

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

September 11, 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) via Zoom, Sam Everson (Past President), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), Adam Gorra (Secretary), Leah May (Travel League Director), Cody Alderman (Director of City League), Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments) and Derek Berg (Development Director). Quorum was present. Rob Butler, Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) and Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) were also in attendance

Open Forum – Attending the Open Forum was Rob Butler.

Topic: SDAHA Fall Meeting & Northern Plains District Meeting

President Chan reported

- Northern Plains District Meeting – Break out sessions were hosted for Safe Sport and other USA Hockey functions. Discussions with Montana Hockey & Wyoming Hockey reps as well as USA Hockey reps. Augustana Coach Garrett Raboin attended, and noted players need to focus on staying home and participating in locals. Players can progress through local associations.
- SDAHA Fall Meeting – will request discussion on league divisions. Jenn Warren is preparing a statement/report for SFYHA.

Secretary's Report – Sam Everson made a motion to approve the August 14 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Elliot Hitt reported new account has been established for the NW Addition. Signers for our accounts have been updated to Chun Chan, Elliot Hitt, and Sam Everson. QR Code will be available for deposit to the new account, credit cards and debit cards will be accepted, checks accepted (no fee) and for electronic contributions – the contributor will pay the transaction fee. One of the SFYHA CDs has been cashed in with the other three to be cashed in October.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- ✓ helped secure shooters for Fall Goalie Clinics w/ Aaron Debates
- ✓ worked on practice schedule w/ Leah May
- ✓ worked on Sanford Performance gym/workout times for HS LF and Boys after getting feedback on schedule
- ✓ HS Coaches meeting on 8/26 and 9/8
- ✓ started working on evaluator scheduler/list for Travel tryouts end of September
- ✓ email sent to all prospective coaches at SQ/PW/BT on coaching desires/availability for the year to get ahead of things
- ✓ multiple phone calls and meetings w/ coaches about coaching placement for 2024/25
- ✓ began working on in-season goalie clinic model w/ Aaron/Cherry
- ✓ Sept 3 -Webinar on creating a Digital Hockey Locker on Coaches Site
- ✓ went through all coaching applications - 55 as of 9/8/24
- ✓ did KOTR HS coaching coverage schedule
- ✓ planned all DOH Clinics and coverage for Week 1

- ✓ planned and ran the first day of Power Skating for all three groups
- ✓ planned HS Evaluation schedule and secured referee for scrimmages
- ✓ Spencer Wrightsman will be assisting Varsity West. Eric Sahly possible for East assistant
- ✓ Discussion for high school splits for first night of evaluations
- ✓ Dan will not be on the ice for evaluations. Secured on-ice instructor for the tryout sessions.
- ✓ Ice Hockey Systems – Coach plans for each team. Planning for association membership for SFYHA for all travel teams – Squirts and older
- ✓ Board members noted practice plans are needed for the Mite coaches

Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- ❖ Leah May requested verification on classroom or no classroom sessions for referees.
- ❖ Pre-Season Busy!

Director of Development – Derek Berg – Raffle prizes are progressing, but slow. Derek & Chun met with OPH leadership. Original Pancake House fundraiser will be available again for SFYHA. Kick off Sept 15 with sales to end October 5. Les Schwab Tires is sponsoring our Let's Try Hockey sessions and a croxice divider.

City League Director – Cody Alderman – City Advisory Council met in September to prepare for the season.

Travel League Director – Leah May – Need to get PeeWee and Bantam team counts finalized

Tournament Director – Amanda Smith – Teams are shuffling a bit and need to get our own teams confirmed. First Bank & Trust will serve as major tournament sponsor. Anticipating less expenses and need to adjust DIBS requirements.

Presidents Report – Chun Chan

- ❖ NP Meeting – Sept 6-8 in Deadwood: First day of meeting was business. The success of SFYHA hosting a USA Hockey National tournament was noted. NP RIC noted the tournament was the best run tournament he has attended and it was a great experience. Day 2 included break out sessions to increase female coaches, growth in membership, Safe Sport, player safety and Return to Play (esp concussions).
- ❖ SDAHA Meeting – September 14 in Watertown. Chun, Jenn, and Cherry attending.
 - Reviewed agenda items
 - Noted Team SD 14U is not a nationally bound team
 - Board members reviewed all proposals for support or no support
 - Board members reviewed Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam Play Up and Play Down team requests.

Agenda Items:

Concussion Testing – For high school age players on a free app that can be completed off site or on site. The test takes 30 minutes. SFYHA will offer the testing to all high school (2006-2009) players. The testing is not mandated but recommended. Cherry & Chun will coordinate date and testing with Sanford Performance staff.

IcePlex Expansion Fundraising – Kicked Off the Expansion fundraising promotion. The core group committee has posted promotional posters at the rink and continues to contact possible contributors. Sponsors for the Conference Rooms has been secured.

Fall Kick Off Event – Sunday, September 15 from 1-4pm

- Need board members in attendance
- Flyers Expansion Project promotion
- Fundraiser option information available
- Spiritwear Sale
- Stock jersey check out for tryouts for Squirts, PeeWees, and Bantams.

Fall League Meetings

- September 25 at Augie Hamre Hall – Travel SQ/PW/BT at 5:45pm with Lady Flyers & HS at 7:00pm
- October 23 at Sanford Pentagon – Atoms at 5:45pm / Mites-ICL-ACL at 7:00pm

***Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:
To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports***

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

NEXT MEETING
October 16, 2024 6:30 pm
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted _____ Oct 16, 2024 _____ by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(Date) (Circle one)