

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
April 9, 2025      6:30pm  
Sanford Conference Room – SCHEELS IcePlex

President Chun Chan called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Jenn Warren (Vice-President), Sam Everson (Past President), Adam Gorra (Secretary), Leah May (Travel League Director), Cody Alderman (Director of City League), and Derek Berg (Development Director). Quorum was present. Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations), Dan Houck (Director of Hockey), Kathryn Wheeler and Scott Hansen were also in attendance. Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments) was absent. Elliot Hitt (Treasurer) joined the meeting via Zoom.

Open Forum

**Geo Split** - Assignment - Scott Hansen noted his oldest son was assigned to the east side for high school geo split during the 23-24 season. Since the geo assignment, the family has moved. His second son will be assigned to east geo split to keep the family in line with original family assignment.  
**Kathryn Wheeler** – Kathryn noted she has met with Titan Company regarding ice guard shirts that can be used for raffles or tournament swag.

Secretary's Report – Sam Everson made a motion to approve the March 12, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Elliot Hitt reported YTD indicates a profit and projects close to even at end of fiscal year. Noted Miscellaneous Income/Expense is higher than normal. The Lady Flyers coats and Squirt pins were expensed to miscellaneous. All Returned Checks have been paid. Non-compliance for volunteer hours totaled over \$30K

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- ✓ created and balanced 3v3 Spring League rosters for Cherry
- ✓ attended first two Sundays of 3v3
- ✓ sent and reviewed Post-Season Evaluation documents prepared by coaches to all travel SQ, PW, BT, HS, ACL, and ICL players/families 447 in total (all of these documents are now stored in one place on a google form)
- ✓ worked w/ Team SD Committee on social media and content for association distribution to affiliates
- ✓ attended 3/19 SDAHA Zoom Call on rules change proposal w/ SFYHA BOD Members
- ✓ one meeting w/ HS parent and player regarding their year-end evaluation-3/24
- ✓ one meeting w/ a Travel PW family and coach on their year-end evaluation-4/1
- ✓ attended year end HS awards ceremony on 3/25
- ✓ sat on Team SD Coaching Zoom on 3/26 and created Team SD coaching application document
- ✓ Coaching Performance Review Doc sent out to all Head Coaches to be filled out on 3/3
- ✓ IcePlex Locker room Construction/Buildout Meeting 3/31
- ✓ Cherry sent out new USA Hockey 6U/8U coaching clinic to all Atom/Mite coaches per my request

**Admin Update – Cherry Hunter**

- DIBS & Volunteer Hours – 73 Families did not fulfill their volunteer hours: 17 from Travel and 56 from City. Working with 12 families who did not submit deposit checks/agreements. Recommend higher deposit for City League families.
- Spring 3 V 3 ends Sunday, April 13 followed immediately by Rental Gear Return. Lower registration this spring, but all seems to be going great.
- Met with Candidates for Scheduler and SDAHA Discipline Rep.
- Candidate Forum – low attendance, but worthwhile for those in attendance.
- Ten SFYHA players will be recognized at the SDAHA Hall of Fame banquet on April 11. Parents accepted and appreciated the complimentary tickets.
- SFYHA End of Year Event – Was held on FM Rink on March 25 from 5:15-6:15 for JV/Varsity Boys and Lady Flyers Varsity. One team had low attendance. Ice cost – one hour
- Rental Gear Return – Working with Equipment managers to secure return of rental gear. Approximately 45 sets to go of which some are Spring 3 V 3 participants
- Fundraiser Fee for injured player – Closed session

**Director Reports**

- ✓ Director of Travel League – Leah May: Will continue planning for Travel teams after rules are established at the April 12 SDAHA Meeting. Invitational tournament registration release dates are usually May 1, May 15 and June 1. Members reminded Leah the Flyers should not be participating in A tournaments in the Minneapolis Metro area.
- ✓ Director of City League – Cody Alderman: No Report

**Agenda Items:**

Flyers Expansion Project – Derek presented spreadsheet with current pledges and contributions. Pledges received are eligible for a 3 year payment plan. Building naming rights for \$500K is still available as well as \$150K for Gym naming rights. SFYHA will be responsible for the note and interest once the facility is built. Digging will begin soon & Cosand Construction is building a locker stall template. In accordance with the MOU, Joe Zueger has control over the building process.

***Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:***

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

**NEXT MEETING**

May 14, 2025 6:30 pm  
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherry Hunter  
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted May 14, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence  
(Date) (Circle one)