

AVAHA June Board Meeting Minutes 6/8/2022

Attendance: Stormie Trevizo, Kyle Fuller, McKenzie McNeil, Michelle Stearns, Eric Gunter, Cherei Miller, Nicole Fuller, Taryn Howcroft, Jody Howcroft

Assignments and Due Dates:

- Eric approach WP about September ice. 7/18/22.
- Cherie inquire about Mite/Mini rosters and deadlines by July board meeting.
- Crista email UAHA president about meeting in August by July board meeting.
- McKenzie & Jody Learn to Skate program structure by July board meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

-Old Business-

- Michelle met with the Oilers' Rep Alaina, Western Parks Rep. Melanie, and Uintah County Rep. Tracy. Fundraising in terms of boards, banners, and ice spots will be shared with the Oilers Jr. Hockey team.
 - When the county brought in the Oilers they decided that both AVAHA and the Oilers would need to share sponsorships. Michelle and Alaina are working on a plan to benefit both parties. They have come up with some great ideas to make this work for everyone involved.
- Park City has not responded to Eric's inquiries about what registration platform they use. Eric will continue to inquire to see if it is something we can use for any future season.
 - ❖ Michelle made a motion that AVAHA will be sticking with SportsEngine for the 2022-2023 season.
 - Cherei seconded the motion.
 - Crista aye
 - Eric aye
 - Stormie aye
 - McKenzie aye
 - Michelle aye
 - Cherie aye
 - Motion carries. AVAHA will use SportsEngine for registration.
- Ice Price- Our ice time price was brought up. We are getting a really good deal from Uintah County and Western Parks. If ice price increases, we will need to raise registration fees.

-New Business-

- Eric will be meeting with Missy, WP Rep. Melanie, Uintah County Rep. Tracy, and Oilers' Rep. Alaina on July 19, 2022 to figure out the 2022-2023 season ice schedule. Scheduling will be changing this year. We will find out more information after the meeting.
 - ❖ Michelle made a motion to approach Western Parks to purchase ice time in September. Purchasing Ice time in September will benefit AVAHA and help support the Oilers to get ice earlier. They need ice in September for their season.
 - McKenzie seconded the motion.
 - Eric aye
 - Stormie aye
 - Cherie aye
 - Crista aye

- Michelle aye
 - McKenzie aye
 - Motion carries.
- Eric and Missy will approach Western Parks about purchasing ice time in September.
- McKenzie will reach out to a skating coach to see about hiring him to do clinics. This would be a good use of the September ice if it is approved.
- Western Park's and AVAHA's relationship: There are concerns about how some AVAHA members treat Western Park's employees and the facility. We will ask Missy if she can continue to be the AVAHA Rep. for communication between AVAHA and Western Park. Michelle will be the AVAHA Rep. to communicate with Western Parks about fundraising.
- Rink Dividers: Michelle printed off information for the board to review about the rink dividers. There are a lot of positives in using rink dividers.
 - Help keep players in proper groups and younger players contained.
 - Can divide the ice for 3 vs 3 games.
 - All age division can use them.
- There are also some down sides to using them.
 - They take time to take down and put up.
 - Mites aren't sure they would need to use them all the time.
 - They could cut into ice time to set up and put away.
- An idea to help be able to set up and take down is not to Zam in between sessions...
- We will need to decide if we want to purchase rink dividers. If we do we should have Ashleigh Lindquest search for a grant to help fund them.
- Eric asked about the Adult tournament fundraiser for the rink dividers. AVAHA had decided in the May Board Meeting that AVAHA would donate ice time, however we can't schedule it. If AVAHA schedules the ice time for the tournament it would have to be USA Hockey sanctioned.
- ❖ McKenzie motioned that AVAHA move forward with the plan to purchase the rink dividers.
 - Michelle seconded the motion.
 - Stormie aye
 - Cherei aye
 - Eric aye
 - McKenzie aye
 - Michelle aye
 - Motion carries. AVAHA will purchase rink dividers.
- Mini/Mite Registration- Cherei can create 2 seasons for Mites and Minis. We need to get information on Mite rostering deadlines so we can make sure both seasons can happen. Cherei will look into Mite rostering and deadlines.
- Jody Howcroft proposed that the 1st season for Mites/Minis start when we get ice and run until Dec. 15th. Second season registration will open Dec. 15th and second season will run from Jan. 1st til the end of standard season.
- There are concerns about letting new players start midseason and holding back players that have been playing since the beginning of the season.
- Jody Howcroft shared that with Mites and Minis they lose attention fast, about 45 minutes and that is it. Our goal as an association is to grow the number of players we have in our league. If we pick up 2 or 3 players a season how can that be a bad thing?

- Luke Fuller has a concern about getting a lot of new players the 2nd season session and not having enough coaches to accommodate.
 - It was asked if we could have Bantam or High School players help as student coaches?
 - The older kids can help as student coaches. Each student coach will need to fill out the student coaching application through USA Hockey. AVAHA Coaching Director Slade will need to do a student coaching clinic as well.
- It was asked how many coaches are needed? It was decided that for about 15-20 mite players it would be nice to have 4-5 coaches. USA Hockey standard says for every 6-7 players there is 1 coach.
- Friday Mite practice is difficult for coaches. Scheduling won't be able to be discussed until the July meeting with the county, WP, and the Oilers.
- It was asked if Mites and Minis would like to participate in the wreath sales in exchange for volunteer hours. Mites and Minis coaches Kyle Fuller and Jody Howcroft say yes. This would be optional.
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- Mite/Mini Program-
 - Needs more coaches.
 - Procedures need to be in written form so there is no confusion when it comes to running the program.
 - Play up still needs to go through all the proper channels. The play up policy is the same for Mites and Minis as it is for Squirts, Peewees, and Bantams.
 - Mini practice time will be dropped to 45 minutes.
- ❖ McKenzie made a motion for AVAHA to purchase refillable water bottles for every team to use to fill up and have for use if players forget their water bottles.
 - Michelle seconded the motion.
 - Crista aye
 - Eric aye
 - Stormie aye
 - Motion carries. Denim will be asked to purchase refillable water bottles for each team.
- Learn to Skate:
 - This task should be spread through all the AVAHA coaches to teach. We should encourage them to volunteer for this. We cannot require them to teach learn to skate.
 - Try Hockey for Free Day will be for 10 years and under only.
 - At the beginning of the season? September?
 - McKenzie and Jody Howcroft will be in charge of finalizing the Learn to Skate program. We will follow up on the Learn to Skate program in July board meeting.
- Team Manager Budget: Each team was given \$1500.00 for team parties, coaches gifts, Christmas, etc. Taryn will review last years budget and create a budget for the 2022-2023 season and bring it to the board for approval.
- Fundraising Auction Items for Cornhole, Board Approval: Michelle will email all the auction requests and items for the board to review and the board will vote for approval through digital communication.

- AVAHA Reputation: We need to make it clear to our coaches that we will back them when it comes to discipline. AVAHA will be holding players, parents, coaches, board members, committee members, directors, and anyone associated with AVAHA accountable. Actions will have consequences.
- Utah Letter: AVAHA approached Utah Amateur Hockey Association about being considered to travel out of state more, due to the nearest hockey team being 2 plus hours away in any direction. Utah hasn't responded as of yet.
- The UAHA Board President sent an email requesting to come and meet with the board. He is a new president and want to get to know all the association needs of Utah. Crista will email the president and ask what date in August would work best for him.

Table for future Board Meeting:

- Cornhole Auction
- Logo/Jerseys
- Delinquent Registration Payment

June 9, 2022

- Western Parks Representative Melanie contacted Michelle. Western Parks is meeting with the engineer on Monday, June 13, 2022 to discuss and plan for the rink remodel. Melanie would like to know if AVAHA had any special requests for the rink remodel. A few of the ideas shared were:
 - Bigger girl's locker room.
 - Water fountains with bottle fillers.

June 10, 2022

- McKenzie provided the board with information Grunnah Power Skating & Hockey School (GPS Hockey) had sent last season about holding clinics at Western Park Ice Rink.
 - GPS Hockey responded that though they could come out and hold a clinic on their own terms, it would be more beneficial for all involved if AVAHA hosts them for a closed clinic. This is the most cost effective option.
 - For a GPS clinic that is open to only the hosting association they usually offer 3-4 days, with three 60-90 minute sessions per day, allowing 3 different groups.
 - If it is an association only clinic AVAHA coaches would be welcome and encouraged to participate/help out so that they can take some of the drills and techniques for their own purposes to use throughout the season.
 - 18 players minimum on-ice per session, (no additional staff necessary for 18-24 players.)
 - 36 players maximum on-ice per session, with help from local association coaches.
 - All expenses covered (travel, lodging, meals, etc.) by hosting association.
 - Ice cost covered by hosting association.
 - Registration and promotion handled by hosting association.
 - GPS Hockey Rates:
 - \$350.00/hour up to 10 hours.
 - \$300.00/hour 11-20 hours.
 - \$250.00/hour 21-30 hours (over at least 2 visits.)
 - Minimum 6 hours on-ice over 2 days.
 - Maximum 20 hours on-ice over 5 days.

- No more than 4 hours on-ice per day.
 - Off-ice training: max 1 hour per day, \$150/hour.
 - GPS Hockey usually books 4 to 6 months in advance.
 - GPS Hockey is operated by Christian Grunnah.
 - GrunnahPowerSkating.com
- McKenzie emailed the GPS Hockey Coach and requested his availability for September and asked if the rates from last season have changed.

June 13, 2022

- A board meeting was requested to be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, to discuss the updated logos and jerseys for the 2022-2023 season. The meeting will be held at the Stearns gazebo at 6 p.m. due to the majority of board members being able to make that date and time.