

## Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

### Board of Directors Meeting

December 14, 2022 6:30pm

Sanford Conference Room – SCHEELS IcePlex

President Sam Everson called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Sam Everson (President), Derek Berg (Development Director), Dave Carlson (Director of City League), Corey Rothrock (Vice-President), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), Leah May (Travel League Director) and Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments). Quorum was present. Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) and Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) were also in attendance. Adam Gorra (Past President) and Ed Davis (Secretary) were absent. Guests attending were Doug Clark, Tana Clark and Jaden Clark.

Open Forum – Doug Clark, Tana Clark and Jaden Clark submitted thoughts and concerns surrounding Carson Clark not being placed on a Flyers Varsity team. It was noted Carson had an approved Alternate Tryout due to injury. After 13 years with the Flyers, the decision to not place Carson on a Varsity team for the 22-23 is devastating. He was placed to Varsity last season and offered placement to JV this season but choose to decline the player slot. Printed copies of emails were submitted to the board as well as note from sister Kindra Clark.

Secretary's Report – Leah May made a motion to approve the November 9, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried with one abstention.

Treasurer's Report – Board members approved Treasurer Elliot Hitt's request to move the SFYHA CD's from First Interstate Bank to First Premier Bank. Tournament fees are coming in with salaries & ice remaining as expected.

#### Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- Ran and planned all Monday skills w/ ADOH. Currently covering all of Squirt, PW, Lady Flyers, Bantams, and Girls 10U/14U
- Ran several Mite Tier 2 for coaching conflicts and Tier 4 practices. The ADOH has been taking the lead w/ Tier 3 on Wednesdays as we are getting out there 1x a week w/ Tier 3/4
- Ran several additional Bantam Orange skills sessions
- Covered for Bantam Orange coach while he was away for work w/ practice
- Filled in for suspended coach on SQ B2 in Brookings
- Conducted weekly Zoom coaches' meetings w/ HS Coaching Staff
- Issued and graded entire travel systems/concepts test based on video sessions w/ Ray Sylvester
- Bi-monthly meetings w/ Andy Gillham
- Ran video session when Ray was gone for Stampede Game
- Worked on Stampede helper schedule w/ Jim Olander
- Attended several home games during Squirt 1/2 ice event
- Attended several V1, JV1, V2, JV2
- Attended several Squirt Orange and Blue games during home A/B tourney
- Conference call w/ new group out of Toronto regarding a new facility being built by OI on the southeast side of town
- ADOH has been distributing practice plans for all Squirt White and Orange teams after my review
- Meeting w/ Mite Tier 4 lead regarding practice structure and content
- Worked on weekly schedule for supplemental goalie instruction w/ Aaron Debates
- Handled HUDL setup for PW Oranges

- Exploring new video program Qwikcuts w/ SQ B3
- Run and planned the majority of SQ B2 practices w/ their head coach
- Handled practice incident w/ PW Orange Coaching Staff
- Met w/ HS teams regarding driving speed in/around facility/and in life
- The plan to have 3 SQ Blue teams has been a success and a clear example of the development that is occurring in our Atom-Squirt program
- Video sessions are going good and the kids seem to really like it.
- A couple of Orange teams have had tough games in Minnesota. PW White struggles in MN tournaments, but are doing well in state play.
- Thoughts on Fortis From Bantam A Head Coach Bryan Fuss “I personally feel this is a great tool for the less experienced coach. The curriculum is great as it gives a direction for the volunteer coaches in leadership building. For me it's stuff I already have used for years. However, I have gained some new ideas that I have implemented into our team structure this season. The benefit is it gives a coach a plan to use throughout the season as they have put together a planned schedule. There's a lot of great stuff in the booklet they provide, which allows the coach to just follow the template without having to do any additional work. The only thing that is difficult is trying to fit this into the schedule. I have been able to spend some time on Thursday before practice as we meet at 8pm before our 9pm ice time. I usually have a brief(10min) discussion with the team around the leadership program. Overall it has been a great resource to help implement this into our team culture.”
- Coach Houck requested message be sent to all Flyers families - Stress Attendance at all practices!!

#### Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- Croxice Dividers to be shipped week of December 19. We will need help to unload upon delivery, need to sort old sets for donation to Brandon Hockey and assemble the new sets for use. Cherry has assembly instructions. Amanda indicated Cole and his crew can assist with unloading.
- Atom Short Session registration deadline is December 20. Current registration is 13 players
- Squirt Half Ice Event – Nov 19 at the IcePlex – Twelve teams participated. Great first experience for families new to Squirts.
- Senior Showcase – Nov 12-13 in Sioux Falls. Twenty seniors from SFYHA participated including 4 from ACL.
- Benevity Certification, Workmen's Comp Audit, New Hire Report, Connecting Kids application – all completed and submitted.
- SDAHA Girls Varsity Tournament Updates
- Tournament Fees – All but Squirt Blue 1 received. Working with a few families for payment
- Senior Banners are here – Adam volunteered to hand the banners
- Referee Seminar for Level 1 and Level 2 to be hosted in Sioux Falls on Thursday, December 22
- Hot Stuff Pizza Delivery – even with the weather issues, all orders were picked up
- Safe Sport – a couple of situations have been reported but nothing officially filed. Discussion with League Supervisor regarding he said/she said situations.
- Coaches CEP – Have 7 coaches needing CEP prior to December 31. If not compliant, they will automatically be removed from rosters. Travel coaches are aware of the deadline.

#### Director of Tournaments – Amanda Smith

- ✓ Squirt Tournament – December 2-4 – Amanda reported the Squirt Tournament went very smoothly. No issues with Waterloo. Stick handling balls were a player gift hit and no issues except DIBS/volunteer needs
- ✓ Other Tournament Updates – Mite Falls Freeze currently has 25 teams registered. Tournaments are full and paid for 😊

#### Director of Development – Derek Berg

- ✓ Puck Club banner is in and ready to be hung
- ✓ Three new croxice divider sponsors
- ✓ Swap Site – Webmaster doesn't care to manage a Swap Site

- ✓ Fortis program input – less communication than Derek had assumed. Good program for newer coaches.

President's Report – Sam Everson

- Electronic Invoicing – Sam would like to invoice via automated electronic payment
- Electronic payment options – Venmo will not work. Pay Pal is too expensive. QB rate is 1.5%. Suggested meet with Sports Engine rep regarding Power Pay.

**Agenda Items:**

- IcePlex Expansion Fundraising – Cory Rothrock – Need to have completed Memo of Understanding before moving forward.
- DIBS & Volunteer Requirements – Tournament volunteers are very difficult to secure and some families are already noting, “I am done with my DIBS” and don't volunteer to help. Increase of hour requirements and increase of volunteer fee deposit are in order for the 2023-2024 season.
- Data Analysis – Leah May – Noted we don't want to be in the situation to have to add a team at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Registration numbers at the Squirt level are often border line to add a team.

*Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:*

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

Meeting adjourned 9:03pm

NEXT MEETING

January 11, 2023 6:30 pm  
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherry Hunter  
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted January 11, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence  
(Date) (Circle one)