**Sauk Rapids Youth Hockey Association**

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance: Meierding, T. Winter, Rowe, Demenge, Krogstad, Riba, Studanski, Bushman, Schueller, Ellering, Flynn, Ruch, Kadlec, Sorenson, Wilcox, Prelvitz**

| **Location: Benton Station Date: 9/8/2025**  **Time: 7:00 PM** |  |  |
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| **1. Call To Order** | **At 7:04 by Ellering** | JE |
| **2. Additions or Changes to Agenda** | **Motion by Riba, 2nd by Rowe, Motion Passes** | JE |
| **3. Approve Agenda** | **Motion by Riba, 2nd by Winter, Motion Passes** | JE |
| **4. Approval of Minutes** | Approve August 11th meeting minutes  **Motion by Studanski, 2nd by Jen, Motion Passes** | JE |
| **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/UPDATES** | | |
| **5. Treasurer's Report** | * $234,685.14 total for all accounts * Amended to cover HS Booster expenses   **Motion by Meierding, 2nd by Riba, Motion Passes** | MW |
| **6. Gambling Report** | * **Attachment is on the website** | JE |
|  | 1. Allowable Expenses    1. $62,087.60   **Motion by Ellering, 2nd by , Motion Passes**   1. Lawful Purpose Expenditures 2. Husky pup - $500 Donation   **Motion by Sorenson, 2nd by Winter, Motion Passes**   1. HS Booster    1. Covered above 2. Approve MN GI Tax up to $30,000   **Motion by Ellering, 2nd by Demenge, Motion Passes** |  |
| **7. SAE** | * Fully operational and being used by Lumberjacks, etc. * Ready for the season * Try to send children to the far end of the rink for warmups, running, shenanigans, etc. away from the main doors/all the traffic. | MD |
| **8. District 5** | * From last meeting, behavior of players, coaches, and parents   + Will discuss expectations at Return to Hockey Night   + Parents who are openly disruptive in the stands will be escorted out and suspended for 3 games   + Same with swearing from coaches and players   + No warnings will be given * STMA needs a 15U girls goalie | BK |
| **9. Coach Reg. Coord.** | * New position * Shares all info regarding coaches, clinics, etc * Expert in all things coaching requirements * Prelvitz will still be managing the coaches as they are added * Corey will keep the coordinators updated on coaching status’   Proposal to appoint Corey Flynn to the position  **Motion by Ellering, 2nd by Rowe, Motion Passes** | JE |
| **10. Concession Stand** | Nothing to report | JE |
| **11. Riverblades Co-op** | * Meeting on the 25th * Back to the ice event on the 14th   + 51 returning skaters, 4 brand new   + Spent $81.05 after auction funds   + Considering a T-Shirt sponsor for next year * Dynamics started last weekend * Adding tournament info to website and email it to parents * Pictures are scheduled for Nov. 10th * 121 Riverblades skaters   + Down from 147   + Some U15’s moved to high school   + Might have more U6 and U8 skaters coming * Husky Pups is looking for sponsors   + Starting soon * Discussion about starting season later next year and how to address this with the other associations | KK |
| **12. Goalie Coordinator** | * Steve Carrol goalie clinic coming in two weeks * 14 goalies signed up * Goalie Camp Discussion   + Camp in Brainerd - Nex Level     - 2 coaches per goalie     - Coaches have a good pedigree     - Trying to host this camp next summer     - Gauging interest from our association goalies     - Discussions will continue | NR |
| **13. Age Level Coordinator** |  |  |
|  | 1. Bantam - MD    1. Nothing to report 2. Peewee - DR    1. Tournaments are scheduled 3. Squirt - TW    1. Nothing to report    2. Tournaments are scheduled 4. 8U - JS    1. No Jamboree date yet       1. Suggesting February 27th - March 1st, tentatively    2. Still finding tournaments 5. 6U - KR    1. 21 kids registered 6. Jr. Storm - EB    1. 16 registered    2. Need date for equipment try on |  |
| **14. Hockey Director** | * All hockey related items in New Business will transition to the Hockey Advisory Committee moving forward * Requesting a skills coach, talking to a candidate currently * Will be working with coaches and player development soon * The Hockey Advisory Committee will meet and make decisions that will be reviewed by the Board if needed * The scope of the HAC is outlined in the HAC: Structure and Functions document * First meeting is tomorrow (9/9)   + Reviewing head coaching candidates   + Then will work with the coach for assistant coaches   + Practice planning on going, will give coaches guidance if needed, however, coaches will be responsible for planning their practices   + Still working on tryouts   + Tweaking squirt process     - More of a standardized process * Working with the HS coaches on dynamics * Power Skating Clinic   + Week of September 23rd   + 46 registered   + Room for 75 skaters | JP |
| **15. Old Business** | a. Sports Arena East Raffle   * Lumberjacks want to help * Need to formulate tickets and prizes * Proposal for this will come at the next meeting | JE  JE  JE  JE  JE  JE  JE  JE  JE  JE  Dave  Laliberte  JE  JE |
|  | b. board roster – Crossbar Registration   * Need to get this done ASAP |
|  | 1. Tryout dates 2. Oct 10-12th is tryout weekend 3. Goalie session that week |
|  | 1. Dynamics start Monday 9/29 |
|  | e. power skating clinic 9/22-9/26 |
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| **16. New Business** | a. Approve handbook for 2025-26 Season   * New handbook is business related only   **Motion by Meierding, 2nd by Demenge, Motion Passes** |
|  | b. Approve Hockey Director Addendum – HAC Structure   * New Structure handles all items related to hockey   **Motion by Krogstad, 2nd by Schueller, Motion Passes** |
|  | c. Approve 2025-26 Budget  **\*\*\*Postponed to an email vote on 9/10\*\*\*** |
|  | 1. Goalie Camp Discussion for next year    1. See #12 above |
|  | 1. Discussion on combining Jr. Storm and U6    1. Determining if ice time should be combined due to numbers of skaters    2. This has been done in the past    3. Discussion about potentially rearranging days   Proposal to combine ice time for Jr. Storm and U6 during certain practices  **Motion by Ruch, 2nd by Kelly, Motion Passes** |
|  | 1. Association hosting open hockey on Sundays in September |
|  | 1. Advertising in HS ad book and HS warm-up jerseys |
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| **17. Open Floor** | 1. \*General Membership may give suggestions or comment during the Open Floor portion of the meeting and will be limited to 3 minutes each. |
| **18. Announcements** | * Encouraging the board to establish a position to research how to build an ice arena for the Sauk Rapids community * Would like all board members at the Back to Hockey night * Discussion regarding reimbursement for coaching apparel   + Going to discuss with the apparel coordinator to come up with a plan |
| **19. Adjournment** | **Motion by Wilcox, 2nd by Winter, Motion Passes at 9:13** |
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|  | \*\*Submit proposed agenda items to Jason Ellering via email at je.stormhockey@gmail.com 14 days prior to meeting. |
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