

**IYHA Board Meeting**  
**3/17/04**  
**Minutes by Marsha Emerson**

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

**Association Members present were:** Wendy Fuller, Sonja Baylor, Sara Gibbons, Ron Wilder, Barb Belyea, Chris Grippin, Nancy Woodard, Sandy Hagin, Mike Kasel, Chris Gibbons, Beau Baylor.

- Moved to have the minutes of the 2/18/04 board meeting approved. All in favor.
- President's Report: Only received 15 survey responses. Will do follow-up letter to association asking for input. Overall responses were good - vice presidents not very visible, no complaints about practice time, fees are okay, did not like mixed squirt/mite league, confusion on fundraising, loved initiation/house fee, happy with schedule, do not like late ice times, etc.
- Schedulers Report: The Rink has collected fees from teams for March ice. Terry has collected from some teams for Cass Park ice for March. Sharon has talked to Russ Johnson about ice costs for next year, and prices might not go up.
- Treasurers Report: Tim handed out an updated report as of 3/16/04. Account in good shape. Should be able to purchase 2-3 new sets of jerseys for next year. Snowbelt teams and mite travel are possible teams for the new jerseys. Also handed out a report of Exhibition Weekend as of 2/13/04. Came out with a loss of \$486.19. Suggestion for next year to sell raffle tickets. Also suggested to give everyone in the association a yearbook instead of charging \$3.00. Tax return is done, just needs to be signed by Louise.
- VP Reports:

Travel: Louise reported for Wayne that he will talk to the travel coaches regarding the summer skate program. The consensus is to have a more open summer skate program, not a travel tryout program as in previous years. PeeWees lost before the crossover game in states, and the Bantams got knocked out in the crossover.

UNY: None of our teams won the McKie Cup. The squirt tournament was held in Morrisville. It was a successful UNY season.

Snowbelt: None of our teams made it to the JAM finals. Credentials for the visiting teams were a problem. Snowbelt will be making some changes to split, so there will not be any trips more than 1 hour (20 teams).
- Tournament Report: Need to have a volunteer(s) to run Exhibition Day next year. PeeWee's won St. Patrick's Day Tournament. Oswego

team brought some high school players which was a concern. Six team format for the Bantams did not work out great. It was too many teams. Need to keep it to 4 teams.

- Fund Raising Committee: Bill is working with Brent Stephans on the golf tournament. They are looking at sometime in June. Will be talking to the person in charge at the Trumansburg golf course. Louise received a package regarding a letter writing campaign. It is designed to have the players from our association write letters asking for money for our program. Louise has the material if we want to look into it. She will review it and let us know how it looks.
- Old Business:  
Registrar Position - Tim looked over the program from Peter Grossman and said he will try it. Board voted to have Tim take on registrar's job in addition to treasurer's position. All in favor.

VP of House/Initiation Programs - all in favor to keep it one position for both programs but have someone appointed to each of the groups to be in charge. Will have some kind of house type option for the squirt level for next year. Need to decide soon so we can let the association members know our plans for next year. Will wait until registration to get numbers.

Summer Program - Wayne has tentatively held ice at Lynah Rink. Need to talk to Russ first to discuss ice at The Rink. Ron Wilder volunteered to run summer ice skate once a week for midgets. Tom Addy spoke with some other coaches and the consensus was to open the summer skate program more generally, so the travel coaches do not have to run the program. There is a need to do something with goalie development and we might be able to work it into the summer skate program. It was suggested to have a goalie coach to work with multiple teams during the season. Louise will send out a letter to the association to see who is interested in the summer skate program.

Moving Registration/Tryouts Earlier - discussed doing pre-registration again next year, but we need to have contracted ice by July so it will not make much difference. UNY VP needs to have at least 1 week to 10 days to pick coaches. Suggestion is to keep registration/tryouts at the same time and starting the UNY season later. All in favor to not change the registration. Registration will be in September again for next year.

Joe Miller offered to advertise for registration for IYHA.

- New Business:  
Barb Belyea handed out a proposal regarding tournaments and a budget report for the Mite/Squirt tournament held in January 2004. Squirt families were not happy with what their team made. The parents from this year are discouraged to do it again next year if they do not make any money. We need to increase tournament fees or charge a gate fee.

We also need to clarify the Board of Directors expectations to the managers and tournament directors and communicate to everyone. There was positive

feedback from the Squirt Snowbelt tournament. They had some problems with the midget rosters for the tournament.

Coaches Expenses - Ron Wilder suggested that teams with coaches with no children on the team should not have the entire burden of expenses. It should be spread out within the association. March Ice Expenses -

Teams that were state bound were unhappy that they had to pay for March ice out of their pockets. Should implement the tryout fees to go toward this expense. Louise said the Board will explore ways to pay for this in the budget for next year.

Nominating Committee - consists of 2 association members and 1 board member. Chris Grippin, Beau Baylor and Sharon Kasel volunteered to be on this committee for next year. There are 3 open positions (Wayne, Bill Sue), and 1 position to be re-elected (Tom).

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 6:00 pm at The Rink.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.