

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2020 6:30pm
Sanford Conference Room Scheels IcePlex

President Adam Gorra called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Adam Gorra (President), Aaron DeBates (VP), Ed Davis (Secretary), Lindsay Erickson (Treasurer), Andy DeMore (Development Director), Mark Bukovich (Travel League Director), Dave Carlson (City League Director) and Brian Dozark (Tournament Director). Quorum was present. Penny Malwitz (Varsity Tournament Chair), Jeff Rink (SFYHA RIC), Trevor Preston, Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) and Cherry Hunter (Executive Assistant) were also in attendance.

Open Forum

SDAHA Varsity Tournament Update – Penny Malwitz presented plans for the March 13-15 tournament in Sioux Falls. Friday night Awards Program will be hosted at SouthEast Tech. Ad sales and raffle basket items are needed from all association members. Board members discussed tournament theme.

Secretarys Report – Aaron DeBates made a motion to approve the December 4, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurers Report – Lindsay Erickson – Lindsay submitted monthly financial reports for board review. She will explore option for Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association certificates of deposit.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- helped facilitate a mentor from HS Boys for a Bantam player who sat in front of Grievance Committee
- ran and planned all skills sessions for SFYHA for Mondays
- ran HS Boys practices several times, PW C, and Bantams
- helped find additional coaches for Atom Tier 3
- finalized Mite Travel rosters
- met w/ Ryan Siiro/Pat Perdaems regarding a parent issue
- attended a lot of home games for all teams-presented evaluation schedule and sample evaluation
- continued planning of Brandon and Kyle's schedules
- several meetings and help w/ practice plans for Bantam Orange coaches
- attended Sq Blue 2 Tourney in Rochester, MN
- coached 4 Bantam Orange games-this is why I did not attend Hockey Day SD at the Denny
- held parents meeting for PW Blue 1 regarding the removal of the Head Coach for violation/s of Coaches Code of Conduct
- help meeting w/ players and new coaching staff of PW Blue 1
- met w/ Bantam Orange player and family who has received has received 2 Game Misconducts for Checking from Behind

Admin Report – Cherry Hunter

- Need clarification on stoppage of horn for goal announcement – after 4 goals or after 6 goals? *Board members clarified no horn for goal announcement when goal differential has reached 6 goals.*
- Holiday Gas cards no longer available locally after January 8, 2020
- Working on Fundraiser fee invoices
- Working on March ice schedule and end of year ice and event schedule
- Hockey Day SD – January 4 at the Denny. It is fun for players to skate on the Denny ice. Hosting the event at the IcePlex may be a better option. Ticket sales and admission to the Denny continue to be issues, especially for visiting teams.

- Squirt 10U Girls – 4 or 5 girls from the Squirt 10U Girls team are on the Lady Flyers 14U roster and have been on at least 3 home game scoresheets as participants. I don't have copy of away game scoresheets. What is the fee, if any, for participating in the Lady Flyers games? Non-league games are range from \$22 to \$28 per player dependent on the number of players per team. The Squirt Girls 10U are also rostered on Squirt Major or Squirt Minor teams. *Board members will review the Squirt 10U options for the 2020-2021 season regarding fee structure. Estimated some Squirt 10U girls may participate in 8-10 Lady Flyer games.*

Presidents Report – Adam Gorra

- Lock boxes in locker rooms for phones, wallets and valuables – estimated cost per box is \$40 and with per use code lock, cost is \$170. Bid was presented by Pheasantland Industries for steel boxes. Thirteen boxes would be \$2210. Board members requested discussion with Brian Prisbe to have SIP cover the cost of the boxes or at least share in the cost.
- USA Hockey National High School Tournament bid for 2021 – The bid finalist were Omaha and Sioux Falls. Omaha was awarded the bid since they can provide 4 sheets of ice for the event.
- Off-ice facility attached to the rink – ISA is open to SFYHA adding a building thru fundraising for off ice training and office space.
- Director for SDAHA Board – SDAHA Bylaws require election by team representatives for voting delegate to SDAHA Board. January 31 is the deadline for submission of voting delegate. The goal is to have continual leadership on the SDAHA Board. Brookings is working on option for selection process.

Director of Development – Andy DeMore

- Current projects
 - Team photos for display – working with Define / Chris Jeffries
 - Flyers Fest – July 29-30
 - Information will be on the SFYHA website next week. Ian Cole, Colorado Avalanche, is confirmed guest for the event.

Old Business

- SFYHA Hosted Tournaments – Board members discussed behavior and infractions during SFYHA hosted tournaments. At the recent Bantam Tournament, there were 5 game misconducts or game ejections issued. There were individuals approaching referees and attempting to enter the Officials locker room during the tournament. Coaches Code of Conduct should prevent coaches from entering official's locker rooms. Current tournament rules state "possible" removal for entering official's locker room. Aaron DeBates made a motion to change the SFYHA hosted tournament rule – *"Once the game officials leave the ice, any individual who approaches the official and disputes a call with the game official, will be suspended from the remainder of the tournament."* This will include attempt to enter the official's locker room. Motion seconded and carried. The Scheels IcePlex is a Zero Tolerance facility and all attendees need to adhere to the policy.

New Business

- End of Year Events – For Mini-Atoms thru Bantams, the End of Year Event will be hosted at the IcePlex on March 16. New York Life volunteers will provide meal as sponsor for the event.
- Board Elections – In accordance with SFYHA Bylaws, the positions of President, Vice-President, Director of Travel and Director of City League are elected in even calendar years.
- Committee Reports
Volunteer/DIBS Coordinator – Wendy Quam (Same as last month)

- ✓ Working with Cherry and Carrie Valland to upload the DIBS items for the season
- ✓ Addressing any DIBS hiccups along with Carrie and Cherry
- ✓ Marking DIBS items complete
- ✓ Working to give credit to those who filled in for unclaimed items and for those who filled in for people who didn't show for their DIBS items
- ✓ Marking DIBS items unfulfilled for those people who did not show for their DIBS item
- ✓ Answering emails for families regarding volunteer items
- ✓ Addressing other concerns as they come up

Community Service – Ben Oien

To date nine teams have completed their community service projects.

Projects included:

- Feeding South Dakota (multiple events from filling back packs, packing Thanksgiving meals and sorting donated food items)
- Salvation Army - Preparing and serving a meal with clean up afterwards
- Sioux Falls Cares - boys loaded and delivered packages with food, clothing, toys, etc... Teams gathering items such as snacks, games, cards to send, personal items that were sent to troops serving overseas
- Sanford Children's Hospital - Team created get well card and Holiday cards for children being treated.
- Children's Inn- Team sponsored a family and donated gifts and essential items.

SafeSport – Amber Chan – Nothing new to report

Between Meeting Notes

- ✓ Adam Gorra made a motion to approve Squirt Orange 3 request to attend Omaha Tournament Feb 28-March 1. Participation is voluntary and registration will happen after Coach Houck confirms adequate roster is available. Participating families will share the registration cost. Motion seconded and carried via email vote December 4, 2019. (Note – Squirt Orange 3 is not attending due to tournament filled)
- ✓ Adam Gorra made a motion to approve Squirt Blue 1 and Squirt Blue 2 to travel to Kansas City January 25-26 for four non-league games. Games would be against Kansas City, DesMoines and 3rd team TBD. Motion seconded and carried via email votes. December 20, 2019 (Note – Squirt Blue 2 did not participate)
- ✓ Ed Davis made a motion to approve request for ICL player Eric Barbero to switch to PeeWee travel with fees as noted by Cherry. Motion seconded and carried via email vote. December 27, 2019
- ✓ Andy DeMore made a motion to approve Squirt Blue 2 participation in Luverne Tournament end of January. Motion seconded and carried via email vote. January 3, 2020
- ✓ Mark Bukovich made a motion to approve Squirt Orange 2 request to attend Rushmore tournament March 13-15 with \$500 tournament registration cost. Motion seconded and carried via email vote. January 5, 2020
- ✓ Mark Bukovich made a motion to approve Squirt Orange 3 request to attend Rushmore tournament March 13-15 with \$500 tournament registration cost. Motion seconded and carried via email vote. January 6, 2020

Motion to adjourn at 9:31pm by Adam Gorra. Motion seconded and carried.

NEXT MEETING
February 5, 2020 6:30 pm
Scheels IcePlex Sanford Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Davis
SFYHA Board Secretary

Adopted February 5, 2020 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(date) (circle one)

