Call to Order: Paul Uttech called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Silent Roll: Paul Uttech, Lori Uttech-Hanson, Jim Szopinski, Derrick Banes, Eric Heim
Guests: Virgil Statz, Dina Statz, Amanda Schroeder, Mark Schroeder, Rachel Damon,

Minutes: Motion made to approve minutes from September 15, 2014 meeting. Motion by Jim; 2nd by Eric. Approved by voice vote.

Agenda: Motion made to approve agenda by Lori; 2nd by Derrick. Approved by voice vote.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
- Report: Family Center Board: Nothing to report on
- Report/Status: Banquet Date (2015): Nothing to report on
- Report/Status: SCIS Proposed Dates: Nothing to report on
- Report/Status: Fitness Room: Fitness equipment will get moved to the side of the room for Ice Show.
- Facility Report: (1) Sink: We are considering installing a sink for filling water bottles in rink area in area between zamboni and locker room doors. A member (Brian Wright) volunteered to research some potential sinks that would work there and report back. (2) Jersey Storage Area: We need to get a pole installed in the jersey storage area to be able to hang the jerseys up. Eric volunteered to follow up on this project and install a pole for the jersey storage area. (3) West Wall: Will work on installing steel along west wall during the summer when the ice is out. (4) Fitness Room/Equipment: Outlets are needed for treadmills and fitness room -- S & S Electric will do this. Jim will follow up on this project. (4) Skate Sharpening: Suter’s has 2 skate sharpeners for sale ($1,200 - $1,500) if we are looking for another one. Could sell skate cards at start of season at Parent Meetings next season. (5) Zamboni Drivers: Jim is in the process of training more people to run zamboni.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- Youth Hockey: Updates
  - Status of Intro Program: Examples of intro programs at other associations were shared for comparison purposes. Hockey Skating Skills currently has 35 participants; 40 were enrolled in the previous session. Several skaters in first session went into the Mites program. 10 are currently enrolled in Learn to Play Hockey. We had a good return from the last session -- so how do we ensure they stay in the program? We need to keep the outreach going and follow up with parents to inform them of the “next steps.” We will hand out a card to parents towards the end of the session to advise them of options for next steps (e.g. continue on in learn to skate/intro program, move into Mites, etc.). Decision was also made to schedule an orientation session for the current Intro parents in the next couple of weeks to provide information on where they should go from there. Several other ideas were discussed for the Intro program. Could we develop an “in-house league” as a transition to the Mite program? What about a Squirt in-house league? We would need the numbers to justify a solid program. The in-house league (or “C” team) at the Squirt level could be focused on developmental with a few travelling games.
  - Co-Op Teams: Updates - Thoughts about next season: Discussion took place on the idea of continuing the co-op with Waupun for Bantams; Waupun and Fond du Lac for Girls. There have been some administrative issues that need to be addressed. Based on parent feedback, this has
been a good experience for the Girls programs. No decisions have been made for next season; will depend on the numbers for Bantams. Feedback from parents includes the following: need to hold a parent meeting before season to address potential issues; concern about having more practices at Waupun then Beaver Dam (need to have more equitable practice time slots in both rinks); and shortage of workers for rink duty days. Next year it looks like Waupun and Beaver Dam would each have one team at the Bantam level. It works with having a scheduler/manager from each team (1 on each) so the communication is good. Need to determine how many skaters will go to high school.

- **Program Offerings: Next Season: Ex.: U8/U10/U12 Girls:** Talked about having sign ups / registrations earlier. Promote that BDHA will have a Girls team at each level in order to encourage all ages to enroll and boost numbers. Will modify our approach for marketing - promote that we have these team levels in place already (similar to soccer leagues). Need to promote option of Girls team in Intro programs. Next season, we will build power skating skills into the practices; goal is to have power skating in one practice every two weeks. Need to find a qualified group of power skating instructors, and be able to have coaches providing power skating, as well. Eric volunteered to contact instructors at Fond du Lac to find out what they offer; and if they can help provide classes, as well.

- **Spring Program:** The spring program will include: Girls Middle School Developmental Class, Hockey Skating Skills/Intro to Hockey, Saturday Morning Skills, Power Skating, open hockey, and a potential clinic. Jim will follow up with finding an instructor for power skating class. Lori will work with SCIS to develop spring schedule.

**Tournament:**

- **Status:** 5 Pee Wee B teams and 5 Squirt B teams have paid registration fees for our home Pee Wee B/Squirt B tournament. There are also 3 Bantam teams and 1 Mite team with paid registrations for Bantam/Mite tournament. BDHA will host Pee Wee B State Tournament here on March 21-22. Sheboygan will help to work the event. Need to let other BDHA teams know that help will be needed to work the event.

Motion made to adjourn by Jim; 2nd made by Derrick. Approved by voice vote. Adjourned at 9:45 pm. Next meeting: February 18, 2015 at 7 pm.