

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

February 6, 2019 6:30-pm
Sanford Conference Room Scheels IcePlex

President Adam Gorra called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Aaron DeBates (VP), Matt Carlson (Secretary), Bryce Pattison (Director of Development), Mark Bukovich (Travel League Director), Chad Dykstra (Member at Large), Bryan Dozark (Director of Tournaments) and Eric Covrig (City League Director). Quorum was present. Cole Turner (Treasurer) was excused. Cherry Hunter (Executive Assistant), Dan Houck (Director of Hockey), Matt Altoff, Kay Bain, Bryan Kouri, Amy Bozzell and Amber Chan were in attendance.

January minutes were approved electronically between meetings. Chad Dykstra made a motion to approve the Jan minutes. Motion seconded and carried via email vote on Jan 12, 2019.

Open Forum

Kay Bain presented the board with end of year gift ideas for players. Commemorative pucks and drawstring backpacks were discussed with samples displayed.

Amber Chan, SafeSport Coordinator, would like a policy laid out for chain of command and what actions need to be taken when a potential SafeSport situation presents itself. She would like more education of how SafeSport is meant to be used by our members. What is conduct pertaining to SafeSport and what is a grievance? Discussed how do we implement SafeSport at the lowest level and if we have a recurring pattern, how do we record that? Amber would like to work with SFYHA on a chain of command to deal with how we handle the process. When and how we differentiate between a grievance and a SafeSport violation were discussed.

Matt Altoff addressed the board as to the mechanics of our Grievance Policy and the history of logic behind how it was written. As our former Secretary he explained it is designed to allow the board to govern and establish policy. He feels the board should be establishing policy and focusing on growth and not dealing with the element of discipline.

Treasure Report - Cole Turner

No Report

Travel League Report – Mark Bukovich

Mark stated teams are getting ready for the end of year SDAHA Tournaments. He has been working with individuals on grievances. Talk of the 3-penalty rule at the state level being changed to 5 penalties was discussed by the board. SFYHA may bring this up at the spring meeting to be looked at.

City League Report – Eric Covrig

Referees continue to be a need to officiate City League games. Comments have been positive from parents on development and positioning during games. Players are showing positive improvements. Houck has been running a lot of practices as we need more volunteer coaches. Standings are tightening up in league play as the season goes on.

Member At Large – Chad Dykstra

Chad has a meeting set up with the Sioux Falls Public Schools Athletic Directors at the end of the month to discuss the opportunity of making hockey an eligible sport to earn a varsity letter. Different requirements were discussed.

Director of Development – Bryce Pattison

Pattison reported our Coaching Excellence program has raised \$18,375 to date. We are still pushing to make it to \$25,000 by the end of the season. Friends of Flyers set a record this season at \$20,305 in sponsorships. This remains a great way for our user group to fundraise.

Director of Tournaments – Brian Dozark

Dozark reported our PeeWee tournament was a great success. Teams from Manitoba to Kansas City participated. We are getting ready to host the Bantam B SDAHA tournament.

Vice President - Aaron DeBates

No Report

Director of Hockey - Dan Houck

Board Notes January 2019

- held Mid-Season Coaches Meeting on Monday, January 7 for all coaches Mite thru Varsity
- topics-included mid-season player evals per USA Hockey Club Excellence, bench conduct, player conduct, end of the season ice usage, playoff/state tourney preparation, personal evaluation, team/player evaluations
- ran and planned all skills sessions for Squirt and PeeWee
- attended Hockey Day in SD
- interview w/ Kelo at Hockey Day
- planned additional goalie sessions for Mite City league players w/ Dan Byron on Fridays
- covered various ICL practices and games

- attended PW home tournament
- attended various home games for Flyers teams
- sat on Grievance Committee for various grievance hearings
- 4/5 parent/player meetings regarding options for summer training and development
- ADOH and DOH ran additional clinics for Bantam Orange teams
- helped at Mini-Atoms
- attended parent meeting w/ PeeWee Blue 2
- handled some smaller coaching and player issues
- met w/ all teams Bantam, Lady and high school Flyers regarding vaping and the use of E-cigarettes and potential policy changes to alcohol/tobacco policy
- ran team meeting w/ Varsity High School Boys
- worked w/ Prisbe on some ice schedule changes for the end of the season for various leagues/teams

Administration Report – Cherry Hunter

- Working with Bantam B Tournament Committee for SDAHA Tournament
- Created Spring 3 V 3 online registration & booked ice
- Assisting Aimie Chase as requested for Falls Freeze
- Working on Frozen Varsity list for JV Tournaments
- Confirmed eligibility for Toshiba Academic Awards
- Sam Tronnes Memorial Scholarship will not be available for 2019 Seniors. Funds designated elsewhere.
- Continue work on National High School Tournament participation
- Try Hockey for Free Day – Feb 23
- Fundraiser Fee mid-season fee collection
 - Realized 2 players dropped / moved
 - Players not paid & off ice until fee is paid = 6
 - Total invoiced \$128,673 with \$1808 to be collected

Presidents Report – Adam Gorra – No report

Old Business

Culligan Salt Fundraiser - Bryce presented a document for board review. Bryce has been working with Chad Dykstra and Alex Connelly on the logistics. Final details are being worked on.

Try Sled Hockey for Free - Event was January 19 at the Scheels IcePlex. It was being hosted by SDAHA and Sioux Center. People of all abilities were encouraged to come out. Volunteers from SFYHA assisted with the event.

New Business

End of Year events- New York Life has approached SFYHA about hosting our year end party events. All organization and fees would be covered by New York Life and its employees. New York Life would have some small advertising set up. A donation from New York Life would be given to SFYHA for being part of the event.

Elections-Possible election dates and how to collect votes was discussed. Candidate opportunities will be posted mid-February.

Between Meeting Board Votes

- Motion was made by Matt Carlson to allow paid photographer to take photos during Bantam game for possible sales to parents. Motion seconded and passed via email vote – Jan 31, 2019

Motion to adjourn by DeBates seconded by Gorra at 9:43 pm

NEXT MEETING

March 6, 2019 6:30 pm

Scheels IcePlex Sanford Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Carlson
SFYHA Board Secretary

Adopted March 6, 2019 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(date) (circle one)