



April 16, 2025

CYHA Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Dustin Hapka, Phil Passarelli, Chris DaBaldo, Angela Brady, Ryan Blair, JC Gaskins, Justin Pence

Board Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: Phil Passarelli called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm.

Chris made a motion to suspend Officer and Committee reports for the current meeting for the board to focus on specific agenda items pertaining to the 2025 – 26 season. The motion was seconded by Phil and approved unanimously.

Hockey Director Report: Ryan provided an update to the group on the Tryout preparations. We will not have external evaluators this season. It has been difficult recruiting volunteers to be present at multiple sessions over the course of three days. The group discussed several ways evaluations have been performed in the past along with the pros and cons of each. The consensus of the board was that Phil and JC would be the primary evaluators for each group. Along with JC and Phil, the head coach for each team will provide input for player selection.

Goalie evaluations were discussed by the group. Distinct options were discussed for goalies. The consensus of the board was to follow the same goalie evaluation process as last season as this provided multiple opportunities to evaluate each goalie.

The board discussed the process for evaluating any players who were unable to attend tryouts due to extenuating circumstances. The board decided that no player would be evaluated prior to our scheduled tryout dates. Players who miss tryouts will be evaluated after tryouts have concluded in a fair and transparent process.

Old Business:

2025 – 26 Travel League Membership: Angela updated the group on the status of our League applications for next season. The ACHC membership application and dues were submitted before the deadline. A letter of intent has been sent to the CHL committing the CYHA to registering at least one team in the CHL for next season.

New Business

2025 – 26 Mighty Mites Season Details: Justin presented the 2025 – 26 Mighty Mites budget to the board. We have budgeted for three teams this season due to the expected participation. Jerseys are not included in the season dues this year. Returning players will use the same jersey as last year. New players will purchase a jersey as an add-on cost. Additions to this season include Power Skating, additional ice time, and participation in two tournaments. Additionally, we will bring the coaching stipend/reimbursement policy in line with that of our travel program. The cost will be set at \$650 per player.

Chris made a motion to approve the 2025 – 26 Mites budget as submitted to the board. Phil seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Phil made a motion to approve the 2025 – 26 Mites Program Details as submitted to the board. Chris seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

SportsEngine Season Management: Justin met with our account team from SportsEngine to review the updated platform. Our website has been migrated to the new platform which is a back-end change that provides additional features and usability for our organization. The CYHA will incur no additional costs because of this change. Unfortunately, we have lost access to Live scoring feature that was used for our House League games. The board felt this was an acceptable change as we can revert to GameSheet to scoring.

Registrations Portal: Justin has built the registration links for each Travel team for the upcoming season. The updated registration included separate sections for our media release waiver and standalone agreement for National bound teams.

Ice Contract: Duston and Brandon have met regarding our Ice Contract for the upcoming year. Unfortunately, with the introduction of a junior team for this season, the Ice Palace is unable to offer bulk purchasing with a fixed monthly cost. This is due to the scheduling uncertainty created by a first-year team. There is a consensus among the board to push for the inclusion of the first right of refusal language to be included in our contract for any unused or cancelled ice time. Additionally, the board felt that it was important to retain a dedicated locker room for the CYHA coaching staff. Ryan will work with Brandon to see if we can secure a locker room for the upcoming season.

Tryout Readiness Call: The board will meet on May 8, 2025, at 8:00 pm as a readiness touch base prior to tryouts.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.