

**West Madison Polar Caps  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Date: January 25, 2011 @ 7:00 PM @ Vitense**

**Attendees:**

[X] Amy Mosher Garvey, President	[] Marc Joyal, ACE Coordinator	[] Bill Reichenbacher, Pee Wee ALD
[X] Ilsa Barnard, Registrar	[X] Rich Smith, VP Coaching	[X] Kyle Friedow, Bantam ALD
[X] Sabrina Frey, Treasurer	[X] Mike Huie, Recruiting	[X] Kyle Friedow, Midget ALD
X[] Lisa Cutting, VP Fundraising	[] Allison Christians, Initiation ALD	[] Mark Dingle, Rep to MII
[X] Dawn Pliner, Secretary	[X] Jenny Rilling, In House ALD	[X] Stefanie Statz, Rep to Region 4
[] Dan Seymour, Ice Scheduler	[X] Andy Faulkner, Mite ALD	[X] Laura Humphrey, X-Ice ALD
[] Pete Joswiak, Equip. manager	[X] Zach Lanham, Squirt ALD	[]

1. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

2. Welcome

3. Reading and disposal of unapproved minutes – Lisa motioned, Stefanie seconded

4. New Business / President's Report (20 min):

- a. Kellen Binger Award – Dinny Binger found out that there is the possibility of a matching plaque that could be given to the recipient. The plaque at the rink is engraved and there is a medal given to the child who is awarded. It was decided that a plaque will be given on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Mites/In-house Update – Red White and Blue proposal was sent out by Amy via email prior to the meeting. There is a draft on the website which should be an ongoing conversation as everything is worked out. Amy said that Mite hockey will definitely be gone next year.

Any child who has done full sheet ice Mites will be given the opportunity to be grandfathered into trying out for Squirts. The timeline involves board members making information available to other families and then there will be listening sessions sometime in February. A proposal will then be taken to the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Red, White and Blue option. The colors refer to the levels of skill within the model.

ADM is essentially what we do without Mites that travel and they also don't want Mites playing a full sheet of ice. Polar Caps essentially is quite close to this model now except for the Mites.

ADMkids.com is a great place to find a lot of information about this. There needs to be progression, competitiveness and equal ability with long term athletic development. ADM wants equal ability and small games give a chance for more opportunities to touch the puck and be on the ice.

Exploration has been done into other areas that have already made this move and eliminated Mites.

The question is "what will the game look like with the new model"? We need to figure out what is best for the Polar Caps. In addition, what will the cost be?

Jim Baccus spoke about progression and that it's not proposed in the draft that is currently in the model. Goalie equipment will also need to be looked regarding the financial impact.

5. Fundraising Committee Report (15 min): Pancake fundraiser was great – gave a check to Lisa for \$600 and the pancake house was able to cover their costs. It was suggested perhaps a restaurant could be chosen each month in the future. Lisa also wanted to know thoughts about keeping the merchant cards and there was additional discussion. It tends to be a good fundraiser.

6. Coaches Committee Report (15 min): Goalie clinics have gone well and are also attended well. There is one the same weekend as the Super Bowl they are trying to reschedule. Competitive teams are doing well and Initiation has gone to two sessions instead of three on Tuesday nights due to lack of staffing.
7. Ice Scheduler's Report (5 min): Dan was gone but Amy did run the in-house situation by Dan.
8. Recruiting Committee Report (10 min): Hasn't been a lot of need to do actual recruiting as there are many who contact the club. There was discussion about recruiting in the winter and not just in the fall with an advertised event, perhaps on a Saturday between Christmas and New Years.
9. Equipment Manager's Report (5 min): None
10. Girl's Hockey Report (5 min): None
11. Region 4 Report (5 min): "Playdown" weekend is coming up and they are in the midst of deciding if Rockford and Dubuque should be in Region 4. Playoffs are set
12. Team Level Reports (20 min):
  - a. Initiation - none
  - b. In-house – tournaments are coming up
  - c. Mites – going well (see above regarding discussion)
  - d. Squirts – going well and work is continuing on the tournament. Families are working volunteer shifts for raffles, tickets and so forth. Game times have not been determined. Donations for the raffle are still needed.
  - e. Pee Wee – None
  - f. Bantam – going well and coaches are great. Kyle would like to see the survey done sooner as they will be affected by in-house and more discussion ensued regarding the survey.
  - g. Midget -
13. MII Report (5 min): None
14. Treasurer's Report (10 min): Budget handed out. Sabrina would like to have kids who are playing competitively buy their own equipment rather than renting.
15. Registrar's Report (5 min): None
16. Club Announcements: None
17. Adjournment: Stefanie motioned, Laura seconded