

## **Shawano Hockey League Board Meeting at Crawford Center December 14, 2011:**

**1. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by President Gregg Wittman at 7:30p.m. Board members not present but excused were Sandy Chapman, John Dillenberg, Tressa Dorn, Jerad Marsh, and Abe Lundt. All other Board members present.

**2. Correspondence/Visitors:** Visitors were Jeanie Lewis and Steve Sorenson. Lewis discussed that the expenditure for High School related decals displayed on the rink glass were not approved by the High School. Also, after a preceding very busy concession weekend the concessions were not yet stocked fully for the following week night high school game.

Motion by Aschenbrenner, second by Gagnow that the League pays one-half of the cost of the High School related decals - approved. Lewis left the meeting.

### **3. Presidents Report:**

- a. Motion by Olson, second by Gagnow to approve November 16<sup>th</sup> minutes – approved.
- b. President Wittman stated that the Crawfords have granted the League \$10,080 of which an amount is earmarked for skater ships. It was mentioned that this season a couple of the younger goalies received assistance in obtaining their goalie gear.
- c. Skate with Santa event went well and there were many in attendance.
- d. Dynamic Designs was mentioned as a provider of windbreakers. The League will look at other possible vendors for windbreakers before making a decision on purchase.
- e. Open skate is covered under the Vice President's report to follow.
- f. Liz Wittman has requested an updated sponsor list for purposes of updating the website.
- g. The Crawfords will confirm the timing of their Christmas Eve family skate with Travis Olson.
- h. Thank you cards for the Crawfords will be made by youth team players and the High School team will purchase cards.
- i. The heater in the score box is not providing sufficient warmth in that area. The Dingeldein family will donate lumber to put up plastic over the score box area to help keep the heat in.
- j. Gregg Wittman communicated a family travel schedule and that they'd be back on Christmas day.

Gregg Wittman mentioned that a thank you letter has been sent to the provider of the Santa suit.

**4. Vice president:** Vice-President Tressa Dorn, who was not present, provided a written report of which excerpts are as follows:

- a. Skate with Santa:
  - i. Thank you. It was stated that the Board should remember that everyone has positions and in those positions we need to make sure we are doing what we are assigned to do.
  - ii. We have many people in the younger groups that are willing to learn. We need to get them trained so that we have more people around the rink who can step in at any time. If you need help with assignments let me (Tressa) know and an email will be sent out.

**b. Open Skate:**

- i.* A person must be a member of the League to work concessions.
- ii.* Letters will be sent to parents of children who cause trouble at open skate asking that they do not come back to the rink.
- iii.* On ice supervisors will wear orange vests and will tell kids they will be asked to leave the rink if they do not behave.

**c. Thank you Cards:**

An email will go out tonight reminding parents to have their children make cards for the Crawfords and sponsors. Supplies will be made available at the rink to do this.

**d. Zamboni Drivers:**

About six or more people combined from mites and squirts have signed up to learn to zamboni. Training is being scheduled.

**e. County Board:**

Nothing new to report.

**f. Tournaments:**

- i.* Sign-up sheets are up for workers to sign up to get hours in.
- ii.* Jessie Lundt is working on the tournament concession schedule.
- iii.* A meeting will be held with Penny Block, Sara Gagnow and tournament directors to make sure we are ready for tournaments to be held in Shawano.
- iv.* Travis Olson will have additional information on tournaments.

**c. Concessions:**

- i.* The food pantry was grateful for the food that was collected by the League on their behalf. The high school won the food drive and their pizza party prize will be scheduled.
- ii.* Pro shop sales are increased from last year with signs advertising the items for sale in concessions.
- iii.* Food has been selling well and Tressa is shopping for food items every week. We are removing walking tacos from the menu and adding soup and subs. Spaghetti may be added for tournament weekends.

In addition to Tressa's written report under concessions High School concession was discussed. It was agreed that the high school would receive a weekend to do concession; Jessie should be contacted. High school will receive 40% of sales for the High School account. The weekend is to be determined.

Children under sixteen years old are not allowed behind the concession door.

**5. Treasurer:** Treasurer Simons stated that he has reconciled the inventory of shirts but needs to find more rolls of hockey tape to reconcile that inventory. Perhaps there was an error in beginning inventory of hockey tape. Financials have been sent out and the League is doing well financially. Pizza money is in and paid. We may owe the County additional rent for ice time rented to third parties, and if so, it will be paid.

**6. Registrar:** Registrar Chapman not present.

**7. Secretary:** Secretary Aschenbrenner had no report.

**8. Program:** See attached copy provided by Program Director Olson. Shirts to be sold at the tournament were discussed.

Motion by Olson, second by Gagnow to purchase \$1,000 of shirts at various sizes for Shawano home tournaments – approved.

**9. Rink:** Johnson reported all is going well. A sheet of glass has been ordered from Dearco to replace a damaged one. He will be getting a quote from Dearco to replace the 7 or 8 sheets of plexi-glass that we have up in spots in our rink. A door in the rink needs to be repaired from being damaged by the zamboni. Zamboni drivers are to be cautious when driving.

**10. Fundraising:** Dillenburg was not present to report. It was stated that pizzas have been ordered for the pizza fundraiser. Gambler tickets have been mailed for the 7:05pm January 13<sup>th</sup> game at which we have the 50/50 raffle.

**11. Concession:** Concessions were discussed under the Vice-Presidents report previous.

**12. Marketing:** Gagnow stated that car wash cards are in. Another skate rack was discussed and visitor Steve Sorenson volunteered to build the additional skate rack. Gagnow showed a nice menu board made for concessions donated by Wingfoot. They will be donating a second one.

**13. Volunteer Management:** Marsh was not present to report.

**14. Participant Equipment:** Lundt was not present to report. We discussed purchasing hockey training obstacles for skaters to practice moving around which are the size of a skater with a stick (attack triangles).

Motion Olson, Second Simons to purchase ten attack triangles at \$25.00 each for hockey training – approved.

**15. New Business:**

Visitor Sorenson drew a raffle ticket from the Twelve Days of Christmas ticket bin and Aschenbrenner and Simons recorded it.

**16. Future Agenda Topics:** None noted.

Motion to adjourn was approved - meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be at the rink on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Aschenbrenner  
Secretary

**1. Scheduling –**

- a. There are a few minor changes that have happened. (rescheduling)
- b. Mite schedule is still a work in progress we are waiting on other organizations to pick their dates.
- c. Rental Ice –GB Jr Gamblers are renting almost all Wed. nights through Dec.
- d. We have 4 or 5 Community Groups that have scheduled ice rental
- e. Have sent out practice schedule times that will change because of HS Games.
- f. Appleton U14 is renting the ice 2/26
- g. HS Challenge Course will be using rink for Broom Ball Dec 19-22. Do we charge?

**2. Coaching –**

- a. Most have online course complete. Others are doing now. (A reminder has been sent to all who haven't)

**3. Tournaments –**

- a. All tournaments will be a go. Squirts – Full, PeeWees – Full, Bantams – 5
- b. Trophies – We will go with Feight's out of Rhinelander. We did add Consolation Trophy. Total for trophies 620.77. This was lowest bid.
- c. Will be emailing schedules end of Dec start of Jan to Tournament Teams.
- d. Tournament Worker schedules are up at rink.
- e. Tournament Shirts?
- f. Depending on number of teams in Bantam Tournament we may be having a skills competition during the break in games on Sat. Fastest Skater, Fastest Team, Shoot Out, and Shot Accuracy. Each team can have 4 skaters and 1 goalie compete.

**4. New Items –**

- a. Dec 17 is our Mite-Cross Ice Jamboree. This event will host close to 160 kids. Schedule has been sent out to all leagues participating. Friday night after HS game we will need to do some setup to be ready for Sat morning.
- b. SHL Holiday Clinic Dec 30/31 - is scheduled I have heard great responses to this so far. Ryan Branham (Branham Hockey/Parisi Speed School) and Scott Dunham (Southern Oregon Spartans Jr A NORPAC) will be assisting me.

## **New Items – Cont.**

- c. Green Bay Gamblers will be holding a clinic for SHL Skaters Dec 26 6-8. This was in exchange for freeing up 2 nights of ice so the Jr Gamblers could hold practice as they had no ice. We will still be getting paid for ice.
- d. We had one new player sign up. Squirt age but playing in house with Mites for a while.
- e. We have another new Mite signing up before Dec 31 (Skylar Webster's little brother)
- f. Oct-Nov Ice Rental invoice has been mailed to Jr. Gamblers.
- g. Feb 18 is 2<sup>nd</sup> Try Hockey for Free Day. USA Hockey has not sent out info on this yet I am expecting after Jan 1.
- h. Refs – Dave Mather from GB Refs Assc came in and did evals last weekend on Tom Cumberland, Austin & Adam Steinbach, and Sam Jentsch at my request. I have gotten the evals back and Dave and I will be putting a program together to improve our reffing with some of the refs. Right now Adam and Sam are our most qualified refs. For our tournaments all SHL refs will be working with a Senior Refs from GB Refs Assc. The big comment on most of the evals is the refs are not studying the rule book.
- i. I am at Region 3 meeting on Dec 15. Will have Play Down schedule after mtg.