



SYHA Board Meeting

Date: August 24th, 2015

Time: 6:30 – 8:00

Place: Mandt Center

Subject: Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Tracy Zeichert, Chris Johnson, Bart Quale, Nicole Hanson, Josh Andreas, Chris Hinrichs, John Andrews, Kristina Kopf, Kristen Vogt, Josh LaPointe

Guests: Mike Peterson, Kelly, Seth, & Isaac Tomlinson

Meeting Agenda

- Approve July 2015 Board meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve July board meeting minutes. Josh Andreas first, Nicole Hanson second, all were in favor.
- Approve July 2015 Financial report
 - Not much going on right now financially.
 - Motion to approve July financials, Josh LaPointe first, Josh Andreas second, all were in favor.

New Business

- Sign-up
 - Walk in—will be this Saturday August 29 from 9am to 12pm. Bucky Books and raffle tickets will be on site to hand out as families register.
 - 17 skaters have registered online already. Online registration needs to be streamlined, make it easier to navigate.
 - Website needs to be updated so registration is the first thing on the site when you open it up. Bart will work Wade to get this taken care of.
 - Registration sheets and forms to fill out will be on site for families to fill out on Saturday.
 - Registrations was advertised in the Hub, Great Dane, and local papers in Edgerton, Milton, Jefferson, Fort Atkinson, Cambridge, Deerfield
 - Website—Bart will get Josh Andreas and Chris Johnson administrative rights to help work on and update the website.
- RWB Update – Bart

- Meeting held 2 Thursday's ago.
- Went over rules and what is expected of all the teams in this U8 league.
- Ice times that will be available for each team need to be submitted by October 1 so the schedule can be put together for all participating teams.
- Ryan Picek is in charge of the RWB league this season.
- No full ice for U8 until April 1, new this season. In past seasons, U8 teams could skate full ice games after March 1.
- U6-looking into what those kids are allowed and not allowed to participate in in terms of games.
- Region 4 update – Tracy
 - Only 10 match penalties were assessed in all of WAHA last season (excellent), but 5 were in Region 4 (not good). Teams, clubs, and coaches will be reminded to watch what is going on, and to help correct the number of match penalties in Region 4.
 - We are losing refs, and struggling to find more. More officials are needed at all levels, even high school. Proposal to pay refs every 2 weeks instead of every month is on the table. Emails have been sent to the presidents of all the clubs.
 - RWB kids cannot play up or down without approval from Ryan Picek & _____.
 - Playdowns will be Feb 12-14, 2016. Moved back a year this year by WAHA.
 - The region 4 website is being worked on currently
 - The fall meeting will be September 16 at Madison Ice Arena at 630pm. One rep from all clubs is expected to attend.
 - The Grassroots Grant Program is accepting applications. There will be a maximum of 5 clubs from Region 4 that could receive the \$1000.00 grant. This grant can be used for almost anything hockey related. Tracy will apply for SYHA. SYHA would like to use that money for goalie & equipment for younger and first time skaters.
 - Playdown competition—leagues have changed slightly
 - Team managers are encouraged to schedule league games before the scheduling meeting if at all possible.
 - There was no mention of any teams moving up or down levels this season.
 - McFarland will be an ADM rink
 - No date for the scheduling meeting yet.

- Jr. Iceberg jerseys – Chris
 - Chris H. has looked into getting jerseys for the Jr. Icebergs. An order for 14 sets of jerseys (minimum order) plus a set of socks is on order from Hockey Giant right now.
 - SYHA cost is \$93/set of jerseys/socks or \$77/set of jerseys only. \$16/set of socks.
 - There are currently 11 U14 skaters, 1 set of jerseys has been designated for a goalie.
 - Payment for jerseys is up in the air. Should SYHA have the families purchase the jerseys? Or let them rent? A few families have had to buy new jerseys each of the past couple seasons. A few things to think of:
 - Jerseys are screen printed.
 - How many will we be able to order next time we want to order? Can we order 1 or 2 sets or do we have to order the minimum (14 sets)?
 - There seems to be some interest in families purchasing jerseys. Quality is good, sizing has been checked on.
 - 2 motions on the table for ordering jerseys for Jr. Icebergs:
 - Motion to order 28 sets of jerseys for the Jr. Icebergs: First, Josh Andreas, Second Chris Johnson, all were in favor.
 - Motion to have players purchase or rent their jerseys. First motion for players to buy by Chris Johnson, Second by Tracy Zeichert, Opposed Nicole Hanson. All others were in favor for players purchasing. Motion amended to add the potential for jersey buyback at the end of the season based on wear and tear of jerseys.
 - Motion to sell the jersey/sock sets for \$100. First Chris Johnson, Second John Andrews, all were in favor.
 - Chris Hinrichs will order 28 sets of jerseys/socks for the Jr. Icebergs
- Start date
 - Ice will be ready for use by September 14.
 - Deanne has scheduled Bucky Badger to be at our rink for skate w/ Bucky season kick off on Sunday, September 20.
 - Bart has a goalie camp scheduled at Mandt for September 26-27, 2015. This camp is open to all ages of goalies.
 - Working with the high school coaches to have a camp before the season begins as well.

- SYHA is obligated to 364 hours of ice time per our contract with Mandt.
- Scheduling meeting tends to be the third-ish weekend in October.
- Motion to hold tryouts the week of 10/5/15 and pretryout practices the week of 9/28/15, first Chris Johnson, second Josh Andreas, all were in favor.
 - Tryouts will be the week of October 5 (days & times TBD), with pre tryout warmups scheduled for the week of September 28 (days & times TBD).
- SYHA will work with other fall sports to coordinate dates and times to have the least amount of interference possible.
- Tomlinson update
 - The Tomlinson family attended the board meeting to talk about their son being reinstated at SYHA for the upcoming hockey season.
 - Isaac spoke to the board, wondering if he were allowed to come back if he would have a clean slate.
 - Bart said he is willing to give Isaac a second chance. Everyone (players, coaches, families) need to move on and learn from the mistakes that were made last year.
 - Bart mentioned there would be rules set forth that would need to be followed if Isaac were to be reinstated.
 - Chris Johnson stated a clean slate can happen, but that last year cannot happen again. Chris wants Isaac to come back with a clean slate and play hockey.
 - Lacrosse went well for Isaac last spring.
 - Josh LaPointe spoke to Isaac and mentioned how Isaac should reach out to his teammates to try and make amends, show everyone he is taking all events very seriously
 - Isaac also asked if SYHA would be having goalie tryouts this season. Yes, SYHA will be having goalie tryouts for all levels, squirts to bantams.
 - This season will be very well documented, unlike last season.
 - A motion to reinstate Isaac Tomlinson to skate at SYHA with written protocol to be followed by all players, parents, & coaches. Chris Johnson first, Josh LaPointe second. All board members are in favor, no one was against.
 - Guidelines will be clearly written out. These guidelines and stipulations will be applied to all members of the club.

Fundraising update

- Christmas tree lot, raffle tickets, and wreaths are our biggest fundraisers.
- Tree Lot
 - Location of Tree lot is key. SYHA will no longer use Bucky's Rentals for a trailer. Dollar General has said they would be willing to give SYHA use of their lot for to sell trees, but stipulations would be in effect. This would be a 1 year trial to see how things go.
 - The Stoughton Garden Center has been a great host for SYHA over the years. They burn all the brush, sell trees during the day, let SYHA store the tree lot tree stands and light poles in the off season.
 - Expenses/costs/profit for tree lot is not adding up. Better tracking of tree lot needs to be done.
 - Trees will be sold at the rink this year as well.
 - Scrip cards were suggested as a fundraiser. Tracy has looked into these as well.
 - Candy bar sales are another possibility. Candy bars were sold many years ago and were successful. Tracy said she will look into as well.
 - Tracy is also looking into another apparel company. A company who gives back a percentage of the orders placed back to the club. Maybe talk to Viking Embroidery and see if they would be willing to do a program like this to keep the orders local.

Concession Chair

- Who will be running the concession stand this year? Sally Hinrichs took over for Kristina Kopf last season, as Kristina did not have a skater in the club. The understanding and vote last summer said that Sally would run the concession stand for the 14-15 season with the understanding that the stand would return to Kristina the following season (15-16) when her child skated at SYHA again.
- Sally Hinrichs & Kristina Kopf will discuss and decide if Sally will continue running the concession stand or if the chair position should be put up for volunteers who would like to be considered for the position.

Coaches Committee

- Meeting with the coaches committee last Sunday night.
- Brad Jackson is the chair.
- Meeting went well, requests for coach interviews going out, interviews are being scheduled for August 30, 2015. A list of 5 questions was sent out to all coaching candidates so they can prepare for the interviews.
- There is competition for the head coaching position at all levels this season, and 3 potential coaches for the U6/U8 groups.

WAHA Fest

- Sessions were all day Saturday
- Marketing your club was one of the sessions John Andrews attended. Attendees were informed fliers out to students at the schools is the biggest avenue for marketing. Unfortunately, Stoughton Area School District will not allow fliers from any groups to be handed out in the schools.
- Follow up/direct contact with families is also key.
- Lots of ideas on how to encourage and retain new skaters was also presented.

Jerseys

- Wade has info for the company that helped SYHA last year get new jerseys to replace the ones that were made incorrectly.
- Wade has received the new, corrected jerseys. Families need to turn in the old jerseys and pay for the new ones before they can receive the new ones (no families paid for their jerseys yet, as the club had been working on getting them corrected).
- Josh Andreas will contact Wade to get the jerseys so the board can organize a time to for the exchange to take place.

Other

- Tournament dates were decided upon. Kristen will fill out the tournament invitational paperwork to get the dates up on WAHA's website.
 - U8 Little Vikes Winter Fest: December 5, 2015 (for U8 only)
 - U6 Little Vikes Winter Fest: February 13, 2016 (playdowns weekend)
 - March Thunder 3on3 Tournament: March 18-20, 2016 (U8-Bantams & Girls)
 - Chair for Little Vikes to be determined.

Next SYHA board meeting will be Sunday September 20, 2015 at 630pm.

Motion to adjourn Josh LaPointe first, Kristina Kopf second, all in favor.