

In attendance

Marty DeKanick	Rob Erickson	Bill Karas	Brad Kearns
Amy Underwood	Karen Wagner	Don Blankenship	Doug Schuster
Tim Olson	Dan King	Doug Folk	John Huninghake
John Dreshar	Jim Herlofsky		

Absent

Kathy Schmid

Guests

Jim Tich, Brad Kaehler, DeAnn Stolarczyk, Dave Benik, Ken Wagner, Sue Schuster, Dave Maroney, Rick Johnson, Denae Preese, John Squire, Jeanine, Tassler, Rich Brown, Jason Foesch, Eileen Tollefson, Kim Iverson, Doug Daigle, Eric Iverson, Mike Koran.

Minutes

Members were given time to review the minutes. Bill Karas motioned to approve the minutes. Amy Underwood seconded.

President's Report

Jim Herlofsky shared that he will not be running for reelection as President of SFYHA nor for any other position. Bill Karas has requested to be on the ballot for president and Amy Underwood has chosen to run for reelection in her present position. Jim, then, deferred to Doug Schuster regarding merger information. Doug presented possible scenarios for a merger with Cambridge. Jim asked how we could alleviate the problems that arose with the A Peewees this year. (i.e. Cambridge control—no or little SF input). Bill Karas asked if there were other options to pursue and guest Eric Iverson suggested a separate board to oversee the merged teams. Jim suggested also that we use both arenas and that we combine all levels at both pee-wees and bantams. Bill presented some preliminary numbers and a discussion began regarding whether or not our association could field the A programs ourselves. Guests and board members presented both sides. Continuing discussions included combining only the bantams and having a long term plan. A committee of 4 people (2 board members from each assn.) was suggested to iron out details of merger if agreed upon. The question of whether Cambridge is even interested in merging again was asked. Rich Brown, from Cambridge-Isanti's board was present and said that he felt their board would look at the issue much like we are—from both sides. It was decided that at least two of our board members would attend CI's next board meeting.

Vice President's Report

Bill Karas shared that Gladiator Wrestling, who now runs Fatboys' pull tab operations, must sign off on a combined site lease with us or they will receive 30 day notice. Pull tab booth is ready. USA Wrestling has voiced concern about joint operations. Also, Jim Herlofsky must sign off on contract at Cyndy Sues to let Chops have it. Calendar drawing is at 6pm on Jan. 10th.

Super Saints are finished—thanks to Marty DeKanick for getting high school participants and Dan Olson for the “walkers”.

Bill learned from the city that at one point \$147,950 was owed to city for arena and that there is a copy of a letter to former president, Dan Denno, from the city of East Bethel that stated that payment on the original debt was \$2400/month.

Bill also attended a D10 meeting and stated that bantams get 10-minute warm-ups, not more or less. Lastly, any parent wanting to waiver a player out of the association must do so in person, rather than by letter.

Treasurer's Report

Amy Underwood asked for ice bill from John Huninghake, Ice Purchaser. John said Terry Allen is having problems with his software and is charging tax to us. It will be a little while before it is all figured out. Also, according to Amy, there are some issues with the city regarding our concession stand and that Terry is asking us to let other programs use it. We have had problems with our material and equipment disappearing, etc in the past. John H. suggested putting together a contract and having Terry sign it.

Bantam Director's Report

Doug Schuster shared that Parents nite out at Fatboys is January 21st and begins at 7:30pm.

Ice Purchaser's Report

John Huninghake gave ice bill to Amy. Some teams are shorted on ice and Terry Allen is emailing a new list of available ice times.

Gambling Director's Report

absent

Equipment Director's Report

Doug Folk showed new SF placard for jerseys.

Girls' Director's Report

Tim Olson said the 10U parents are wondering about the ice time issues and why Terry is giving prime hours to Andover. The 12U girls will have about 6 or 7 players and will likely need to waiver out. 3 team banners are ready and there are 6 more to do.

ACE Director's Report

Nothing to report.

Peewee Director's Report

Nothing to report.

Squirt Director's Report

Don Blankenship requested money to cover Princeton ice bill. Ice bill is for fall hours prior to tryouts. He said that since we usually have a pre-tryout clinic for kids, the ice was purchased to take its place. He would like the board to consider this since we failed to provide the clinic. John Huninghake said that we usually have the kids pay part of the cost of a fall clinic so it would make sense to ask the participating families to pay a certain amount per hour. John then proposed to pay the ice bill and to have Don and Brad Kearn (peewees had some ice time, too) to recoup as much of the cost as possible. Bill Karas seconded. Lastly, Don said the manager of the B squirts is wondering where the Fatboys money is going, especially since they have a significant bill at Dave's Sport Shop for warm-ups that the kids have not gotten. The B squirts may use the money to pay for the warm ups but they are must have Fatboys logo on them.

Mite Director's Report

Marty asked about payment for jamborees. Spring Lake Park jamboree is paid for; others are applied to individual ice bills. Also, a parent had requested to move a Super Saint into the mites. Amy said it was not possible due to roster sign off.

House Director's Report

Nothing to report.

Volunteer Director's Report

Karen Wagner said that if there are any issues with the Schwan's fundraising, contact her. Banquet is going to be the 3rd weekend in March at Fatboys, lunch buffet, no alcohol, 1-4pm.

Secretary's Report

Dan asked for a Fatboys logo to go on the website and Puck News items.

Guest's Concerns

Guests attending were interested in the merger information. Numerous guest voiced concerns about the merger, mostly in support of finding a way for our kids to play at a more competitive level, but successfully.

Tim Olson motioned to adjourn. Bill Karas seconded. Meeting adjourned.