

## WYHA BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2023

**Call to order:** Monday, 6:30 PM

**Attendees:** Michele Gifford, Beth Stewart, Belinda Fortin, Chris Jones, Matt Crowley, George Marko, Amanda Rittel, Sabrina Pfeifer, Jani Byers, Mike Galvan, Sean O'Reilly

**Absent:**

### **WYHA Open Meeting – Public Comment:**

Player Development – Additional development opportunities were beneficial last year. It is noticeable in the players we do not have the same opportunities this year.

Concern raised about increased tensions between players and coaches. Coaches need additional support to buffer parent pressure/requests.

Need increased communication of who house managers and coaches are and when volunteer committees are meeting.

Need to improve communication between board and parents.

Concern about support for the 8u team traveling.

Request for minutes to be posted. Minutes are posted on [wyhjrthunder.com](http://wyhjrthunder.com)

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Chris moved to approve, Jani seconded motion. Motion approved.

### **Ice Center Programming and Facility Update:**

Chilling tower bid has been awarded. Winning company has begun evaluation process and ordering of tower. Rink will be down for approximately 2 weeks while chilling tower is being replaced.

New plumbing being installed.

Rink will have a float in the St. Patrick's parade March 11. Kids are invited to participate.

Rink will be hosting National synchronized regional skating competition in Jan 2024. No ice will be available during this week.

### **Grow the Game:**

48 kids in Little Thunder. 29 kids are new to the program.

Sabrina is leading weekly floor hockey program at local school.

Try Hockey for Free Feb 25 4:00

### **House League:**

No Update

### **Communication Notes:**

One board nomination received as of board meeting. Additional communication will be sent regarding the board meeting position. Board members are elected for a 3 year team.

### **Apparel:**

Working on on-line apparel store.

## Dean of Coaches:

Additional equipment has been ordered. Will be labeled and made available to the coaches to be used at practice.

## Marketing / Fundraising:

March 17, Black Light Bingo – WYHA will be working

## Registrar:

No Updates

## Travel Coordinator:

12U hosting Tulsa February 25

## Tournament:

Tournament committee meeting will be scheduled

## Old Business:

None

## New Business:

- **Code of Conduct**
  - Reminder: Representing WYHA if wearing a jersey or jacket
  - SportsEngine chat not to be used for other sports or events outside WYHA
  - Concern received from 8U parent regarding 8U program and parent conduct
- **President nomination by board**
  - Amanda moved to appoint Michele Gifford to a 1 year term. Belinda seconded. Motion approved.
  - Belinda moved to appoint Jani Byers as treasurer. Beth seconded. Motion approved.
- **Awards ceremony planning – March 8 - 7:00 - Wichita Ice Center**
  - Awards – Matt will make recommendations
  - Coaches awards per team – Mike will send email to coaches
  - Coaches will be called up and recognized
  - Order – Youngest to oldest
  - Sound system will be used in NHL rink
  - Refreshments – Tickets will be disbursed to players for a soda and popcorn from the rink.
- **House Senior recognition**
  - Banner complete. Will be presented at last house game.
- **Summer camps/clinics**
  - Riley will be hosting a camp in Wichita summer 2023
  - Tulsa – fwd/defense and goalie

## Executive Session

Treasurer:

**SafeSport:**

**Next Meeting Agenda:**

**Adjourn:**

Chris moved to adjourn, Beth seconded motion