

Ice Spirit Board Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2010

Present: Scott Opsal, Ken Buna, Allison Buna, Melissa Amos-Landgraf, Mike Dragoo, Gary Shuchuk, Sheryl Hall

Absent: John Parker

1. Call to order: Scott O. @ 6:05 p.m.
2. No minutes from last meeting to approve; John P. is still working on them
3. Sheryl Hall was nominated to fill the vacant position of Board Secretary. No other candidates were nominated. The Board voted unanimously in favor of appointing Sheryl as Secretary.
4. Form/Appoint committees
 - a. Scott O. nominated Karl Madsen to chair the WAHA liaison committee; Allison B. made a motion to approve
 - b. Promotion and publicity committee discussed. Explore ways to get information out about the Ice Spirit to actively recruit girls (e.g., flyers to schools and/or YMCA, recruit in conjunction with Polar Caps, Southwest Eagles, and Middleton Wings registration day/picnic). Keep initiation programs with the local clubs because the Spirit doesn't have the ice to have an initiation program.
 - c. Fundraising committee needs a chairperson. Advertise the position on the Ice Spirit website with possible skater credits offered. Allison B. will look into options, since we're a 501C.
5. ACE Director's report – Gary S.
 - a. We will lose two coaches for the 2010-2011 season
 - b. Bob Wanless, Patriots coach, may be interested and has Level 5 certification
 - c. Two skaters need releases from their clubs to play with the Ice Spirit for 2010-2011 season.
6. President's report – Scott O.
 - a. Region 4 update. The deadline for filing with WAHA was missed. Scott Will take care of Region 4. League placement for 2010-2011 will be the same as 2009-2010. There could possibly be enough for 4 to 6 teams in the Region 4 league, but there is pressure to have one girls team per division. Currently there are no A/B divisions.
 - b. Season results. We're all aware.
 - c. Post-season survey discussed. Survey Monkey works well. Keep survey to 5 minutes, have a comments section, and put it on the Ice Spirit website. A basic version may be free. Ken B. will contact team managers to get a list of players.
 - d. "To do" list for off-season discussed. Ken B. will implement Goal Line software. Karen Peterson has numbers and sizes of jerseys. Gary S. will find out prices of new jerseys and send the information to Karen P. so that she can order new jerseys. We need an inventory of jerseys from Karen P. for the next Board meeting. Invite Karen P. to the next meeting. Melissa A.L. will look into paying referees. Updated by-laws are needed because

they are out of date in inflexible. Mike D. will be the sounding board for Scott O. to bounce ideas off of. Scott O. will send information to other team managers to help with scheduling games early in the season. Scott O. will contact Marianne R. to help with scheduling games. We have contacts with Chicago area and northern IL teams. U14 A team won 2nd place in Tier 2 Nationals. Ice Spirit will get more exposure as a result.

7. Treasurer's report – Melissa A.L.
 - a. Budget update. Fiscal year ends April 30th. We made enough money to buy jerseys and some ice time, even with purchasing Goal Line software. We should keep some money in the account, but not too much. We will have 6 teams for the 2010-2011 season. Melissa A.L. is ready to file taxes and she will inquire with the accountant about income threshold. Four skaters still need to pay fees from 2009-2010 season and will need to pay before 2010-2011 registration. We have not received our fee back from the U12 National fee. Scott O. will inquire about the fee at the WAHA meeting on 4/21/10.
8. Registrar's report – Allison B.
 - a. Ice Spirit had 67 skaters for 2009-2010 season. We will have 57 for the 2010-2011 season because 10 skaters will age out. There will be 25 U14s, 24 U12s and 8 U10s – enough for 6 teams.
9. Ice Scheduler's report – Mike D.
 - a. There was much ice available between September and December, but not in January and February. Therefore we often had studio ice and a third sheet. Mike D. would like to get a fuller schedule with fewer third sheets and perhaps block ice twice per week for practices.
10. Webmaster's report – Ken B.
 - a. Goal Line received the check on 4/20/10. Ken B. will start updating the website in the next couple of weeks. Ken B. will give team managers access to the website to update team information.
11. New business
 - a. Allison B. mentioned the possibility of the Ice Spirit hosting an Ice Breaker Tournament before tryouts. This can be a fundraising event (e.g., grill out and sell food) with a chance to make contacts with other teams and assess skaters' skills. We would like a fundraising chair to head this.
12. Next meeting
 - a. May 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at Grays
13. Meeting adjourned: 7:10 p.m.