

In attendance

Marty DeKanick	John Huninghake	Amy Underwood	Brad Kaehler	Bill Karas
Karen Wagner	Guy Farah	Dan King	Darren Rodine	Tina Mraz
Don Blankenship	Doug Folk	John Dreshar	Rob Erickson	Cory Denny

Absent Kathy Schmid

Guests Sally Mishler, Jill Orttel, Bill Robyt, Dave Maroney, Jeff Palmer, Ken Wagner, Rick Wind

Minutes Members were given time to review the minutes. Darren Rodine motioned to approve the minutes. Tina Mraz seconded. Minutes approved.

President's Report

Bill Karas asked Tina Mraz to speak about the 10U issues. She said that there are 18 10U players and 5 8U girls have agreed to move up. Tina wants two balanced 10U B teams. Joe Fredrickson, high school girls coach, agrees. The split would be supervised by the board and would go back and forth from tryout ranking--#1 ranked player on one team, #2 ranked player on the other and so on. Tina asked that two sisters, Amelia and Abbie Orttel, be placed on the same team, however. The board agreed. Ken Wagner, guest, suggested posting a flier at the arena during tryouts that explained the process which was agreed upon. Tina finished by informing the board that there will still be an 8U team.

Bill spoke about the upcoming tryouts. He said that a decision was made to accommodate the football players. Those who miss a day of judges scoring will have the one score from the judges doubled. Bill said that due to this conflict we must consider moving tryouts back to Friday, Saturday evening, and Sunday next year. He also suggested that we have three nights of judging in the future and throw out the lowest score. The tryout procedures need to be posted including the uniform appearance of the players—sock colors, etc. Bill brought up the issue of not allowing assistant coaches in the arena during tryouts. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Blankenship to allow the assistant coaches in the arena during the last day of tryouts. Darren Rodine seconded. Motion carried with one opposed. Lastly, Bill shared feedback on the preseason clinic. Some parents expressed concern that Jeff Palmer was not present as communicated in the emails and in the flier. Also, some squirts thought the clinic was not “fun”. Dan King shared that those who ran the clinic in Palmer’s absence, however, were very capable and focused on skills and fundamentals.

Vice President's Report

Darren Rodine shared that he was interested to discuss the bantam issue which would be discussed later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Amy Underwood shared deposit amounts from registration. She will only accept registration for new or returning players who have not registered if done by October 8th. Amy would like to purchase a photo copier to replace hers, which is no longer working. She will get costs and come back with a proposal.

Secretary's Report

Dan King handed out copies of an updated Code of Conduct and asked for a motion to accept the new Code of Conduct. Tina Mraz motioned to accept the new Code of Conduct and John Dreshar seconded. Dan said he will post this on the website. Dan mentioned that he attended a coaching clinic and was told that any assistant coach who does not have an updated card and is caught on the bench will cause the head coach as well as that assistant coach to be suspended. He asked that age directors make sure that all coaches have their proper certification. He also said that a head referee from District 8 told the group that they are already receiving calls about coaches not wearing helmets during practices, even if the practice is for a league not sanctioned by USA Hockey. In addition, the head referee shared that they are calling 40-50 penalties a game in USA Hockey sanctioned summer leagues and that ALL scrimmages, including controlled scrimmages count against Squirt game totals. Lastly, he asked that the board, in late December or early January, evaluate Jeff Palmer clinics being held throughout the season. The board agreed.

Bantam Director's Report

Rob Erickson introduced Bill Robyt, the bantam coach, to the board. Together they spoke about the potential loss of 8th graders to the high school program. Robyt said that if he loses a significant number of players to the high school there will be no way the team could compete at a B1 level. He felt that if we allow the high school to take all the 8th graders we won't have a solid bantam program and he sees that as destructive to the association. Jeff Palmer, boys' high school coach, then spoke, indicating that if he wasn't able to have the best players from the bantams, he would not be able to have a JV team. The association determined that it could not get involved since it was a parent's decision to allow his son to play for the high school team. However, we could encourage players to stay in the bantam program. Amy Underwood reminded everyone that the last day to sign up for SFYHA is October 8th and any bantam age player must have his paperwork in by that date in order to be able to play on the bantam team if cut by the HS. Lastly, Rob said that a former high school player, Justin Niese, is interested in being an assistant coach.

Ice Purchaser's Report

Brad Kaehler sent out September and October ice schedules to everyone on the board. He has scheduled the mite and Palmer hours throughout the year and goalie clinics are scheduled through October.

Gambling Director's Report

Kathy Schmid was absent but Bill Karas handed out monthly reports, shared that the start up loan had been paid off, that there is still \$5000.00 that needs to come back to the association. Last month, gambling revenue was \$12,704 gross and \$1300 net.

Equipment Director's Report

Doug Folk had nothing to report.

Girls' Director's Report

Tina Mraz asked that the 10U girls teams be called "blue" and "white", not 1 or 2, etc. She said one team will have 11 skaters and one will have 12. She said that she is accommodating Emily Brigham's request to waive out, since we do not have 12U team and wondered where Dakotah Bullen, another 12U was skating since she had not heard from the family. Tina also asked if the Fatboys logo needed to be on apparel this year. She was told that it was only for those teams who received money from them last year and that it did not apply this year.

ACE Director's Report

John Dreshar said the tryouts were set and that he would post procedures.

Peewee Director's Report

Guy Farah said he still had a couple of players who are registered but who may not play. He figured that he would have 11-12 players on each of the two peewee teams.

Squirt Director's Report

John Huninghake is waiting on tryout information before declaring the squirt team levels.

Mite Director's Report

Marty DeKanick said he had some more mites sign up and that the Minnesota Wild date was set—Friday, December 29th at 7pm. He has 177 tickets, 20 of which went to golf tournament. When details are final, Dan will post on the website.

House Director's Report

Don Blankenship said he would bring a grill and food to cook for the tryout judges.

Goalie Director's Report

Corey Denny said that there was a decent turnout for the goalie clinics—6 on Saturday and 8 on Sunday. He asked if the high school could provide shooters. Rob Erickson said that HS players can be out there as long as they are declared "student coaches".

Volunteer Director's Report

Karen Wagner said that the golf fundraiser went well, but there was one sponsor who was upset because a hole that was sponsored did not have a sign advertising her contribution. There will be efforts to correct this. She also said that she had secured the tryout volunteers.

New Business

Bill Karas said that he is having preliminary discussions regarding a mite jamboree that SFYHA could hold later in the season with Cambridge and North Branch. He asked board members to think about it.

Guests

Jeff Palmer shared that some of the issues we are having with numbers and players desiring to waive out of the association are due to its size. He said that when the numbers are there, issues take care of themselves. He said we should start to consider an end of the year tournament to make money for the association and in which the SFYHA teams may be able to skate for free. He would like to have a planning meeting in December to start planning for next year's recruiting. Rick Wind was present to ask for \$1600 for 10U tournaments. John Dreshar motioned to accept the request. Don Blankenship seconded. Motion passed.

Brad Kaehler motioned to adjourn. Corey Denny seconded. Meeting adjourned.