

**11/21/2016 GYHA Board Meeting  
6:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** 6:03 pm

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Steve Box (President), John Swaro (Registrar), Steve Gonser (Scheduler), Justin Howard (Coaching Director), Brian Kuznik (SafeSport Coordinator). Not present: Kelli Harris (Secretary), Franco Ramos (Treasurer)

**Non Board Members:** Suzanne Mitchell, Stacy Tadlock, Cris Barth, Corbin Fitzgibbons (briefly), Caitlin Hofstetter (briefly)

**Call to order by** Steve Box

**Meeting minutes read by :** N/A (Minutes not yet available) Steve Box reviewed previous meeting's agenda

**Additions to last meeting minutes:** None at this time

**Changes to last meeting minutes :** None at this time

**New Business:**

**SafeSport Reiteration:** Steve Box thanked Brian Kuznik for distributing an email to our members on November 19th reiterating GYHA's commitment to the SafeSport program, including links to our Policies and Procedures. The email also reminded those interested in assisting their own players in the locker rooms about our requirements for background checks and SafeSport training.

**Financial Updates:** Nothing available at this time (Franco was out of town). Updates will be distributed by Franco via email as soon as possible

**Fundraising Updates:** There has been little or no response to an email sent to our members two months ago soliciting volunteers to establish a Fundraising Committee to assist Caitlin. Although the individual teams who conducted their own fundraising efforts were extremely successful, it was suggested that perhaps we would garner more interest Association-wide if we had offered more specifics; i.e. "we need x number of people to volunteer on a specific date for x number of hours with a fundraising goal of x number of dollars." It seems like we have plenty of members willing to help, just need more specific goals and direction.

It was suggested that we make an effort over the off-season to identify specific fundraising opportunities to keep our members involved, and not overlap with individual team fundraisers during this part of the season. Ideas included Eagles Chuck-a-Puck, McDonalds 20% program, Golf Tournament, UNC team-up, car wash, Stampede booth, Rodeo concession sales, Bingo, etc.

We received a check from Zamar for \$489 representing our portion of spirit gear sales to-date.

**Potential New Midget Player (late join):** Steve Box was contacted by a parent of a Midget Level player who recently moved from out-of-state looking to join a more competitive team in the area. The parent and his player were encouraged to come watch the Greeley-vs-Greeley Midget game this past weekend. The father subsequently confirmed that they would like to join our Association.

The GYHA Board approved the move via email, pending coaching approval. Steve B reached out to the coaches to see if it would be something they would entertain. Given the fact that the Midget Gold team recently lost a player to Resurrection Christian School's hockey team, already had one less player than the Blue team, and given the potential new player's age, it was recommended that the new player be placed on the Gold team, pending coaches' approval. Justin would also like to evaluate the new player at a practice session. At this point, we are just waiting for Coach Rosson's approval before moving forward with Registration, payment, and waivers.

**Squirt Team moving to CCYHL, U8 Program implications:** Steve B. shared the recent developments that ultimately resulted in the Squirt Gold team being moved from the CRHL, and placed into the CCYHL Squirt B Governor's Division.

During the CRHL pre-season, Squirt Gold played in the upper (Red) division, and essentially dominated every game with a record of 5-0. They had 47 goals-for, with 0 goals-against. Shots on goal through those five games were 155-14. At the subsequent CRHL Tiering/Scheduling meeting attended by Steve Gonser, it was clear that the other Associations felt Greeley Squirt Gold was not suited for CRHL, and the upper Red Division would have been whittled down to 3 or 4 teams, as no one really felt they could compete with Greeley Squirt Gold.

Subsequently, Steve Box discussed the possibility of the Squirt Gold team joining the CCYHL on a probationary basis with CCYHL Directors. They seemed open to the idea (much more so than previous seasons) and arranged for three "exhibition" games between Squirt Gold and CCYHL Squirt B and C teams to get a better idea as to where the Greeley team would fit best. Ultimately, it was determined by CCYHL that the Squirt B Governor's Division would be a good fit, and (pending a formal application to be completed by Steve Box) would allow Greeley 2-year probationary status, even though at this time, we only have the one team in CCYHL.

This created a budget shortfall (due to an increased number of home games, and slight difference in League fees) that will be 100% covered by the Squirt Gold team fund.

CCYHL does have requirements that Member Associations have a U8 program to feed their CCYHL teams moving forward. Steve Box, Chris Barth, and Corbin Fitzgibbons have been working closely together to ensure CCYHL that the City of Greeley's Mite hockey programs meet that requirement for GYHA in regard to CCYHL.

GYHA is committed to working with the City and the Ice Haus moving forward (in the form of Jamborees, etc.) to help with player retention, and a continued partnership between GYHA and the City of Greeley.

**ACE Coordinator Update (John Swaro):** Specific coaches still need to complete their USA Hockey CEP certifications/re-certifications, as well as specific Age Modules. John will send a summary of all the outstanding items to Justin tomorrow for distribution & reminders.

**Coaching Director Update (Justin Howard):** Justin shared an experience from this past weekend's Bantam game which was "a little rough," and how the coaches' commitment over the past couple years to teach proper and safe checking techniques has made a real difference. Greeley, as a whole, has improved greatly during that time when it comes to penalties and over-all safe play.

Justin asked how coaches should be reimbursed for USA Hockey training classes, etc. (whether it be after-the-fact, end-of-season, or direct payment ahead of time) for these reimbursable coaching expenses. Coaches are encouraged to work directly with Treasurer Franco Ramos to discuss what works best for them.

Steve Box asked Justin if there was any consistency when it comes to the Head Coaches consistently being present in the locker rooms before and after games & practices. Given the wide range of ages, and level of commitment from Assistant Coaches and Locker Room Attendant at the different age levels, it seems to be more of a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the Coaching Staff

**Adjourned:** 7:18 pm