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We sincerely hope this email finds our CYHA families safe and healthy. We know many parents were looking for a break as our season came to close, though we are sure none of us were expecting a complete halt.

The CYHA Board would like to provide our members with an update of what has been going on behind the scenes during this time. It is our hope that we can answer any questions you might have about our upcoming travel program tryouts, season plans and elections, as well as let you know what your Board is doing on behalf of the Association.

1. We are working on tryout plans. You all should have received an email for a survey concerning this. If you have not completed yours, please do so at your earliest convenience. This will help us plan and prepare for our return to the rink when we are able to do so.

As of today, we are in a holding pattern as far as tryout dates are concerned. Our governing body, Carolina Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) regulates this inside our affiliate. The affiliate includes Associations in both North and South Carolina, so their task is a bit cumbersome as they plan on behalf of both States. There is a call scheduled with CAHA this weekend, and hopefully they will provide a bit more guidance on when they think Associations may start scheduling tryouts. Please understand, that once they have given us the green light to schedule dates, we then will work within the confines of what our rink is able to allow us to do.

There is also a call with the League next week that will hopefully give some clarity on how the League will need to adjust if the season starts late, etc.

2. The Board is currently in the process of reviewing budgets from last season and preparing budgets for the upcoming season. Your participation in the survey sent to you will provide us with much needed information as we are going forward. We are also in contact with other Associations inside our Affiliate to see how they are approaching the upcoming season so we might garner help from others. As soon as this task is finalized, we will present the information to our members.

3. The Carolina Ice Palace currently only has one rink available. In anticipation of a long shut down, the rink brought down the Palace rink back in March to contain costs as best they can. The staff has been working throughout this time doing maintenance and updates to the facility. We expect to be pleasantly surprised and even more proud of our rink when we can return. (We will also see if maybe we can get some preview photos to share with everyone!)

4. If you are interested in coaching and have not yet completed a coaching application, we have extended the application deadline until May 9, 2020. If you have an interest in coaching but are not 100% sure you can commit right now, please visit our website and complete the application. There is no charge to apply, but we need you to apply to be able to assign you as a coach if you decide you want to do it.

5. If you have not registered your child for tryouts, but plan to participate, please register as soon as you can. This applies to any of our Jr. Stingrays teams, no matter what level of play. This information was also addressed in the survey, so again please complete your survey.
6. If your child needs an avenue to remain active during this shutdown, Hunter Bishop Hockey has been offering Virtual Workouts 3 days a week to anyone interested. Please reach out to HunterBishopHockey.com for information and fee structure.
7. As of right now, all summer camp statuses are still pending. It remains to be seen what guidelines, if any, the Governor issues for gatherings and/or sports that allow close contact, so until there are further developments in that area, there won't be any definitive decisions made.
8. The Board recognizes that there are going to be families who may be financially impacted by this. We are working on different plans for these families so that they can continue to participate in the sport that we all love.
9. Annual Meeting and Elections are currently postponed until such time as we can safely meet and adhere to any guidelines or orders given by our Governor. In the interim, the current Board continues to work on the upcoming season. Once the elections are held, if there is a change in any position, we will be confident that we have done what we could to provide a solid foundation for our Association to move forward.
10. The current Board is meeting at minimum bi-weekly, and weekly if needed going forward as circumstances and guidelines are now more fluid. This action gives us the ability to monitor things more closely and make decisions that will help us guide the Association through this unprecedented circumstance. Our hope is that even if we take a hit because of this, we have a well laid foundation for moving forward as smoothly as possible as an Association.

The Board appreciates your patience and understanding during this. We wish we could provide more information and timelines to update you, but rest assured, we are watching current events closely so we can keep you updated as quickly as possible. We look forward to a time that this is behind us and we can all see each other again and enjoy our Charleston Youth Hockey Association family. Until then, we will do our best to keep you informed and hope that you and your family are healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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