

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

November 11, 2020 6:30pm

Zoom Meeting

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), Lindsay Erickson (Treasurer), Chad Dykstra (Member at Large), Andy DeMore (Development Director), Aimee Chase (Director of Tournaments) and Dave Carlson (City League Director). Quorum was present. Cherry Hunter (Executive Assistant) was also in attendance. Ed Davis, Mark Bukovich and Dan Houck were absent. Member attending the meeting as guest was Mindy Hansen.

Secretary's Report – Sam Everson made a motion to approve the October 14 Board of Directors Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurers Report – Lindsay Erickson – Lindsay Erickson submitted Nov 5 Balance Sheet and hockey COVID refund projection worksheet. The refund projections are outside of any unforeseen costs. Ice time costs and refund costs balance out.

Development Report – Andy DeMore – Andy reported no new major developments. He is working with 2 potential donors. Andy noted the Sanford merge most likely will not affect our funding from Sanford.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- organized/evaluated all travel tryouts for 2020 (SQ/PW/BT/Lady Flyers)
- did all team travel team placement and coaching placement for travel teams after tryouts (non-paid coaches)
- ran coaches on-ice and coaching pre-season meeting for Flyers coaching staff
- cleaned up Coaches Corner
- did a PowerPoint/video overlay for website going over tactics/systems of SFYHA for coaches
- ran Let's Try Hockey and KOTR for Atoms/City-League
- had 10-12 post tryout player/parent meetings following travel tryouts
- worked w/ Connor on creating "Buddy Program" Schedule for older teams assisting younger teams
- did all Mite city league evaluations/placements/splits for 2020/21 season
- worked Cherry and goaltending development staff on creating a more organized sign-up for goalie and shooter participation for Wednesday goalie skills
- held several individual coaches meetings regarding season planning/content/player personnel for their individual teams

Admin Report – Cherry Hunter

- ✓ SDAHA Varsity Committee – Working with core committee to begin planning for March 12-14, 2021 event
- ✓ Special thanks to everyone during my illness. The Flyers are truly a great hockey family. Special thanks to Adam for keeping daily operations on the move.

Presidents Report – Adam Gorra

- Flyers Office Space Bid Update – Two story construction cost for the Stampede northwest corner is estimated at \$85,000. The estimate is market rate, no discounts, for 380 ft space and commercial construction. One story structure is estimated at \$47,000 with footprint same without the stairs. Six to eight weeks for build. Lindsay Erickson made a motion to table the project discussion until late February and keep two story construction as the option needed for

SFYHA. Motion seconded and carried. Other notes included an \$85,000 asset to a facility not owned by SFYHA. Andy noted we could allocate our capital for the build out.

- South Dakota Hockey Officials Association (SDHOA) memorandum – Adam noted SDHOA requests to do scheduling to control who goes where, increase fees slightly, turn over \$9000 from the SDAHA Referee fund to SDHOA and proposed \$3200 rate of pay for scheduling officials. SDHOA feels they can provide a better product thru better assignments. A committee has been formed to review the memorandum. Board members noted SFYHA has our own Referee Mentor to service our house leagues and develop referees.
- SDAHA League COVID Policy – Each local can assess COVID and need to cancel league games. Games will be rescheduled as best they can in accordance with the weather cancellation rescheduling process.
- Required Masks at the IcePlex – Letter has been sent to the SCHEELS IcePlex requesting masks be required in the facility. Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club and SF POWER are in support of the requirement.

Old Business:

Team Pages – Team pages need to be consistent and provide accurate information, but not too much information. Jordan Gillis is working on Team Pages / Templates with tutorial under coordinators tab on our website.

New Business:

Flyers Logo Committee – Andy DeMore noted Brooke Wegener will be leading meetings with Varsity & Jr Varsity boys and girls on November 18-19. Players will be given an opportunity to provide input on Flyers logo. A three question survey will be sent out to the membership thru Survey Monkey. Plans are to incorporate the history of the Flyers brand and meet with the board in late February or early March.

Director of Communication – Andy DeMore would like to see laser focus to get our sport out in public. Photos, advertising the Varsity Tournament and Varsity games, theme each month for publicity and encourage team coordinators to do updates on games. Sponsors will be focus for the upcoming month. No board action.

Bantam Orange Scrimmage – The Bantam Orange teams would like to have a controlled scrimmage during their practice ice time. They request parents be allowed to attend the scrimmage, sit on opposite sides of the rink and masks required. Andy DeMore made a motion to approve the request for November 16 as presented. Motion seconded and carried.

Between Meeting Notes

- ✓ Andy Gillham – Andy DeMore made a motion to approve \$2500 expenditure to hire sports physiology coach Andy Gillham to work with our coaches and leadership. Motion seconded and carried with a 6-2 vote. Sam Everson and Chad Dykstra voted no and Aimee Chase abstained. Oct 15, 2020
- ✓ Team Coordinators – Lindsay Erickson made a motion to approve the following Team Coordinators as recommended by Mark & Cherry
 - Squirts
 - Blue 1 – Molly Ades
 - Blue 2 – Brianna Schneider
 - Orange 1 – Andrea McCann
 - Orange 2 – Nancy Schempp
 - White – Ryan Brown

