

**IYHA Board Meeting**  
**1/21/04**  
**Minutes by Marsha Emerson**

**In Attendance (Board Members):** Sharon Kasel, Wayne Stokes, Louise Watson, Susan Doney, Bill Troy, Terry Fisk, Tom Hartshorne, Marsha Emerson, Tim Cretney.

**Association Members present were:** Brian Belyea, Tiger Gregoire, Kevin Kimber, Chris Grippin.

- Moved to have the minutes of the 12/17/03 board meeting approved. All in favor.
- President's Report: Have not been able to meet with Peter Grossman. Will be meeting with him next Monday to find out exactly what he does. Want to really look at registration for next year.
- Schedulers Report: Everything is going smoothly. Pre-sectionals are all set up. We are done with contracted ice at the end of February for what we budgeted for. St. Patrick's Day Tournament ice is already blocked. Need to add mite house/squirt to the distribution list for ice times.
- Treasurers Report: Tim handed out updated report. There is \$145,000 balance as of 12/31/03. \$47,600 has been paid out in invoices. New bank account is now at Tompkins Trust Company. Looking at new CD for next year to get a better interest rate. Still need to pay for ice for February. Budget looks in good shape.
- VP Reports:

Travel: Good tournaments over past few weekends. There were some schedule changes in the schedule for the PeeWee/Bantam tournament. Feel we should accommodate the visiting teams.

Snowbelt: No problems. All rosters are in.

House/Initiation: If numbers go up in mites and squirts we can go back to split groups. Not many squirts showing up. Tiger Gregoire agrees that we need to split the mite and squirt groups up. Tiger feels that players are not showing up because they are very unhappy with the program. There are some coaches in Initiation 1 and 2 that are very unhappy. The kids are not getting the education they need with the stations combined with the two groups. We need to change program next year or we will not get good numbers. Need to look at different ways to divide Initiation 1, 2, and Mite House, so Squirt House will have their own team. Possibly make Squirt House a rec league. Consider

adding the squirt level to Joe Sullivan's rec league. Very positive responses to rec league. Need to get communication out to parents this year that there will be significant changes to the program next year. Too late in the season to make any physical changes in the program this year. Need to divide people to run house programs. Running both programs is too much for 1 person to do. Someone suggested to get extra ice slots for remainder of the season for the squirts to play a few games. Also suggested was to have 1 head coach to eliminate the confusion of too many coaches doing too many different things. Coaches need to communicate among themselves.

- Tournament Report: Mite/Squirt Tournament all set. There will be 4 teams per division. Checks are in for the PeeWee/Bantam Tournament. St. Patrick's Day Tournament is not full yet. Have 1 check in hand and a couple of verbal commitments. There have been thoughts about having a Mite House tournament at The Rink 3/19-21. Sue will talk to Steve Fontana to see if they would be interested.
- Fund Raising Committee: Not much to report. Need to start thinking about the golf tournament. A meeting will happen within the next month. Bill Troy, Larry Young, and Brent Stephans are on the committee.
- New Business: Mike Kasel is stepping down as director of the summer in-line program. Sue will send out an announcement to the membership. Tom Addy wants to talk to the Board about moving team tryouts earlier. Louise proposed to do a formal program review in February or March of all levels so we know what to look for next year. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea.
- Other: Chris Grippin said that he would put game scores on the IYHA website if someone volunteered to compile it. We could have managers email Chris with the information. Sharon will contact the coaches to let them know to send the information to Chris.
- Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2003 at 6:00 pm at The Rink.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.