

IFYHA Board Meeting Agenda  
Time and Date: 24 October 2023  
Location: Idaho Falls Fire Department



Board Members:

- Kylie Robinson, President
- Duane Nelson, Vice President
- Janet Loxterman, Secretary
- ~~Tim Smith, Treasurer~~
- Jessica Baird, 18U/16U
- Michelle Crane, HS
- Bill Combo, 19U Girls
- Laura Bruley, 14U
- Eric Johnson, 12U
- Alex Talbot, 10U
- Keeshia Goodenough, 8U
- Josh Rabbani, Coaching Director
- Sarah Benson, IAHA
- ~~Kathleen Smith, USA Hockey~~
- Invited Guests: Nate Carey, Josh Deede

Kylie called the meeting to order at 18:31 PM

**1. Approval of minutes from meeting 3 October 2023**

Unanimously approved per email, confirmed

**2. Coaching committee update – Josh Rabbani**

**a. How did tryouts go?**

Tryouts included a combination of drills and scrimmages, focus on creating competitive teams and development teams when numbers permit (A/B)

- Mites (8U) up to level and meeting expectations
- Squirts (10U) meeting expectations for two teams A/B
- Peewees (12U) there is more variability, some players behind will need focused development
- Bantams (14U) and midgets (16U/18U) are getting ready for game play  
North to south, yes; need focus on east to west, edges, stronger passing and on the backhand

Moving forward for all divisions, Josh plans to meet with coaches every two weeks to make sure players are still on track and working on areas that need improvement

**3. U14 travel team – girls and boys**

The board agreed that if girls identify 14U/19U girls as their primary team, they will not be able to take a 14U Bantam travel spot from an eligible boy player. There will be conflicts in preparing a state competitive team since U14/U19 state bound girls' teams cannot play with U14 bantams at state.

The Director has the final decision to cut girls in favor of boys for U14 bantam travel since girls still have a travel team to play on without bantam

This may be part of the forthcoming policy and procedures related to selecting a primary division for travel.

#### **4. Ice Scheduler**

Pre-covid we had an ice scheduler. This has been identified as a need for the association to have someone to schedule ice times, set the calendar and update it as needed.

Kylie conformed that we were able to get Tuesday and Wednesday ice times back from the ISU Bengals, we will lose MAC ice every two weeks, and we were able to add Monday practices

Practice schedules should be set on the IFYHA calendar and practice times more regular/predictable at Tautphaus, MAC ice will still be variable, Kylie will communicate as quickly as possible with directors when MAC ice times change

#### **5. Equipment Room Manager**

Jeff Freeman has volunteered to be our equipment room manager. He will organize and inventory the equipment, go through lost and found, clean up the room to get rid of old/unusable equipment.

Keeshia noted that U8 mite division need bigger helmets and new pants

#### **6. IFYHA Treasurer responsibilities**

Moved to end of meeting since it is an executive committee decision

Accountant continue to be responsible for taxes, non-profit status; treasurer will prepare, provide, and present quarterly financial statements at board meetings

#### **7. IFYHA Treasurer applicants**

- a. **Jessica Baird**
- b. **Seth Miller**
- c. **Ben Roberts**
- d. **Tyrell Butikofer**
- e. **Emily Jaynes**
- f. **Jon Davies**
- g. **Lucia Wang**
- h. **Laurie De León-Jean**

As a result of time, the executive committee agreed to discuss this position at a later date.

#### **8. Adaptive Sleds/Equipment (moved to first agenda item)**

Nate Carey from Valley Adaptive Sports, a non-profit with the mission to create accessible recreation for people of all abilities, joined the meeting to discuss the sled hockey program. Valley Adaptive Sports raised funds by raffling Chukar and Spud Kings jerseys donated by Challenged Athletes Foundation/Mission43 and they would like to put that money back into the community. Their plan is to add accessible recreation in Idaho Falls.

The first sled hockey event at Tautphaus is scheduled for November 4, at 10:15 am. There will be others in early 2024.

They are requesting athletes and instructors to participate and learn; looking for volunteers to come learn about sled hockey and help on the ice.

There was a request that IFYHA not only support this event through volunteers, but also the donated use of equipment – Duane made a motion to approve the use of IFYHA equipment, Jessica seconded, motion passed

## **9. Play-up Policy**

### **a. 8U players interested in moving to 10U**

The board did not approve any requests for 8U players to move up to 10U. This will be something that is considered when developing the policies and procedures.

## **10. Player requests**

### **a. Evie Anderson dual registration follow-up**

The IFYHA policy is that a player cannot dual-register, so Evie cannot play with the Boise Steelheads and IFYHA U19 girls' teams

Kylie will speak Rob McSweeney from Boise

Board vote stands, Evie Anderson is released to play Steelheads and will not play IFYHA

### **b. Ethan Baird**

Practice time (maybe) twice a month, Bill indicated that he can help with girls' program

**Amendment:** To clarify, Ethan has not requested to register for IFYHA and is not eligible to be rostered with IFYHA

## **11. Robby Glantz Camp Update**

December 13-15; Jessica will email directors details to determine availability Dec 13-15

## **12. Update on concussion testing**

John Heinrich (IAHA) – IMPACT testing proctor puts code in and has to have controlled environment, someone has to evaluate IMPACT results; Jessica will talk with Stephanie Liddle about proctoring and interpreting results.

Still scheduled for November 4, 10 am – 1 pm

## **13. New business**

Extra ice time for players that need some extra ice - They can practice with younger groups, but they cannot student coach until 13 years old. This is non-negotiable.

Josh Deede introduced himself to the board. He is the new SafeSport coordinator for IFYHA. He plans to focus on the proper use of SafeSport for protection of players and parents; contact Josh Deede at (208) 390-2098 if you have questions about SafeSport

Ice time for 8U, 10U, 12U girls for practice

The board will be creating a disciplinary committee and will start identifying members

Kylie motion to adjourn, Alex (and everyone else) seconded, all approved  
Meeting ended 21:46 pm