

## **GYHA November Board Meeting November 19, 2025**

Board Members Present: Jeff Barton, Jeff Linn, Ryan Whitehurst, Don Johnson, Bill Ryan, Aly Miser, Veronica Lamendola, Nick Lane, Baillie Hults

Guests: Elizabeth Hester, Rachel Halleran, Jane Collins, Ben Clark

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Meeting began at new start time of 5:45

Baillie emailed October's meeting minutes, members will read them before approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

GYHA approved the purchase of a laptop for official board business, a \$500 limit was set. Ryan will research good options.

**Social Media-** People have said that LTP information is hard to find. Aly will add LTP information to the main website page to make it more accessible.

Aly will begin posting in January for the next LTP session.

THFF registration is open but Aly will not post on social media until after the holidays.

Aly will post about the girls skills clinic when Baillie has more information and the flyer from CAHA.

**Financials-** There were no financial changes from Ryan. The venmo account change has gone through and Don will activate paypal emails this week making venmo transfer complete.

The new bank account GYHA voted to open with Truist, must be done in person. Don and Ryan will set up a time to meet at Truist.

Ryan paid the Garygoyles for our Jamboree ice time.

Don addressed, we purchased GYHA logo pucks in October of 2024, for \$600. The charge may be on the credit card statements, Don and Ryan must check statements to the Ice House so Don can pay it if he needs to.

Bill gave Ryan \$30 cash for jerseys and \$5 for magnets.

There are still magnets left for sale.

### **Programs**

No change to program numbers.

LTP- 52 signed up now for the January 19th session, with approximately 10 of them for learn to skate.

Coaches credentials- Marci has emailed everyone who needed to be up to date, for Safesport, background check and 6U/8U module.

Elizabeth Hester would like to address some concerns she has for the mites program. She said the girls and white and red teams have had games and weekend practice on the same day and were forced to choose between the two. GYHA agreed this is a problem and will discuss with Ben and Mara to verify that it doesn't happen again. We can move weekend practice dates if they conflict with the mites game schedule.

Elizabeth brings up the girls practicing together as 6U/8U combined. She said having all ages together hinders the girls development, they should be practicing with their proper skill level and age. GYHA agreed, the player's development is a priority. Steve has also implemented coed practices for the girls on Fridays but total coed practices may be the answer for the future.

Break at 6:20

Resume at 6:32

Aly screen shared Microsoft teams program so GYHA can get an understanding of how the program works and how we could use it to organize and optimize board member duties and responsibilities. Microsoft Teams organizes everything, can host meetings through it instead of using zoom, can have files open, and includes a storage cloud to keep documents.

GYHA approved a vote for teams for 13 person account- \$54.60 or \$624 annually.

White Rust Photography was great for mites photos, the only complaint was that it took a long time for the photographer to finish, but the photos look great.

The jersey reprints are still not of equal quality, the colors are slightly off.

The March GYHA board meeting will be used to compile updated rules and guidelines for the Mites program going forward.

Potentially a questionnaire for next year asking if families are willing to travel, willing to deal with short notice schedules and roster changes, asking for prior hockey experience, something that determines whether they should still be in LTP or move up to Mites.

Ben wants to focus on retaining kids that excel vs catering to kids that should still be in LTP Potentially adding an 8U plus program, giving upper level players the opportunity to develop and attend higher level of play games.

Having primary coaches for each color group to foster development and rapport with players and families.

Ben asked about the rules for final year mites practicing with 10U Triad Storm.

Ben suggested taking a group upstairs to the cage during weekend practices,

Don said he's always advocated for it, says he will reach out to Jack Brady to ask about practicing together in February or March more than just the final time at the end of the season.

Steve added it would be beneficial for those final year players to use that time with Triad to teach things like icing and offsides.

Mid-season survey for January 1st, Jeff Barton will create the survey and send it out for board approval.

Someone asked if we should ask the Strouds to open the GYHA store back up for the holidays.

Don will ask the Strouds.

Bill will post jerseys for sale on Facebook Marketplace

Aly would like to sell laser engraved coffee mugs from her business and donate \$5 from each cup to GYHA, custom orders should go to Aly  
The meeting adjourned at 7:53.