

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

December 2, 2015 - 6:30pm – Sanford Meeting Room A

President Bryan Kouri called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Quorum present for the meeting. Board members attending were Chad Dykstra, John Sievert, Bryce Pattison, Mindy Hansen and Matt Althoff. Also attending was Cole DeBerg, Emily Larkin, Coach Houck and Executive Assistant, Cherry Hunter.

Travel League Advisory Council Report – Brian Hefti – No meeting was held in November for the Travel Advisory Council.

House League Advisory Council Report – Chad Dykstra – Discussion items at the November 24th House Council meeting were:

- End of the year functions: Mite City Jamboree and Atom Fest
- Coaches are desperately needed for the Intermediate City League and the Older Rec City League.
- Concerns with players who moved from travel to rec need to be forwarded to Chad
- Concern noted with Bantam non-league game scheduled when the ice time should have been provided for Older Rec City League for ice loss on same day.
- Referees being mentored at the Intermediate City League level are focusing on off-sides and becoming comfortable with referee tasks.
- End of the year functions for Atoms, Mites and Intermediate City League need to be planned. Mite City League fest, Atom Jamboree and playoffs for Intermediate City League were suggested.
- Dibs uploads appear to be going well for City League Supervisors.

Attending were Wendy Quam, Brandon Haack, Heather Madison, Cherry Hunter and Chad Dykstra.

Director of Hockey Report - Dan Houck – Coach playbook has been completed and provided to coaches. Three Stampede players will assist with Monday night Intermediate City League practice ice time. Mite City League has supplemental training with ADM focus. Dalton Tolliver will help coach the Squirt West Orange C Team. Laura Hanlon will serve as bench coach for PeeWee C White team. Coach Houck suggested adding Goalie Clinics in the fall, bringing in special guest/instructor. Dan is planning to meet with all travel coaches and would like to host “Round Table” with Dan session. Updates for Coaches Corner have been submitted. Coach Houck inquired as to policy of players practicing with other teams during SFYHA season. He requested the board set policy on this. Coach Houck prefers a “club bag” without wheels and players carrying their own bags. He would like to host parent education meetings.

Executive Assistant Report – Cherry Hunter

- Updated Fundraiser Credit
- 2500 wreaths received and all but one family picked up as of Dec 2
- Tracking coaches: USA Hockey requirements for CEP, SafeSport, Age Modules, Background checks, USA Hockey registration
- Community Room at the IcePlex – need to schedule room if desire use. If set up is required, need to make sure to schedule sufficient time.
- Houck Skills Sessions – Continuing rotation basis for Squirt, PeeWees and Girls
- Legends Grant – Awarded \$3400 for new rental gear for younger players.
- Releases for Dozarks, Ramstorfs and Poncelet from SFYHA to Brandon or Luverne completed.

- Team Coordinator Training – November 12th - Good attendance by team coordinators. Provided Team Coordinators and League Managers with Handbook.
- First game prep – admissions, refs for non-league games
- Travel rosters completed (except for Mite Travel)
- Tracked birth certificates of new players for dob verification
- Individual & team pictures completed for all City Leagues
- DIBS – worked with Carrie Valland & Michelle Jorgenson for uploads and assist with inaccuracies submitted via upload templates
- Secured ads from sponsors – still need Sanford and Culligan: requested by end of week.
- Tournament Fees per team calculated and forwarded to league managers for verification. Requested Tournament fees be submitted by December 17th.
- Completed lengthy Connecting Kids Application and submitted to United Way. If approved, Connecting Kids provides funding for registration needs for K-8th grade players.
- Secured SMG Contract for presentation to NP Risk Manager as required prior to providing Certificate of Insurance for ice and building use at the Premier Center for the Falls Freeze.
- Other
 - ✓ Sized, ordered and delivered custom coaches heavy coats for PeeWee and older travel team coaches.
 - ✓ Two communications sent out to Mini-Atom group. Questions & Snack Schedule
 - ✓ Completed copying and binding for Coach Playbook for Coach Houck

OPEN FORUM

Cole DeBerg – Cole DeBerg made request for board reconsideration to deny his request to participate for the 2015-2016 season. He needed time off after the football season. Response: According to information provided on November 5th, Cole dropped from the SFYHA program. His exit, as well as other participants, decreased participation numbers to the level of dropping JV West team. Player numbers also resulted in reconfiguration for east teams at the JV/Varsity level. Generally, if a player participates in a fall sport, they start hockey as soon as they are done with the fall season. The board considered DeBerg's request to return to high school travel in late November. It was determined Cole is allowed to participate with Older Rec City league, but not high school travel. Board will discuss Cole's request for reconsideration in closed session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tournament Updates - Mindy Hansen reported 8 teams at the PeeWee B level and 7 teams at the PeeWee A level for January 8-10 tournament. The Gold Tournament, scheduled for Jan 22-24, has not been able to secure a full slate of teams. Board members approved cancelling the Squirt Gold portion of the tournament. Team options will continue for PeeWee Gold, but if sufficient teams are not available, the PeeWee level may be cancelled as well. Board members confirmed minor officials are required to be age 18 or older and one person only serves in the penalty box. Bryan will review options for a small copier to be placed in the IcePlex office for SFYHA use and copy of tournament scoresheets.

Admissions Booth – Chad is working on two admissions table with banner wraps.

4 Year Old Program - Mini Atoms – Parents are providing snacks and drink at end of ice time for the 32 skaters. Board members encouraged to watch the little ones and thank coaches for providing a fun opportunity for the kids.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hockey 605 – Volunteers did not come forth for video task. With current SFYHA projects, our members have plenty to do. SFYHA will not be partnering with Hockey 605, but Hockey 605 has been invited to live stream as they wish.

Uniform Updates / Replacements – **Suggestions** include:

- ✓ Tron mesh socks may be available for \$8.50 a pair if 600 pairs are purchased
- ✓ Sell Tron mesh socks for \$13 per pair thru Spiritwear
- ✓ Distribute socks with game jerseys
- ✓ First year jersey replacement – 30 sets for East JV/Varsity
- ✓ Second year jersey replacement – 30 sets for West JV/Varsity
- ✓ Third year for all Lady Flyers teams
- ✓ Unique blue color for away games for east and west geo high school program
- ✓ Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam travel – all white helmets with no stickers
- ✓ HS Travel and Lady Flyers – Navy helmets with no stickers
- ✓ Navy breezers – no royal or black at the PeeWee and older travel teams
- ✓ Black or white stick tape
- ✓ White skate laces

More discussion to take place at the January meeting.

Game Day Behavior – SFYHA needs to improve fan/parent behavior. Board members were requested to address issues in the stands and involve IcePlex staff if needed.

Travel Policy – Board members were provided copy of proposed Travel Policy based on USA Hockey SafeSport. Members are to review and prepare comments on the proposed policy for discussion at the next meeting.

US Olympic Sled Hockey – Bryan noted work continues with Dave Tronnes from the Sam Tronnes Memorial Foundation & ProHockey Celebrity Hunt as well as the Stampede and Corey Mitchell to bring Sled Hockey to the IcePlex. A \$25K grant has been approved to promote and start sled hockey in Sioux Falls.

Other

- Bryan noted “One Hockey” 32 team tournament is possibly scheduled at the IcePlex for last weekend in October 2016. This is typically a heavy event weekend for SFYHA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, January 6, 2016 6:30pm – Sanford Meeting Room A

Between Meetings – December 3, 2015 thru January 5, 2016

Minute Approval – Matt Althoff made a motion to approve the September minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried via email vote. Dec 14

SFYHA Program – With the ads and team pictures in hand, our President created and formatted the 2015-2016 program book for SFYHA. Sponsor ads and sponsor recognition are included in the program. Copies are available with the Admissions Box for each home game. Dec 15

Squirt Tournament – Mindy Hansen worked with Squirt Team Coordinators to host a great Squirt Tournament December 18-20 at the IcePlex. Training videos, updating the tournament website, computer availability, at least one TC on site at all times, running scoreboard and keeping scoresheets as well as vacant position were items covered in coordination. T-shirts, programs, posters, player gift bags were components of the tournament. Job well done!

Dec 18-19 Practice Ice – Brian Prisbe notified Cherry re: open ice available on Dec 19 due to Jr Stampede out of town. ICL, Atoms, Mites and Older Rec were scheduled for ice slots. It was

later determined the Atom and ICL ice slots were already booked with Squirt Tournament games. An update was sent to Atom Veteran and ICL families. Dec 18

PeeWee Gold Tournament– Mindy Hansen notified board members Lincoln pulled out of the PeeWee Gold tournament leaving Sioux Falls and Omaha. The PeeWee Gold tournament was cancelled. SF PeeWee Gold will be encouraged to set up non-league games with Omaha on Jan 23. Dec 18, 2015

PeeWee Gold Home Games– The SFYHA PeeWee Gold team does not have the chance to host home games similar to SDAHA PeeWee League teams. Bryan Kouri made a motion to allow PeeWee Gold two home games this season with no charge to the team. SFYHA will take care of the cost of ice and officials. Motion seconded and carried. Dec 23

January 3 Game– Betsy Otta presented plans for the Varsity West Flyers vs Varsity East Flyers game on Jan 3.

- Free admission for students and alumni who bring a non-perishable item to be donated to the St. Francis House.
- After confirmation of what activities can take place between periods per SDAHA Playing Rules, it was decided to recognize former Varsity coaches between periods. There is approx 3-4 minutes after zamboni time.
- Betsy created a flier announcing the SFYHA Alumni Appreciation Day and the activities planned. The flier was posted on our website, sent out to alumni and association members.
- Betsy formatted message for League Managers regarding plans for the Jan 3 event.

Minute Approval– Kyle Hanisch made a motion to approve the October minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried via email vote. Dec 28, 2015

PeeWee Practice Ice Times– PeeWee League Manager, PW East Blue and PW West Blue team coordinators were notified of PeeWee practice changes starting January 12th. The teams will also switch on January 7th. Dec 31

Minute Approval– Matt Althoff made a motion to approve the October-November Between Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried via email vote. Jan 2

Other

- ✓ PeeWee Orange East requested assistance in securing volunteers for their home games. Matt Althoff provided links for videos that can assist new volunteers in feeling more comfortable with the roles.
- ✓ With changes in game times due to the drop of JV West and no admissions Dibs task for the Lady Flyers vs Omaha games, some volunteers were not made aware of the changes. Dibs changed tasks need to be edited not deleted. Notification would then be provided to volunteer who claimed the task. League Managers should notify affected volunteers (and Michelle J or Carrie V) of changes. Carrie Valland's and Michelle Jorgenson's duty is to upload Dibs tasks from provided spreadsheet templates.
- ✓ Link to USA Hockey SafeSport posted front page of the SFYHA website.
- ✓ Email was sent to League Managers: SFYHA programs located in drawer with Admissions boxes. The Spartan Nash, Avera and Billion banners are to be hung during home games and then stored in the Sanford room off the Zueger rink.
- ✓ Spiritwear – Some of the stocking hats ordered this season were created with defective yarn. Rhonda worked with Monarch Sales for replacements. If requested, members have choice of 2 stocking hats to replace defective ones.
- ✓ SDAHA Bantam B Tournament – Kim Meyer will serve as chairman for the event. Communication with SDAHA as to process and procedure has begun.

Eblasts

- Squirt Tournament – See the Tournament Games & Check your Dibs tasks: Dec 15

- IcePlex Requests – Information regarding IcePlex Rules and Requirements sent to all coaches and board members: Dec 28, 2015
- Alumni Appreciation Game and PeeWee Tournament Volunteer Needs: Dec 31
- Message to Coaches – Sportsmanship memo from SDAHA President and notification of information available on the website under Coaches Corner: Jan 4

Approved _____

Cherry Hunter, SFYHA
Executive Assistant