

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

April 8, 2026 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 Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), John McCollister (Secretary), Derek Berg (City League Director), and Leah May (Travel League Director). Quorum was not present. Lindsay Fenton, Alison Heibult, Lisa Romine, Megan Faber (Incoming Director of Travel League), Dan Houck (Director of Hockey), and Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) were also in attendance. Jenn Warren (Vice-President), Adam Gorra (Director of Tournaments), and Sam Everson (Past President) were absent.

**Open Forum** - Alison Heibult requested August/September skates be hosted on Sunday nights and not during the week to allow football players attendance. Cherry will check on availability for Sunday nights. Noted – Team SD players are sometimes gone on weekends prior to season start for games.

**Secretary's Report** – With lack of quorum present, the March 18 Meeting minutes will be presented electronically for consideration.

**Treasurer's Report** – Elliot Hitt indicated EOY should be in the positive column. SDAHA Assessments are the major outstanding expense. Ice costs are significantly higher as well as ice use. Ice fees for the 26-27 season need to be secured very soon with understanding SFYHA cannot tolerate an increase of ice cost per hour after completion of budget. Work will begin on the 26-27 budget with requests due May 15.

**Director of Hockey – Dan Houck**

- Working on tournament schedule/dates w/ Megan/Leah. Held zoom meeting on April 7
- Held ICL/ACL coaches meeting on having a third division of City League
- Attended all SFYHA Spring 3 V 3 Sessions
- Zoom meeting w/ the Coaches Site sales rep week of 3/30 about a club coaching account
  - lockers for the entire coaching group, SFYHA can determine number of accounts
  - can curate from the site
  - From IHS you can upload it onto the Coaches Site and connect it to their content or a drill I made, that is on there from now until the future
  - Can add content to IHS with Drill Draw
  - Estimated cost is \$1000 Coaches Site that will enhance current IHS.
  - Zoom call with coaches next week to preview the program.

**Admin Update – Cherry Hunter**

- No evidence of voter fraud during the electronic voting SFYHA Board of Directors balloting. 197 votes submitted from our membership. Candidates notified, SFYHA Board notified, Membership notified and result posted on website homepage. Suggest shorter voting time span next year – Thursday through Sunday.
- Candidate Forum – March 26: All candidates were present. Five attended in person & 12 attended via Zoom. John McCollister served as facilitator.
- Jersey Name placards – Ordered a sample set from our vendor. Will seek options for sewing on placards upon arrival.

- Need ideas for cheerleader thank you – Suggested Lululemon gift cards
- 20026-2027 Tournament Dates
  - Squirt Tournament – December 4-6
  - Bantam Tournament – January 8-10
  - PeeWee Tournament – January 29-31
  - Mite Falls Freeze – Feb 6-7 (not Superbowl Sunday. Superbowl Sunday lands on President’s weekend Feb 14)
- Work continues on redesign of Flyers home page with Sports Engine
- High School Team Split Proposal –Same plan will be submitted to SDAHA - confirmed
- Spring 3 V 3 completed – three sessions done before Easter. Dan and I were in attendance for all three sessions.
- Budget – Need to consider \$15 payment per referee for each of the ICL games. \$90 cost per week. Board members suggested one certified referee with the other referee in training.
- ACL Game Suspensions – League needs to understand game suspensions are not recorded or dealt with at the state level. All game suspensions are reviewed by the City League Supervisor and/or City League Director & Coach Houck. City League = in house discipline
- Performance Hockey Training option at Sanford Sports sent to 2008-2014 travel players. Sessions start April 14-May 14 twice a week
- Girls 12U – need more registrants for Development Camp
- Survey prep – three days to respond. Chun reviewing options for the Survey
- Cherry presented a written Annual Report for board members and others in attendance.

### **Director Reports**

Director of Travel League – Leah May reported she is working with Megan Faber, incoming Director of Travel League. Team counts, tournaments, and level of play have been discussed. For the 25-26 season, SFYHA hosted 140 home games for Squirt through Varsity, had 243 game days, and participated in 73 tournaments.

Director of City League – Derek Berg met with other girl’s travel coaches to discuss the possibility of SDAHA hosting a Girls 12U instead of a 14U League and adding the Girls JV League back in to state play. Girls 14U age players could participate at the JV level. City Leagues finished the season with very competitive games for playoffs and championship rounds. Couple of discipline issues were handled at the ICL/ACL level and noted Mites were getting a little rough. Mite coaches need to control their players 😊

Presidents Report – Chun Chan reported discipline issues and Safe Sport reports were down for the 25-26 season. Most issues were managed at the coach level. The Spring SDAHA Meeting will be held in Sioux Falls on April 18. Jenn Warren will serve as the SFYHA Delegate. Team counts will be discussed, but not finalized, at the Spring meeting.

### **Agenda Items:**

Flyers Performance Center – Derek Berg reported completion date for the project is end of April. Flooring and shooting tarp installation is still on the project list. Some of the furniture has been moved to the storage room at the expansion end. Planning for Open House in May with donors to get first look. Lindsay Fenton suggested tour guides for the Open House. With cost of signage, the project is approximately \$100K short. Plans are for “soft” programming from mid-May to mid-June

Pull Tabs – State laws are changing July 1 regarding pull tabs. Through Giving Hope, SFYHA

1. Could lease to own pull tab machines over an 18 month program (Board preference)
2. Purchase pull tab machines at approximate cost of \$9000
3. SFYHA benefit pull tabs are currently hosted at Big Sioux Burgers
4. Giving Hope discussed pull tabs with Gibbs/Gateway with little success
5. Offer pull tabs (managed by volunteer) at our home games.

No formal action.

Varsity Tournament Bid - Board members requested Cherry prepare bid to host SDAHA Youth Varsity Tournament. Deadline is May 31

SDAHA Proposal Updates / Spring Meeting Agenda –

1. Freeze 10 Rule Update: Mitchell
2. Girls 14U Officials Compensation: RIC Ahlberg - *Support*
3. Exempt Teams: Sioux Falls – Proposal withdrawn
4. Tier I: Aberdeen, Brookings, Watertown, Sioux Falls – Adds rules to SDAHA documents for Tier I teams - *Support*

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm

NEXT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY – May 20, 2026 6:30 pm**

Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherry Hunter  
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted April 25, 2026 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence  
(Circle one)