

GYHA Board Meeting

May 21, 2025

Board Members: Don Johnson, Ryan Whitehurst, Jeff Barton, Baillie Hults, Aly Miser, Jeff Linn, Veronica Lamendola, Nick Lane, Erica Palmer Bowyer

Absent: Bill Ryan, Erica Palmer Bowyer

Old Business

- Survey for LTP- (Don) Did not have access to survey results- Jeff Barton will get access to survey results, to be discussed next month.

New Business

- Social Media (Veronica and Aly)- Social media has been great with people giving feedback about the website.
- People are getting frustrated with the website, wanting to see more easily accessible information about GYHA programs. If you do not have access to Sports Engine the website displays “invalid access”, when clicking “New to Hockey” or “Our Programs”.
- People are wanting to see the program information/description before being brought to Sports Engine log in.
- Sports engine software is used for the website in order to simplify the management of registration, operations, and website design.
 - Don will give access to Aly to adjust the website to display the changes discussed above. Any ideas or suggestions about the website or program descriptions for the website should be emailed to Aly.

Financials (Nick Lane)

- Financial sheet was not available for this meeting. Finances are in a great organized position for transfer of responsibility.
- Nick will come in at the end of the meeting to discuss transfer of treasurer duties with Ryan Whitehurst.
- Ryan will learn to issue refunds to families who have returned their rented GYHA equipment. After a certain amount of time has passed a check refund must be issued.
- Nick and Ryan will schedule a time to go to Truist to give Ryan access to bank accounts.
- Nick would like to get bank notifications set up so that all transactions will be notified to the treasurer by text message or email to help protect against fraud. Don would like access to this security measure as well.

Canes Grant (Jeff Barton)

- Canes grant was submitted, haven't heard anything back yet. Canes said to expect a response by the end of May.

Programs

- Mites skills 1-Nick Lane is running-45 the last skills session is June 4th.
- Mites skills 2-Ben Clark is running-38 registered, will be closed at 45, starting June 18th- July 30th
- LTP Summer 1-66 signed up, around 12 in the Learn to skate group
- LTP Survey- Will have access for next month's meeting so we can discuss results
- LTP is selling out fast each time, 15 on the waitlist for LTP

First Goal-sold out almost immediately, July 17- August 21st 5:30-6:30, approximately half the families signed up would likely go to Winston Salem for mites .

- In need of coaches and volunteers for check ins
- Fittings for First Goal gear email should come from Canes or Shane

New rules for next season-

- New Rules from CAHA, more developmental training, stricter travel permits
- CAHA states the season will not be able to start until September 15th, 2 weeks later than we typically begin
 - possibly hold “Meet your team” events to cover the weeks beforehand
- Board members will review the new CAHA guidelines individually and discuss at next board meeting
- We want to make sure we are in compliance

Hillsborough and Winston have reached out to Mara to start planning for the Mites season

- Ice costs should go up, GYHA program prices will remain the same.
- Last year the mites season was planned with 3 Jamborees and 4 home games, with more games being added as scheduling allows. Board will use this model again and plan accordingly as we approach the start of the season.
- Triad has priority for game scheduling, we can not choose game and jamboree dates yet until Triad is finished.
- Jersey price went up last year and may go up again this year, Don will send out info about pricing.
- Mites registration will open up July 12 with early bird pricing starting 2 weeks prior and stay open until the week before practices begin. Will have paid in full discount and early bird discount just like in previous years.
- Don will send out information about registration.

Coaching applications-

- 9 applications so far, 1 for skills only, Jeff Linn and Baillie Hults intend to coach but have not registered yet.

- Ben Clark applied for Head coach Boys 8U, Steven Hults applied for Lady Stars Head Coach, along with 6 other coaches applying as practice or assistant coaches.
- Board will wait another 2 weeks for more coaches to apply and then schedule a time for coaches committee and head coaches to meet.
- Coaches committee and head coaches will discuss qualifications, rules, regulations, managers, assistant coaches, needs, wants, and expectations for the season. As of now the coaches committee consists of Don Johnson, Veronica Lamendola, Bill Ryan, Jeff Barton.

Open Discussion (missed items)

- Baillie asked if GYHA has an official discipline policy for players and parents to sign at the beginning of the season, ensuring conduct and expectations are understood.
- Aly will make more social media posts tailored towards the Lady Stars program, in an attempt to recruit more girls. GYHA currently has 6 girls returning to the mites, and 6 mites aged girls in LTP.

Closed door session (if needed)

Comment Box

Session Adjourned

7:21 pm