

## Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

### Board of Directors Meeting

April 10, 2024

6:30pm

Sanford Conference Room – SCHEELS IcePlex

President Sam Everson called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Sam Everson (President), Chun Chan (Secretary), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), Adam Gorra (Past President), Derek Berg (Development Director), Dave Carlson (Director of City League), Leah May (Travel League Director) and Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments). Quorum was present. Curtis Egan (Varsity Coach), Jenn Warren (Incoming Vice-President), Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) and Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) were also in attendance. Corey Rothrock (Vice-President) was absent.

Board Appointment – Sam Everson made a motion to appoint Jenn Warren, SFYHA Vice-President effective immediately. Motion seconded and carried.

Secretary's Report – Amanda Smith made a motion to approve the March 13, 2024 SFYHA Board of Directors Meeting minutes as amended. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Elliot Hitt presented financial reports and noted:

- SFYHA utilized more ice this season
- Tournament subsidies were approximately \$20K
- Jersey subsidies were approximately \$7K
- Drafting fees have been paid
- Budget will come in close to anticipated.

Process has been started to open account for the IcePlex North End addition at First Premier Bank.

#### Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- All post-season player evals for High School to 14U boys and girls were sent out by coaches by mid-March
- Been working on some sample practice schedules w/ Leah for 2024/25
- Interviewed two non-local coaching candidates for the Boys High School coaching position
- Attended the HS awards ceremony at the SIP
- Attended the last few weeks of 3 v 3
- HS Coach applications – most are not local applications.
- Requested High School Coach job position be posted in Let's Try Hockey publication

#### Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- ✓ End of Year Event – March 25 for Lady Flyers Varsity, East & West Jr Varsity and Varsity went well. Quick event, yet able to honor our players and other honorees.
- ✓ USA Hockey National Championship Girls Tier II 14U ended on Sunday, April 7. Great games and many compliments! Skate Social held at MIDCO Ice Arena on April 3 was a hit. Special thanks to the board members who helped with the event – appreciate you!

#### Director of Tournaments – Amanda Smith

- ✓ SFYHA hosted tournament registration fees – Leah May made a motion to approve the following registration fees for SFYHA hosted tournaments
  - Mite Falls Freeze - \$525

- Squirt Tournaments - \$1125
- PeeWee Tournaments - \$1250
- Bantam Tournaments - \$1325
- SFYHA team registration fees will be discounted

Motion seconded and carried. Derek Berg requested resurface every 2 periods with 1.75 hours of ice allotted per Bantam game.

Plans are to have Verbero provide inflatables during the Squirt Tournament. Player gifts will be revised stocking hat at same price from Verbero.

- ✓ SFYHA would like to add a girl's tournament and have a C level jamboree or tournament.

### **Agenda Items:**

IcePlex Expansion Fundraising – Amy Kimber has agreed to serve as chairperson for the Steering Committee to raise funds for the IcePlex North End Addition for SFYHA. A core committee is needed with sub committees to help with contacts and fundraising. Board members suggested possible members for the Steering Committee. Cherry will email a request for their involvement with the project.

SDAHA Spring Meeting – Saturday, April 13 in Sioux Falls Convention Center beginning at 8:30am. Chun Chan, Jenn Warren, Cherry Hunter, and Brian Prisbe are planning to attend. Board members reviewed the proposals up for consideration during the April 13 meeting.

- Lock 10 Violation -Support
- Team Composition - Support
- Non-League Travel Team Assessment – Proposal includes Squirts who have not been assessed in prior years for either league or non-league.
- Girls 14U Resurfacing – Proposal back for consideration within 2 year time frame. Do not support.
- Admin Rule 6 Registration – Establishes in-house/rec team assessments. Zero assessments previously for in-house/rec teams. In-House/Rec players already pay the SDAHA fee at USA Hockey registration. No definitive fee was established. Does this include Mites and Atoms?
  - Other Team Assessment – What is the process? Deadline? Appeal process? Who is the request submitted to? Who hears and rules on the exemption request?
  - Sanctions – in-house fine for not complying is \$100 for first infraction, \$200 for subsequent: is this per season, per team? Same question for travel (\$500) and Other Team Assessment (\$100). What are the perimeters?
- Playing Rule 4D Jr Gold Teams - Support
- Game Sheets Proposal - Support
- BOJI High School League Petition – Do not support
- Membership Requests
  - Northern Hills - Support
  - South Metro Hockey – Board? Bylaws? Player base from where?
- SDAHA Elections – Vice-President & Treasurer – encouraged SFYHA members to consider either of the positions.

***Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:  
To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports***

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm

NEXT MEETING  
May 8, 2024 6:30 pm  
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherry Hunter  
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted May 8, 2024 (Date) by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence (Circle one)