

IYHA Board Meeting
2/18/04
Minutes by Marsha Emerson

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

Association Members present were: Pat Musa, Tom Addy, Chris Grippin.

- Moved to have the minutes of the 1/21/04 board meeting approved. All in favor.
- President's Report: Joe Sullivan suggested that IYHA participate in the Ithaca Festival parade. Louise put in an application. Discussed 2003-04 Program Review draft. Motion to approve and use review form. All in favor. Louise will send out the review form with a cover letter or opening paragraph. Have not decided if the form will be sent out electronically or via regular mail. Will have copies at the table at Exhibition Weekend. Will add a sentence to the questions to give us positive responses too. Louise met with Peter Grossman, the current registrar, who is retiring after this year. He uses a database program sent by USA Hockey. Thinking about taking over the responsibility within the Board, and possibly splitting the duties between Marsha and Tim. Need to decide if we want to keep the registrar position with a separate person, or absorb it as part of the Board. Tim will look over the database program. Really want to improve the way we do registration. Thinking about stepping away from a separate registration day, and do it by mail maybe sometime in July. Would only request form and check. All other forms would be handed out by the team managers at the beginning of the season. Majority expressed interest in keeping a specific registration day. Need to have ice costs first before we can set fees. Louise asked everyone to think about ways to improve registration for next year. Strongly feel that we should move registration up as early as possible. Will table this idea for now, and discuss it at the meeting next month.
- Schedulers Report: Need to firm up what teams are doing for ice in March. Teams are paying for their own ice for March. Contracted ice is until the end of February. Rec league is also scheduled to be done at the end of February.
- Treasurers Report: Tim handed out an updated report as of 2/18/04. The bank balance is at \$48,505.39. We should end the season with approximately \$20,000.00 left in the bank account after all the ice is paid for. The Rec League brought in good numbers this year. Need to raise the tournament fees next year. We have now received our DBA. Received bill from Cass Park for broken glass. Agreed to give Joe Sullivan 2 more weeks of ice at Cass Park for the Rec League.
- VP Reports:
 - Travel: The PeeWees and Bantams advanced to sectionals. Squirts did not advance.
 - Snowbelt: Nothing new. A midget player received a 2 game misconduct.

- Tournament Report: Travel tournaments went well. There are 14 teams in the St. Patricks Day Tournament, with a 3 game guarantee. Exhibition Weekend is this weekend, and Jessie Emerson is organizing. Will need to pay for 1 - 2 hours of additional ice for Exhibition Weekend. We have medals for the house teams. Programs/yearbooks are not ready yet, but will be picked up on Saturday. Still waiting for house team pictures which just arrived. Tee shirts were ordered on Wednesday, and will be finished on time. There will be Board members present throughout the day on Saturday. Will be doing chuck-a-puck and 50/50 raffle. Raffle tickets for the baskets will be free this year. Jessie wanted to have it as an appreciation give away.
- Fund Raising Committee: Have not heard anything about golf tournament.
- New Business: Pam Hanna suggested that we do something for the goalie situation next year for Midget Snowbelt. Having 3 goalies is hard. Tom Addy suggested changing the timing of tryouts to the spring for the following year to see if benefits the association. Discussed the pros and cons of moving tryouts earlier. A few pros would be for the squirts moving to peewees would benefit from another 5 months of growth. Also everyone would still be in shape from the season, rather than not skating over the summer and then tryouts in September. Scheduling wise it would be a significant help/difference. One of the main problems that people foresee is having year round skating that families do not want. Could still pick teams in the spring and have the summer skating program, but not make it mandatory. If we moved tryouts up to the spring we would also open it for the UNY teams. Also discussed that the summer skating program should be designed for everyone, not just travel tryouts. Another possibility would be to move registration up earlier to the middle of August, and then have tryouts near the end of August. Will discuss it again at the next board meeting in March.
- Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 6:00 pm at The Rink.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.