

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 1, 2015 - 6:30pm – Sanford Meeting Room A**

President Bryan Kouri called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Quorum present for the meeting. Board members attending were Chad Dykstra, Matt Althoff, Rebecca Anderson, John Sievert, Chuck Vockler, Mark Arndt and Kyle Hanisch. Incoming board members Mindy Hansen and Bryce Pattison were in attendance. Also in attending was John Norlen, Shelly Norlen, Jeff Hoekstra, Joy Howe, Mike Heintz, Keisha Dykstra, Troy Scandin, Zac Jurgens, Luke Sendelbach, Herk Christie, Todd Mescher, Trent Johnson, Betsy Otta, Jarrod Otta, Melanie Kirsch, Doug Kirsch, Jon Winkelpleck, Julie Becker, Matt McQuisten, Kathy Clinton, Susan Thie, Terry Thie and Executive Assistant, Cherry Hunter.

Travel League Advisory Council Report – Brian Hefti – No meeting was held in March due to End of Year Events.

House League Advisory Council Report – Chad Dykstra – No meeting was held in March due to End of Year Events.

OPEN FORUM:

High School Team Split for 2015-2016 Season – Bryan informed those present the original geo split date for high school was 2017-2018. However, prior to the 2012 season, the SDAHA progression plan changed to require geo split at the high school level for the 2015-2016 season.

Team Split Options

- 2 Teams – registration numbers may be too large for two teams
- 3 Teams – two varsity and one junior varsity team does not work. We have tried the 3 team option unsuccessfully for 2 seasons.
- 4 Teams – Default answer with geo split to 2 varsity and 2 junior varsity teams with floating players.

Player Registration Projections

- For the 2014-2015 season, player registration was projected at 62 players. 47 players registered. Several played elsewhere during the 2014-2015 season.
- Projection for 2015-2016 season is 57 players at the high school level. Best estimate, with players dropping or playing elsewhere – is 50 players. If 15 players (last season's loss count) do not register, player numbers could be as low as 42 participants.

More Discussion

- Bryan stated parents have to make decisions regarding their player options and the SFYHA board will make their decision on how to divide high school teams.
- There is likely no single solution to meet all needs.
- With 50 players as the most likely number, two teams would not serve more than 40 players.
- T Mescher – Stressed the last thing we want to do is push kids to non-travel who register and want to play travel hockey.
- J Hoekstra – Senior players have never been geo split and don't want to be geo split.
- Suggestion – move up Bantams to field four teams.
- At the April 18th SDAHA meeting, options for high school team division will be discussed for SFYHA. One varsity and two junior varsity teams would take SDAHA approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

U12 Girls Team – Board members noted the end of year promotion and participation was successful for the U12 Girls Teams.

End of Year Eventy – End of Year events were hosted March 17, March 24 and March 31 at JFK Elementary. Eva Ramm, Mite Rec, won the jar of Tootsie Rolls with her closest count of 607. The jar contained 606 Tootsie Rolls.

EScrip Pilot - ShopwithScrip is being rolled out with various leagues. Orders are only accepted thru Pesto Pay with checking account debit. Credit cards are not accepted. Some members desire continued use of physical cards. John Sievert made a motion to assess 1% admin fee for all scrip purchases. Motion seconded and failed. Matt Althoff made a motion to add .5% fee to in-stock scrip to offset admin to facilitate the program. The .5% fee will be revisited next year. Motion seconded and failed. Chad Dykstra made a motion to assess .5% fee for all scrip options for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The fee will be revisited next year. Motion seconded and carried. The .5% is assessed on face value of scrip purchase.

Other

- Trophy case at the IcePlex – Proposed plans for case not yet received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appreciation Dinner – The Appreciation Dinner and Welcome for Dan Houck will be held Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00pm with dinner at 6:30pm. The event will be hosted at the MCC. Coaches, board members, ad council members and support personnel have been invited.

Dan Houck Visit – Dan will arrive in Sioux Falls on April 12th and depart on Wednesday, April 15th. During his visit, plans are to have 2 coaches from each level meet with Dan. SFYHA will host a “Meet & Greet Dan Houck” evening on Monday, April 13 beginning at 6:30pm in the Sanford Schroeder Auditorium. Dan will have the opportunity to address the audience followed by a question and answer session. Dan Houck begins work in Sioux Falls August 1st.

Other

- SDAHA Board Meeting will be held in Huron on April 18th beginning at 8:30pm. Expectations for team counts for 2015-2016 season will be submitted. Proposals to be considered include 4 officials for Bantam and High School games. U12 Girls SDAHA League will be discussed.
- Chad Dykstra will dispose of the outdated camcorder.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

**NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, May 6, 2015
6:30pm – Sanford Meeting Room A**

Between Meetings – April 2, 2015 thru April 29, 2015

Houck Visit – On April 13th, SFYHA families had the opportunity to meet Dan Houck. Bryan Kouri noted SFYHA has hired Dan as on ice Hockey Director. With anticipated growth, he will work with players and coaches from least skilled to highest skill levels. The focus will be skill development and prepare players for next level of play. Dan Houck presented background

information and goals for SFYHA. Twenty-eight attended the event. KELO carried story "Sioux Falls Flyers Name First-Ever Hockey Director" on April 14, 2015.

Minutes– Kyle Hanisch made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented. Motion seconded and carried via email vote. April 28, 2015

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Executive Assistant

- Submitted Legends funding items required to receive grant funds.
- Accommodations for Dan Houck stay.
- Escrip rollout for Lady Flyers in mid-April.
- Volunteer Hours & Dibs
 - Emailed families who have not completed volunteer hours. Season end home Stampede game program sales and End of Year event volunteers were desperately needed. Two of the end of season Stampede games netted zero volunteers to sell programs. April 3, 2015
 - Email to families with hours not completed. Each family was listed by their family ID, noted to several they needed to "VERIFY COMPLETION" for authorization of hours and if hours are not completed, the deposit checks will be cashed. April 7, 2015
 - Received Lady Volunteer Hour spreadsheet on April 7th. The group utilized Sign Up Genesis most of the season. Data entered into Dibs system.
 - Compiled final reports for families not having completed required volunteer hours during the 2014-2015 season.
 - Julie Becker submitted agreements and checks for the families not fulfilling volunteer hours. Several families did not submit volunteer agreement and deposit check.

Other

- Rental Gear last return date was April 18 from 8:30-10:30am at the IcePlex.
- Legends Grant funding in the amount of \$2500 was received.
- Voyage Credit Union is celebrating their 75th Anniversary. As part of their celebration, Voyage gave \$75 donation to non-profit organizations in their "75 Days of Giving" campaign. SFYHA was recipient of a \$75 donation. April 17, 2015

Eblasts

- Reminder – April 13th Opportunity to Meet Dan Houck: April 12, 2015
- EOY Participation Gifts – Last Call: April 22, 2015
- Scrip Changes: April 29, 2015

Approved May 3, 2015

Cherry Hunter, SFYHA
Executive Assistant