

Date: April 8th, 2024  
Location: Chavez Center Conference Room  
Attendees: Bearclaw Shipe, Dawn Kaufman,  
Denise Ip, John Utsey, Lisa Schub, Sarah Miller,  
Sarah Wrenn-Weaver,, Kristy Janda (Phone)  
Guests: Cat Petersen, Svenja Strieker, Deirdre Ryan  
Excused: Liz Alfaro  
Absent: Katy Fitzgerald



## **SFHA Board Meeting Minutes May 6th, 2024**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER 6:40pm**

### **II. APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

- MOTION: Denise moved that the board approve April 8th meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Sarah and passed unanimously.

### **III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Bearclaw)**

- Bearclaw introduced guests Cat Petersen and Svenja Strieker. Both are interested candidates for a Board position. Bearclaw reported that he previously met with Cat and her Board Interest form is included in the Board Packet. After a brief question and answer session, Bearclaw asked if a Board member would introduce a motion to approve Cat as a new Board Member.
- MOTION: Dawn moved that the board approve Cat as a Board Member. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- LOEAHA Annual Meeting Highlights
  - a) Mandatory neck guards - USA Hockey mandate will take effect on August 1st and applies to all ages. Kelly Colyer, Referee in Chief for New Mexico, stated that there will be a zero tolerance policy. Violations during a game will result in a 10 minute major misconduct penalty and the offending player will not be allowed back on the ice without approved neck protection.
  - b) After lengthy discussion, the LOE Board approved the elimination of the terms High School/ Varsity/JV for the upcoming season. Teams must be rostered in the age appropriate tiers U16/ U18. The State Registrar will not register any teams using the JV/Varsity naming convention.
- GCCC User Group Meeting Highlights
  - a) GCCC has 2 more groups asking for ice time this Fall: NM Warriors and another group.
  - b) New scheduling and invoicing software is currently in pilot at another city recreation facility and is expected to be rolled out this month.
  - c) User group meetings are about once a month.
  - d) GCCC Ice Rink is planning a HVAC replacement project in June. Expected to take 2-3 weeks.
- Faith Miller's hockey clinic tentatively scheduled June 3-7. Bearclaw to follow up.
- e) Bearclaw will speak to Brian about adding Youth Hockey through the GCCC.

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#### IV. TREASURER'S REPORT (Bearclaw)

- Bearclaw reported that Liz will be stepping down as Treasurer at the Annual Meeting in June. She will remain as a Board Member. Liz and Bearclaw will work together to ensure that all Treasurer functions are completed until a new Treasurer is elected.
- Current Finances
  - a) The checking account balance as of May 5th was \$29,479. This balance reflects the payment of \$27,210 in outstanding invoices. Anticipated activity prior to year-end close include a \$2,400 March Ice Bill from GCCC, some additional revenues from prior jacket sales that will be invoiced and collection of Spring Ice walk-on fees. The estimated approximate account balance is projected to be \$25,000 at year-end.
- FY 2022-23 Tax Return
  - a) Sat Mitar expects to complete our FY 22-23 return this week.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

- Review/Update Preparatory Activities List for Upcoming Season
- Fundraising Update (Sarah W)
  - a) Sarah W. will create a "Thank You to our Sponsors" line to outgoing emails
  - b) 45% Association Member participation rate in 99 pledges this past season.
  - c) Brief discussion on ways to attract small business participation?
  - d) Sarah proposed reshaping the gear swap meeting into a parent/ sponsor social event. Board members concurred with her suggestion.
  - e) We have a limited Scholarship program. This will be circulated through a Financial Aid request form. Deadline August 1st. Recipients announced August 15th.
  - f) Bearclaw encouraged the Fundraising Committee to document the fundraising distribution process, from application acceptance to awards of financial aid.
- Jerseys/Socks/Merchandising Update (Sarah M)
  - a) Online merch store is ready and customizable. Sarah will Slack the link to all Board Members for review.
  - b) The sample jersey from the manufacturer is due this week.
  - c) Jerseys are part of the merch store, but this is part of a larger discussion. Sarah M will schedule a follow-up meeting to work through the jersey ordering process to include use of name plates, jersey numbers, sponsorship considerations, etc.
- Policies/Procedures Updates (Kristy) - No changes since last meeting.
- Duties and Responsibilities for Team Managers (Kristy)
  - a) Team Manager kickoff meeting in August.
  - b) A draft Team Manager Duties sheet was circulated for review and comment. Suggested edits should be sent directly to Kristy asap.

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## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Set Date and Time for Annual Meeting: Tuesday June 11th at 6:30pm
- David Fresquez podcast request. Bearclaw will respond to Mr. Fresquez.
- Live Barn solicitation. No action required.
- Team Managers for Next Season. We are finalizing a list of volunteers.
- Coaches for Next Season: Sean, Shane, Chris W, Jim, Jake, Derek, Jaime, Harpal, Stefan, Sage, Dan, David Gonzalez. All TBC.
- We should try to get a girls get-together to help nurture the younger female players.
- John stated that we need to hold a Try Hockey for Free event this year. This event is a significant source of new players for our organization.

## **VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT 8:45pm**