

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

January 13, 2021

6:30pm

Zoom & In-Person Meeting at the Sanford Conference Room

President Adam Gorra called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Adam Gorra (President), Sam Everson (Vice-President), Chad Dykstra (Member at Large), Andy DeMore (Development Director), Aimee Chase (Director of Tournaments) and Dave Carlson (City League Director). Lindsay Erickson (Treasurer), Ed Davis (Secretary) and Mark Bukovich (Travel League Director) attended via Zoom. Quorum was present. Cherry Hunter (Executive Assistant), Dan Houck (Director of Hockey), Eric Covrig, Josh Howe, Amber Howe, Dan Gibson, Kristi Laber, Josh McFarlane, Molly Ades, Ken Dunn, Tanner Eining and Connor Halbert were also in attendance.

Open Forum – Squirt Blue 1 parents in attendance inquired as to an investigation regarding a situation in Brookings between Sioux City parents and Sioux Fall parents. Squirt Blue 1 parents noted they had done nothing wrong and requested information as to why the situation was being reviewed. At the request of USA Hockey and SDAHA, Sioux Falls Youth Hockey is conducting follow up on a confidential matter.

Secretary's Report – Lindsay Erickson made a motion to approve the December 9 Board of Directors Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurers Report – Lindsay Erickson – Lindsay presented the January 11 Balance Sheet. Net is down \$16K from last year based on increased ice fees. Tournament Fees are still in the process of being collected. COVID has affected Tournaments causing revolving door. Lindsay noted her preference is not to put expense increases back to parents. Each season we encounter ice cost increases.

Rebranding Committee – Andy DeMore

Rebranding Committee Report

- Preparing final presentation to the board
- Requested 35-40 minutes at the February 10 board meeting
- Other rink SFYHA banners – suggest they change only as the associations replace banners

Director of Travel League – Mark Bukovich – Mark reported several teams are still adding tournaments. Minnesota is rescheduling tournaments, but many conflict with SDAHA league games. SDAHA Girls JV Jamboree will be hosted at the IcePlex March 12-14 during the SDAHA Varsity Boys Tournament. The jamboree is being scheduled to avoid as many conflicts as possible with the Varsity Tournament. Trying to make no cost for attending 4 teams through donations secured by Jean Davis and Jenni Wirkus.

Director of City League -Dave Carlson – Kelsey Anderson resigned as the ICL League Supervisor. Mike Riedel has been appointed to the position. Senior Day for ACL will be hosted at the Denny on February 6. Reviewing possibilities to host outdoor games for ACL and ICL leagues. Board members discussed outdoor ice options – refrigerated and covered keep outdoor ice much better.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- finalized Mite travel rosters
- refereed one night Squirt 4v4 and helping Jeff Rink get coaches to supplement the lack of referees for these games which seems to be a struggle
- finalized rosters for 4v4 w/ Amanda Webb for 4v4 half-ice games
- began team evals for teams - all HS Boys (except JV) and Bantam teams are done
- created skill plans for Mondays for Squirt and PeeWee Skills
- attended Bantam tourney for Bantam A/B teams
- attended several Mini-Atom sessions
- secured coaching for Atom Short Session to help assist Riley Block
- secured additional coaching for ICL practices on Saturdays
- film review for HS coaches and feedback on special teams
- held meeting w/ Riley Block and Bob Schmid to go over 8 week plan for Atom Short Sessions
- working w/ Mike Riedel on rebalancing ICL teams as one team is really struggling
- continued distribution of additional practice ice for all travel teams w/ Friday skill session ice
- handling Brandon's distribution of time w/ travel teams in addition to Wed. Goalie Clinics
- provided Friday ice distribution and schedule to board members
- Coach Houck noted the Andy Gillham sessions have been good for coaching staff

Admin Report – Cherry Hunter

- ✓ Presented plan for extension of the hockey season – Cherry presented spreadsheet noting current end of season in accordance with the 2020-2021 SFYHA Season Guide. Several teams need to schedule tournaments beyond date posted on the Season Guide, due to COVID tournament cancellations. Adam Gorra made a motion to extend season end of season to March 7 for Mini-Atoms, Atoms, Atom Short Session, Squirt Travel, Girls 10U, PeeWee Travel and Bantam Travel. Girls JV extended thru March 14 due to Girls JV Jamboree March 12-14. Estimated ice cost is \$5000. Motion seconded and carried. Noted – there is open ice March 5-7 if teams want to host jamborees. Planning and cost would be responsibility of teams involved. February 1 will be the final date to request tournaments for the travel teams. Families will not be assessed for practice ice time thru the revised end of season dates. Skills will have final night on February 22.
- ✓ Attending USA Hockey Winter Meetings
- ✓ Tournament fee collection and fundraiser fee invoices – working to finalize fundraiser fee invoices. Collection of tournament fees has been delayed due to changing tournament schedules. Fundraiser fee invoices cannot be finalized until a majority of tournament fees, with fundraiser fee deduct slips, has been completed.
- ✓ End of Year Events – Most likely no food. Board members suggested outdoor event. Board members suggested t-shirts or sling bags for end of year gifts for Mites and older. Mini-Atoms and Atoms receive trophies.
- ✓ Spring 3 V 3 League will be held on March 7, March 14, March 21 and March 28 for this years Mites, Squirts, PeeWees and Bantams.
- ✓ Atom Short Session began with 27 skaters & Riley Block as Head Coach. Several parents are assisting as coaches.
- ✓ SDAHA Varsity Committee – Working with core committee to plan for March 12-14, 2021 event
- ✓ SDAHA Raffle Tickets – Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association sold 64 raffle tickets for the benefit of SDAHA Senior scholarship.

Presidents Report – Adam Gorra

- Discretionary purchases in last month – set of mid-size goals for Mite City League, security for Rushmore vs Sioux Falls Varsity game and Bantam Tournament. Security is minimum of 4 hour shifts at \$37 per hour.

New Business:

Coach Expense Policy – Chad Dykstra made a motion to add “receipts for Sioux Falls restaurants will be denied for reimbursement” to the Coaches Reimbursement Policy. Motion seconded and carried.

Laptop for Executive Assistant – Lindsay Erickson made the following motion: SFYHA purchase a laptop, monitor and needed accessories for Executive Assistant. Expense for the purchases not to exceed \$2000. Motion seconded and passed.

Security - Board members discussed the need for security at games and tournaments. Security vests for SFYHA volunteers could serve the need. IcePlex staff are supposed to provide security for the facility.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer / DIBS Coordinator – Wendy Quam

- Working with Cherry and Carrie Volland to upload the DIBS items for the season
- Addressing any DIBS hiccups along with Carrie and Cherry
- Marking DIBS items complete
- Working to give credit to those who filled in for unclaimed items and for those who filled in for people who didn't show for their DIBS items
- Marking DIBS items unfulfilled for those people who did not show for their DIBS item
- Answering emails for families regarding volunteer items
- Addressing other concerns as they come up

Safe Sport – Amber Chan

- One Safe Sport report filed in December 2020 – no additional information provided
- No other reports files

Growth & Retention – Jamie Shores

- Brainstorming ideas for Fall Let's Try Hockey sessions

Between Meeting Notes

- ✓ Girls Games at Denny – Feb 12-14 – Andy DeMore made a motion to approve 4 team Girls 19U jamboree for Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Omaha and Nashville Jr Predators to be hosted Feb 12-14 at the Denny. All costs will be incurred by the participating teams. Motion seconded and carried. Feb 8, 2021

Motion adjourned 10:30pm

NEXT MEETING

February 10, 2021 6:30 pm

Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex – Will be in person meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Executive Assistant

Adopted February 10, 2021 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(Date) (Circle one)