

Date: October 16, 2024
Location: GCCC
Attendees: Bearclaw Shipe, Dawn Kaufman, John Utsey, Lisa Schub, Svenja Strieker, Alyssia Francisco, Liz Alfaro, Dawn Kaufman, Kristy Janda.
Excused: Sarah Miller, Katie Fitzgerald, Denise Ip (joined by phone for a portion), Deirdre Ryan.
Absent:



SFHA Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:33pm

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

- MOTION: Lisa moved that the board approve the September meeting minutes as written. Seconded by John and passed unanimously.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Bearclaw)

- NMAHA not responding for scheduling. Their registration numbers are low enough that they are worried about making teams.
- Taos wants to do practices with us, we cannot support any drop-in practice players at this time, but they are able to get ice time at GCCC, can get ice time during stick and puck, public skating and disco nights. Bearclaw will follow up with Taos.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT (Alyssia)

- Current Financials (attached)
- Over the last year when we had the payment plans, several families had payments declined with these payment plans. We will have to check on them. We also will have to pay closer attention this year. Players in arrears with registration fees may not be allowed to participate until payments are caught up or arrangements are made. John will have a look if there is an automatic message in Sportsengine if not he is going to add it.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Try Hockey for Free (Svenja)
 - November 2nd 5:15 PM, registration 4:15 PM, Dawn will create a flyer and will publish it via social media. John is going to share it via email and Peach Jar no later than 10/21.
- Senior Photos (Lisa)
 - We should have one who can get quotes for photographers who can take the senior and the SFHA photographs. Regarding the senior photos this year we should get another quote.

NEW BUSINESS

- Registration Update (John) 99 players, (30) 8U Mites, (18) 10U, (21) 12U, (16) 16U, (17) 18U.
 - Players playing up: Play Up forms must be signed by both head coaches and parents.
 - Taos players: 9

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- **Schedulers' Update** (Katy, Lisa): no games scheduled for U10 and U12 yet (follow up scheduling meeting is Monday night-10/21), Mites will participate in the LOEAHA festival format consisting of 1 weekend per month with several games. U18 is ready; there are no U14 teams playing in NM, but in out of state. John is going to mark them separately in Sportsengine
 - Many Taos hockey players rostered with Durango and not with NM.
- **Fundraising Plan** (Sarah J): 99 pledges is going to be published as soon as rosters are available.
- **Dual Participation** (Bearclaw): LOE is now asking for player agreements between clubs who are sharing dual rostered players.
 - Hard for teams to compete if players who never practice show up and get lots of game time. Travel players are typically asked to prioritize travel team play.
 - Board discussion ensued with valid considerations being presented to continue to support dual participation. The roles of parents, players, coaches and respective Associations in the dual participation process was discussed with Denise leading the discussion. Coaches should have freedom to set lines, but we are a development league.
 - SFHA should have written guidance for coaches to effectively manage teams that have dual participation players to ensure that all interests are being fairly served. Bearclaw will draft a guidance document to circulate to board members for review and comment prior to the next board meeting.
- **Scholarships:** Four were awarded this season. Sarah J reported on the handling of the late submission for one family and moved that the board approve the exception. Motion was seconded by Lisa and passed. Discussion ensued about improving the communications among board members and extending the application period next season.
- Sarah J will schedule a meeting to review and amend the scholarship policy (Svenja, Japa, Liz, Bearclaw). Information regarding scholarships will be given more prominence on the website (John).
- Raffles during games: There must be documentation of cash and given to the Treasurer. The raised money must be deposited into the SDFHA general fund.
 - We will form a committee on how to raise money during the January Mites jamboree.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: