as well. He is ok with t-shirt sales and raffles. People come to a tournament with a certain amount of \$, we are all competing for that money.

Anyone selling something in the lobby area threatens his business as well. Anyone selling items should be cutting the association in on their profits.

Please keep Neil informed on what tournament plans are and ask before placing people in his door way.

Next Meeting: Tentative

Meeting adjourned ___8:57___ pm (M1 Blakeslee/M2 Gulenchyn)