



September 18, 2024

CYHA Board Meeting

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

Board Members Absent: Casey Marshall

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: Dustin Hapka called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and immediately entered executive session.

The board exited executive session at 8:00pm and resumed the board meeting already in session.

Effective immediately Casey Marshall is relieved of his duties as CYHA Business Manager and is suspended from all CYHA activities.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the Annual Membership Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2024, was made by Phil. This motion was seconded by Angela and approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2024, was made by Justin and seconded by Angela. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Removed from the agenda.

Registrar Report: Angela updated the board on the current number of Safe Sport certified members who are eligible to be Locker Room monitors. We currently have approximately three hundred members in our organization, of which 118 are Safe Sport certified. This should ensure that locker room monitor duties are shared across all families.

Committee Reports

Travel Commissioner Report: No report given.

House Commissioner Report: Nothing to report.

Hockey Director Report: House season is underway and off to a good start. The specialty coaching at all levels is going well this season. We have received feedback from the 10U B team regarding the

challenge of finding additional ice space for practices. Unfortunately, there is not an immediate solution currently due to the number of teams this season. However, we will look for opportunities going forward. Player development and HBH sessions have kicked off as well.

Player Development: See Hockey Director report.

Growth: Ryan will be partnering with the Stingrays again this season for their floor hockey initiative. This program will visit 1 – 2 schools per month spending the day teaching hockey to the PE classes. Ryan will also be working with Whitesville Elementary School on a full PE unit for floor hockey. The Little Rays program has good participation again in this session with forty-eight players. There are also thirty-nine kids who signed up for the Learn to Play program.

The Stingrays will be participating in the NHL's Street Hockey program this season. Angela and Ryan will be coordinating with their Community Program Coordinator to link in the CYHA players and families. They are tentatively looking to form a summer league for ball hockey.

Grievance/Disciplinary: We currently have two players serving suspensions. One player is serving a one game suspension for too many penalties in a game. The second player is serving a suspension due to fighting. Phil will send an email to the coaches notifying them of the respective game suspensions and remind them to mark the suspension on the game sheet for the next game to document that penalty has been served.

Fundraising/Scholarship: Dustin previously arranged a call with a potential fundraising platform called TeamUp. The entire board was in attendance for this call and voiced their eagerness to explore TeamUp further with pilot fundraiser using the platform. Dustin requested approval from the board to pilot this program with the Mites team.

The Mites currently have thirty-two players rostered which will provide a good team size. The fundraising drive will be held at the Ice Palace in the party room with pizza and drinks provided. Dustin will request the TeamUp area representative who is based in Charlotte to be present for the kick-off event. Dustin will provide feedback to the board on how the pilot event turns out. Further discussion will be needed to determine how the funds will be used to support the team and CYHA initiatives.

A motion to approve a pilot fundraiser for the Mites team using TeamUp was made by Justin. This motion was seconded by Chris and approved unanimously.

Coordinator Updates

- **Marketing/Outreach:** Brandon has approved the CYHA to sell dasher boards add space for \$3500 per board. The sponsorship ads must be preapproved by the Ice Palace prior to the sale. Justin will be the main point of contact for board sales.
- **Safety Coordinator:** Nothing to report

- **Safe Sport Coordinator:** Angeal reported that she may have a potential candidate who is interesting in the Safe Sport Coordinator position. They will be meeting next week to discuss the duties and responsibilities of this position.

Old Business

- **Girls Hockey:** Ryan has arranged fourteen ice sessions to continue to build our Girls program. These sessions will be held mostly on Fridays starting on October 25 and running through the end of the season. All players between the ages of 4 and 18 are welcomed provided they are currently registered with CYHA, Little Rays, or have completed the Learn to Play program.

New Business

- **Player Changes/Transfers:** We currently have a 12U player requesting to move from House League to the 12UA Travel team. The player has previous travel experience and has been evaluated to ensure this is a good fit. This transfer was approved by the board.

We also have a player on the 18U team who has suffered an injury and will be out for the remainder of the season. At this early stage of the season the board agreed that it would be appropriate to forgo any future fees that may be due for the remainder of the season.

Angela made a motion to cancel the player contract for the 18U player and forgo any future tuition fees that are due for the remainder of the of the season. This motion was seconded by Phil and approved unanimously by the board.

- **Additional Shooting Pads:** Last summer the CYHA partnered with the Ice Palace to purchase dryland tiles which were used to create the shooting space at the ice palace. There are currently eight shooting station. However, when larger groups, such as the 10U teams, are using these pads there is a shortage of space. Chris discussed the need for additional shooting pads with Seth and Rayn. They determined that two additional stations would be beneficial to all age groups.

A motion was made for the purchase of dryland tiles not to exceed \$750.00 for the creation of two additional shooting stations for use by the CYHA teams was made by Chris. This motion was approved by Ryan and approved unanimously by the board.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm