

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

May 8, 2024

6:30pm

Sanford Conference Room – SCHEELS IcePlex

President Chun Chan called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Jenn Warren (Vice-President), Adam Gorra (Secretary), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), Sam Everson (Past President), Cody Alderman (Director of City League), Leah May (Travel League Director) and Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments). Quorum was present. Aaron Kompelien and Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) were also in attendance. Derek Berg (Development Director) and Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) were absent.

Open Forum – Aaron Kompelien, SFYHA Equipment Manager, submitted 3 documents

1. Hours worked 2023-2024 season as Equipment Manager
2. Proposed SFYHA Rental Program Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
3. Inventory list for Mite Goalie Gear

Aaron requested an Assistant Equipment Manager to help get gear out, put gear away and assist with exchanges. Aaron's hours from 23-24 totaled 53.5 hours – more than the 20 hours required for his family. Board members supported the SOP, but not a required SFYHA document. The Equipment Manager needs to work with Cherry & can certainly utilize the SOP as the base for process. Last season there were 106 equipment rentals.

Goalie Gear – Cody Alderman suggested 4 sets of goalie gear for ICL. For Mite Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 – goalie helmets are not required. All Goalie helmets need gobblers.

Secretary's Report – Amanda Smith made a motion to approve the April 10, 2024 SFYHA Board of Directors Meeting minutes as amended. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Elliot Hitt presented financial reports and noted:

- Deficit is as expected due to tournament & jersey subsidy, admissions decrease, and more ice utilized
- Budget requests are due June 1. Ice costs for 24-25 will be needed for budget purposes.
- End of 3 year contract with Sanford. Derek will begin discussions with Sanford leadership. Sanford gift usually requests exclusivity

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck - absent

Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- ✓ Questions & Rumors – Need to assure membership that our City League program is not being given to another governing body.
- ✓ Board Meeting Schedule attached – Board members approved 24-25 meeting schedule
- ✓ Varsity Tournament – No bid will be submitted. Girls and Youth Varsity tournaments will run Thursday-Saturday. Awards ceremonies will most likely be Saturday morning.
- ✓ Discussed options for SFYHA host for SDAHA Tournaments in Feb/March
- ✓ SDAHA League play to begin weekend of Nov 22-23. Weekend of Nov 15-17 is SDAHA Girls Weekend and Senior Showcase
- ✓ Registration Projections included in board packet

- ✓ Each board member needs to be Safe Sport trained and screened within 45 days of beginning the season (May 1). Safe Sport is to be completed by your anniversary date. SFYHA Board of Directors Code of Conduct – completed by Warren & Alderman
- ✓ Lots of cleaning out, tossing, sorting “old hockey files” this month!
- ✓ EOY Reports – just a couple more to go. Will be placed on our shared file when completed.
- ✓ USA Hockey Nationals – Survey responses were complimentary to SFYHA as the host. Airline accommodations/connections and hotel/motel accommodations were concerns noted in the surveys. Event Connect rebate should be received early June. Future host opportunity requests should be for 14U or High School. Tier I host is not on the SFYHA list.

Director of Tournaments – Amanda Smith

- ✓ Jr Gold tournament or Girls Jamboree at Midco Center was suggested.
- ✓ Presented SFYHA Tournament registrations as of May 8. Bantam B is full. May need to add Bantam A slot for SFYHA. Approximately June 1, advertisements for the tournaments will go public.

Presidents Report – Chun Chan

Chun updated board members on upcoming SDAHA Executive Committee elections regarding SDAHA Secretary. Conflict of Interest proposal needs to be submitted to SDAHA.

Agenda Items:

IcePlex Expansion Fundraising – The IcePlex Expansion Committee – Amy Kimber, Chris Thorkelson, Justin Schempp, Korry Petterson, Kim Peterson, Derek Berg, Sam Everson & Cherry – will meet May 14 at 7:30pm. Board members noted we need promotion to our membership.

SDAHA May 9 Meeting - Board members discussed the upcoming May 9 SDAHA Meeting. Jenn Warren will serve as the SFYHA Voting Delegate. Chun Chan will also be on the call. Business items will be

1. SFYHA exemption request for 1 Bantam team, up to 2 PeeWee teams, and up to 3 Squirt teams from SDAHA League play. For each divisional play in SDAHA, SFYHA proposes that those teams be equally split by skill level.
2. SFYHA High School Team Split - Youth JV/Varsity split will follow the East/West geo split rule with all returning players to remain on their side of the geo for the 24/25 season. New players to the high school level and incoming Bantams will be split geo with half of the players on each side of the line. For new players and incoming Bantams, the 23/24 split line is not relevant.
3. Team SD – While improvements to Team SD may be needed, a complete change in leadership, rules, and process is not necessary for the early June tryouts. Team SD was initiated by Dave Mannes and Scott Riddle. John Sievert and Wendy Meyers were leaders prior to assignment of duties to the SDAHA Executive Director.

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:

To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports

Meeting adjourned at 10:45pm

NEXT MEETING
June 12, 2024 6:30 pm
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted June 12, 2024 _____ by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(Date) (Circle one)