

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

November 8, 2023 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), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), Derek Berg (Development Director), Dave Carlson (Director of City League), Leah May (Travel League Director), and Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments). Quorum was present. Corey Rothrock (Vice-President) and Chun Chan (Secretary) joined via Zoom. Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) and Rachel Hohn were also in attendance. Adam Gorra (Past President) and Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) were absent.

Open Forum – Rachel Hohn requested information when are final schedules going to be completed? She noted the PeeWee White team had 12 home games last season and are slotted for 4 home games this season = more travel, less DIBS and more time elapsed between games. What is the plan for next season? She noted that without a similar schedule, the players lack in game play opportunities. RESPONSE – Plans for next season have not yet been determined.

Secretary's Report – Leah May made a motion to approve the October 11 SFYHA Board of Directors Meeting minutes and the October 18 Special Board of Directors Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Elliot Hitt reported nothing out of the ordinary for SFYHA financials.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- Participated in SFYHA High School question and answer session on October 18 with all high school players
- Did all initial Mite tier splits for city league
- Did all initial splits for Mite travel
- Did all initial coaching assignment for Mite city and travel
- Made adjustments to initial tiers for Atoms to balance numbers
- Finalized coaching roster for all travel teams
- Ran coaches on ice and off ice sessions on Oct 17
- Led ACL/ICL coaches development session w/ Andy Gillham on Oct 16
- Ran all Mite and Pewee/Bantam DOH Sessions and coordinated plan w/ ADOH for Squirt DOH sessions
- Attended City League informational meeting at Pentagon for Atoms/Mites and ICL/ACL
- Did all Mite tier evaluations and placements. Final rosters sent 11/5/23 to A Howey/Cherry-120 kids
- Did initial team splits for Squirt 4v4 games and helped Regina with teams moving forward
- Worked on Wednesday Goalie Night coaching supplementation to get more goalies on ice. The Wednesday night goalie sessions take a great amount of work and organization. May need to assign times to goalies.
- Ran Let's Try Hockey
- Added coaching support for Mite Tier 3 and Tier 4 coaches who were low on numbers on coaches
- Worked w/ Jim Olander, President of Stampede, to get set schedule for Stampede Players assisting at practices for Mites, Atoms, and Squirts
- Worked w/ Cherry on getting coaching budget set and getting coaching contracts out to compensated coaches
- Participated in NHLCA Zoom on "Communication-The Secret Tool of Success" w/ Ryan Mouganel
- Assisted on bench for Squirt White in Luverne

Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- ❖ Team Coordinator Training completed. DIBS Training completed. Checking coach compliance daily. Updating web pages. Rosters, labels, links – lots to organize!
- ❖ All High Schools have submitted player Verification of Enrollment except Harrisburg
- ❖ Brandon released five players to SFYHA this week.
- ❖ 50th Year stickers and 50th patches have been distributed to TC or League Managers, except high school travel. Thank you sent to Dakota Beverage for the 50th Year banner hanging above the skate rental window. Trivia has certainly been a hit!
- ❖ Pictures will begin next week
- ❖ Thank you received from Sandy Ekern's family for arrangement at funeral – Brian Prisbe's mother-in-law
- ❖ Thank you received from Melissa (Honkomp) Otteson for arrangement at funeral for her husband.
- ❖ Another Busy month!!

Director of Development – Derek Berg – Derek presented updates for SFYHA Sponsorships for the 2023-24 season. Pathward will sponsor the ICL game jerseys. Republic Bank is serving as a puck sponsor. Giving Hope was suggested as an option to raise funds. Flyers Golf Tournament is being planned for summer 2024. Silent Auction for MN Wild vs Winnipeg Jets game tickets on April 6 plus \$300 Visa card will be available during Cherry's Scrip Sales.

Director of Tournaments – Amanda Smith – All tournaments are full.

Presidents Report – Sam Everson

- ICL Equipment & cost – Goalie gear for ICL: Currently there is one goalie for six teams in the ICL League. One player has volunteered, but SFYHA does not have goalie gear for the volunteer. Board members suggested request for donation of gear and rotate sets of goalie gear. Estimated cost provided to SFYHA is \$1350 per set of goalie gear is \$6750 for 5 sets.
- Plans are to request Squirt & PeeWee goalies to assist ICL to fill open slots for goalies.
- If other ICL players express interest in serving as a goalie, we will find gear for them.

Agenda Items:

- IcePlex Expansion Fundraising & Memo of Understanding – Documents have been presented to Joe Zueger. Hope to promote the fundraising after the season is well under way.
- Neck Guards – SFYHA encourages the use of neck guards by all players. USA Hockey guidelines are standard.
- ACL Commitment Policy – Board members suggested use of the guidelines, but the document will not be a policy requiring parent and player signature.

Between Meetings

Off Ice Training Policy – Derek Berg made a motion to approve the Off Ice Training Policy as submitted. Motion seconded and carried. October 20, 2023

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:

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

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm

NEXT MEETING

December 18, 2023 6:30 pm
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted December 18, 2023 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(Date) (Circle one)