

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

September 13, 2023

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), Adam Gorra (Past President), Chun Chan (Secretary), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), Derek Berg (Development Director), Dave Carlson (Director of City League), Leah May (Travel League Director), and Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments). Quorum was present. Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations), Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) and Kris Kimber were also in attendance. Corey Rothrock (Vice-President) was absent.

Secretary's Report – Chun Chan made a motion to approve the August 16, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Board members reviewed the September 13 Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss to Date. The 50th Year Celebration committee has secured \$250 in sponsorships for prize drawings.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- Ran/oversaw High School Flyers tryout. Team rosters by tryout jersey numbers were posted several days after completion of tryouts. Suggested same time frame for posting for other leagues.
- Held HS girls coaches zoom meeting regarding coaching needs/positions for 2023/24
- Andy Gillham sessions w/ travel coaches has begun. The first session was on August 30th, next one Sept. 16
- Secured players for SFYHA Leadership Session with Andy Gillham
- Ran and planned all DOH of Hockey/Power Skating Sessions
- Began working on youth tryout on-ice coverage and evaluator schedule for all levels

Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- ❖ Fall Kick Off – Thank you to everyone for a successful event!!! Board members suggested we have a “party” every year at the Fall Kick Off event.
- ❖ Registration Updates as of September 13 in board packets. Future plans need to include the addition of at least one more City League level.
- ❖ Music computers received and Randy has completed set up.
- ❖ Safe Sport – Coaches required to be in the locker rooms and need to follow Safe Sport in the Referee locker room as well. Other state implementations
- ❖ 2024 USA Hockey Girls 14 Tier II Tournament update – requested photographer not available
- ❖ 2025 USA Hockey National Tournament bid is due at the end of September. First choice is High School tournaments. Board members noted possible use of Augustana facility for national tournaments for a portion of the scheduled games.
- ❖ Hockey Happenings – distribute by end of week with details of upcoming events
- ❖ Connecting Kids application due Friday
- ❖ Original Pancake House gift cards are only valid at Sioux Falls location

Director of Development – Derek Berg – Derek reported Parkway Ortho will serve as the Mite jersey sponsor. He is seeking an Atom & Mini-Atom jersey sponsor. Cherry will send Derek a list of Atoms to help with reach out. Puck Club is going great! Flyers Fest, a one day indoor event, was suggested. After discussion, board members noted their desire to host a golf tournament.

Director of Tournaments – Amanda Smith – Amanda ordered stocking hats for each player as player gifts during our home tournaments at Verbero cost of \$7 each. First Bank & Trust and AOX Welding will serve as Flyer's tournament sponsors. A Mite Falls Freeze sponsor needs to be secured. For Game Sheets during tournaments, we need 4 iPads as a minimum. 10th Edition iPads approximate cost with case is \$500. Multi charging stations were suggested. SFYHA currently has 2 new iPads for Live Scoring. Cherry will check on the iPads previously utilized for HUDL. Amanda is working on possible iPad sponsors. Rink Manager, Brian Prisbe suggested SFYHA has their own internet connection.

President's Report – Sam Everson

❖ SDAHA Proposals

- Player Transfers & New Bylaw Article 3.1 Player Association Participation – SFYHA does not support changes to the Player Transfer process & Player Association Participation Bylaw. Board members noted concern with - “as the crow flies” from the location of the school where the player is enrolled to the center of the municipality where the association has its official address.
- Team Splits – The Registered Bantam Skaters plan should be consistent all the way up through the number count. The annual requirement to submit in-house (City) registration numbers is not necessary. Players have the option at registration to select either Travel or City League. SFYHA City League registration numbers are not relevant to our travel option. Option 2 of Team Splits by age as of uniform date is not necessary. SDAHA requirement to submit a plan annually risks change in development of players.
- Playdown Request – Mitchell Bantams – SFYHA supports
- Playdown Request – Sioux Center PeeWees – SFYHA supports

Agenda Items:

- IcePlex Expansion Fundraising & Memo of Understanding – Meetings are set up with possible substantial donors.
- Pre-Season Events & Timelines – Amanda Smith – Can SFYHA combine Fall Kick-Off and Fall League meetings to save trips to the rink? Kick off is for distribution of tryout jerseys and kick off for player fundraising. Fall League meetings are closer to season with distribution of practice schedules and expectations for the season.
- Squirt Registration – With ice limits, number of teams and Mite switch to full ice as Squirts, board members discussed
 - Suggested a 2nd Year Mite Jamboree Day at the end of the season for those interested in Squirts (full ice).
 - First year Squirt players play in City League
 - Impose minimum skill level
 - Cap number of Squirt teams
 - No board actions

Between Meetings

Travel Team Commitment Form – Leah May a motion to approve the Travel Team Commitment form as presented. The form requires parent and player signatures for all travel players. Motion seconded and passed. Aug 21, 2023

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:

To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports

Meeting adjourned 9:50pm

NEXT MEETING

October 11, 2023 6:30 pm
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted October 11, 2023 _____ by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(Date) (Circle one)