

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 11, 2025 6:30pm
Sanford Conference Room – SCHEELS IcePlex

President Chun Chan called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Jenn Warren (Vice-President), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), John McCollister (Secretary), Leah May (Travel League Director), Cody Alderman (Director of City League), and Spencer Wrightsman (Development Director). Quorum was present. Derek Berg (NW Addition), Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) and Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) were also in attendance. Adam Gorra (Director of Tournaments) and Sam Everson (Past President) joined the meeting via Zoom.

Open Forum

Board members and Derek Berg reviewed options for a Director of Girls Hockey. Points of discussion included:

- ✓ Need a focus on our younger girls & goalies – including the Atoms & Mites
- ✓ Flyers support the girls only program but the ratio to coed or boys only teams is low
- ✓ Director of Girls Hockey would report to the DOH and focus on all girls and not solely on Varsity
- ✓ Need curriculum for the girl's program
- ✓ Suggested back to back practices for coaching consistency. Leah will consider options when working the practice schedule
- ✓ 1.5 hour use of ice with mid time overlap worked well. All girls should have skill sessions on the same day
- ✓ Hiring a person to fill the point person position – funding was noted as a concern

Secretary's Report – John McCollister made a motion to approve the May 14, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Elliot Hitt requested budget items be submitted within the next 2 weeks.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- Worked on the Team SD program for a one year commitment. Assisted with the 12U evaluations. Team SD committee included Jenni Wirkus, Duke Witte, Justin Kirchevel and Dan.
- Met with Brian Prisbe & Kory Lindersmith regarding JV West coaching.
- A couple of Lady Flyers are looking at options of playing elsewhere
- Need video person for JV/Varsity and Lady Flyers JV/Varsity

Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- Senior Showcase & SDAHA Girls Weekend – Ice time bumped by IcePlex. Uncertain dates and locations for events since IcePlex ice is not available on traditional weekends.
- Ice Users Meeting – Wednesday, June 18:
- Calendar Work - Ice requests for August and September have been submitted. Includes camps, clinics, tryouts, rental gear dates and preseason ice slots
- Cleaning out old files
- Registration – tracking players who may not be returning for the 25-26 season
- Several Expansion projects and contacts this past month – especially Alumni group
- High School and Lady Flyers jersey and gear fittings – 2 sessions remain

- 2025-29 USA Hockey Rule Change Summary included in board packet. Coach Houck requested the document be sent to coaches in addition to reminders for Safe Sport training, screenings needs and the 8U CEP will be required for all coaches working with Mites and younger.
- Meeting Room for 80-100 coaches – Tuesday, Oct 21. The Pentagon is not available during the week of Oct 20. Great Shots has room available for a cost of \$450 for 1.5 hr. Room charges at Pentagon for league meetings are \$400 to include both City & Travel dates. Will check with Knife River & Summit League regarding meeting room availability.
- Pierre Lady Flyer – moving to Sioux Falls to reside with grandparent, go to Jefferson and play hockey.
- Board packets included updates SFYHA Tentative Fall Schedule and updated Registration Projections.

Director Reports

- ✓ Director of Tournaments – Adam Gorra – Tournaments are full. All are paid with the exception of Fargo Angels for Squirt A and Squirt B.
- ✓ Director of Travel League – Leah May – Registration for tournaments has been completed.
- ✓ Director of Development – Spencer Wrightsman – Working with Derek Berg. Buffalo Wild Wings is probably a no go. Pure Hockey, Property Care Pros (Travis Janecek) and a lawyer are on his list of possible sponsors.

Presidents Report – Chun Chan – SDAHA Vice-President, Dan French resigned at the April 12 Spring Meeting. Nathan Sanderson (Pierre) has been appointed as Vice-President. SFYHA PeeWee SDAHA format will most likely be two A, one B, and one C team.

Agenda Items:

Flyers Expansion Project – Elliot, Cherry and Derek Berg met with Joe Zueger and Brian Prisbe regarding the expansion project. Target completion is November and Joe noted appreciation for the hard work of the fundraising committee. Currently we have a \$50K match challenge for the project. Derek Berg & Jerry Fromm will serve as the SFYHA reps on the building project for updates and possible changes.

Communication Platform – No changes to the current process & procedure for team communication. Platforms that require a fee will be paid by those using the app, not SFYHA.

Travel Eligibility Policy – In an effort to represent the SFYHA membership, board members reviewed the Travel Eligibility Policy. Expectations, choices, decisions, and the goal to serve our players in the best possible program were reviewed. With ideas presented, board members requested Cherry create a document with proposed changes and present it to the board for review. Board members requested voting take place by June 20 and the Policy will become effective immediately. Email communication will be sent to the Squirt and older member families.

SFFSC – Flyers Cheer Program for 2025-2026 – Riley Block, SFFSC Director, presented a plan for JV/Varsity cheerleaders for the 25-26 season. Board members approved the submitted plan of action.

League Overview Updates – Leah May, Dan Houck and Cherry Hunter will update the overviews in accordance with 25-26 plans & fees.

*Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:
To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports*

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY – JULY 7, 2025 6:30 pm

Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted July 7, 2025 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(Date) (Circle one)