

Polar Cap Board Meeting Notes

January 27, 2016

- 1) Call of Meeting to Order – In attendance – Joe Garvey, Ryan Picek, Paul Meyers, Dave Armstrong, Tim Olander, Kylie Cagle, Sara Withrow, Kim Anderson, Jeff Barfield, Kristi Yeager, Tony Marcin and Doug Carlson.
- 2) Approve October Minutes – Dave Armstrong Approved, Kristi Yeager Second, all in favor
- 3) Ward Hillegas – MIA Updates – Ward discussed the Goodman Grant for a little over \$1.2 million dollars and that the grant was awarded based off specific plans to help improve the ADA compliance of MIA. Updates to locker rooms 1-4, new entrance to studio rink, ADA updates in bathrooms, new lobby area for studio, parking lot improvements as well. Challenge is to cut some of the estimated costs to help cover interest over the 5 years as the grant is a 5 year grant, but want to get all the work done in 4-5 months. Start in April 2015 and concluded in September 2015. Talked about ice improvements, painting issues on the ice and compressor updates. Board asked a few questions on comments from parents...Scoreboard lights have been replaced (all they could), concerns over padding (rails) in underneath stands and kids.
- 4) President Remarks –
 - a. Memorial JV – Recommendation to pledge \$1000 to the Memorial JV fund. Concerns that it isn't our program and it would take away from our Bantam program...also to put it back into our program instead. Proponents stated that the majority of these kids skated with the Polar Caps and that we were supporting their high school endeavors. It was stated it will not take away from our ice. Voted to support the \$1000 pledge 8-3 (Garvey/ Carlson/ Picek).
 - b. Board Elections – Getting some interest in the open positions on the board as well as President/Treasurer. Would like to have secured up by the next board meeting.
 - c. Play Down Updates - Schedules are up on the Region 4 website for the second weekend of February.
 - d. End of Season Scheduling - WIAA seeding meeting is Sun February 7, schedule for following week will be up by the 9th.
 - e. Coaches Meeting – March 16 – Great Dane , Fitchburg. Coaches celebration and end of year meeting. Stated we have taken the money previously spent at the annual meeting and shifted towards this token of thanks for the meeting.

- f. Goalie clinics – Summer – Tim Olander has reached out to the goalie coaches and they are interested in doing the clinic again this year. Concern though that a lack of coaches showed up to help last year and to learn some drills to help during season. Tim will get scheduled and then pass it onto someone else to run.
- g. Parent Donation - Mary Wutke/Matt Livengood donated whiteboards to the club to use in the locker rooms. It was decided to use them for next year and to take the time to place them on walls in the fall.
- h. Gatreas will continue to donate gift certificates (Borocah) to our non parent coaches this season in lieu of their DIBS hours....very nice gesture.
- i. Ideas for Next Season - Couple of ideas floated out regarding next year “

No puck passes...time and effort it takes to print, organize and distribute is time consuming for the 50% profit we make. We feel that parents will spend the money at the concession stand anyway

No Volunteer Hours for Board – we spend enough time at the rink and planning and that board members shouldn't still need to meet 10 hours of DIBS

Possibly increase DIBS hours next season (12-14..or as needed) and then have the high school games count double. HS games are our biggest money maker and our biggest headache to fill.

Continue to start season in October but possibly schedule the tournaments for each team in order to avoid the filled tournaments by the time we pick our teams. Started later this year to avoid kids having to choose between soccer/football/baseball and coming to a hockey practice in a season that lasts 6 months.

New trophy case when lobby gets redone.

Continue to have Learn to Skate club teach part of our initiation class. Former Badger Coach and USA Paralympic Team Coach Jeff Sauer has a grandson in our initiation program. He mentioned that he thought our decision to include the LTS coaches was a fantastic idea that it allowed their skating experts to teach skating and our coaches to teach other parts of the game.

- 5) Coaches Committee Comments – Jeff, Joe, and Rich – Surveys came out...good results again with the number of receipts. Please with coaches stopping issues before they became problems and happy with quality of coaches. Will toss around ideas of improvement in offseason meetings.
- 6) Finance Update – Kristi - Looking good on the money side...couple of ice fee payments still do and Jeff will send nasty grams or else they won't play in play downs. Still waiting on Feb/March MIA bill, Shell bill and a few other small ones. Increase numbers at a few levels have increased the income this year. Looking to purchase 10-12 small size game jersey and helmets for rental program before the year is out.
- 7) ALD Updates – Initiation - Going well...Jamboree planned for March 5. Event has been well liked and a great celebration to end year

Xice – Kylie stated the season going very well. Concern over late signups and numbers on team. Will have to take a look at a possible cutoff point next year as 6 is ideal, currently have 7 or 8 on some teams. Playing in Sauk City fun day in late February .

RWB – great numbers again for group. Couple of teams playing full ice at end of year and skating between period at Badger game . Concern brought up over 6 year olds playing up...maybe 1 each year was qualified, but 3-5 eventually played up...most not ready mentally for the play up. Disrupt practice not being able to follow drills or are very emotional...may have to change our policy on the play up at the lower level.

U10 - 23 skaters at this level. Doug still mentioning season is going great...lots of fun.

Squirt – running smooth with good seasons by all

PW – running smooth as well

Bantam – running smooth

- 8) Additional Comments
- 9) Next Meetings – Thursday March 3
Annual Meeting – Wednesday March 30