

Sun Valley Youth Hockey Board Meeting Hailey Ice Cafe – January 8, 2024



Board members present: Jeff Lamoureux, Jessica Pollock, Brooke McKenna, John Kearney, and Kayla Nisson. Ryan Deal joined at 7:02pm.

Others present: Sarah Benson, Nancy Fenn, Ty Newberry

Call to Order: Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm, quorum established.

Approval of minutes from December 4 and 15, 2023. Brooke motioned to approve, John seconded. All approved.

Discussion

Tiffany Orr (mother of Drake Orr, Varsity Goalie): Tiffany spoke to the Board about playing time and communication regarding goalie play. For HS teams, the main line of communication should be coach to player.

Jason Fry (DBD Group): discussion on creating a survey to send to the SVYH community. Discussion on questions and content to include. Also working on two focus groups to get feedback from the community. Looking at February 8 for the focus groups and a review of feedback/future steps on February 21 for the Board.

Treasurer Report (Brooke McKenna): most income for the season has come in. We are on target for expenses. SportsEngine deposits of tuition and tournament fees need to be separated. Investments are doing well.

Registrar and Program Director Report (Nancy Fenn): Ryan Thomson has put funds towards establishing the Ross Thomson Memorial Fund.

Motion #1 – Jeff motioned that the SVYH Board agrees to open new account called the Ross Thomson Memorial Fund with Brooke McKenna, Treasurer and Nancy Fenn, Registrar, as signers on the account. Unanimously approved.

We lost some coaches due to lack of CEP certification before December 31, 2023. Discussion how to motivate and remind people to complete them in time.

IAHA grants upcoming – SVYH will submit for goalie gear purchases and coach certification reimbursements.

Guest Player policy: Evie Anderson (Idaho Falls last season and now U19 Steelheads this season) – the Steelheads U19 don't provide practice opportunities and Idaho Falls has a policy that does not let Evie practice with them, so Evie is looking for practice opportunities and requested to practice with SVYH. Discussion regarding dual rostering, player releases, relationships with other organizations, and setting precedence for future players. Board feels that the current arrangement is in accordance with our current policy. Jeff will reach out to IF as a courtesy.

Coaching committee (John Kearney): Bantam coaches – coaching credentials sorted out. Jamie Ellison (HS team) resigned as assistant coach after Bozeman tournament.

John has communicated with several coaches and has also reached out to a few members to create a coaching committee: Chris Benson, Pete Whitehead, Sam Herrick, and Scott Esselman.

Hailey Ice (Sarah Benson): Christmas break was good with camps, events, private skates. IAHA meeting coming up later this month.

Brooke made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm, John seconded. Unanimously approved.

Next Board Meeting: Monday February 12, 2024, 6:00pm, Hailey Ice Cafe
Minutes submitted by Jessica Pollock, SVYH Secretary, January 8, 2024