

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2024 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), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), Adam Gorra (Secretary), Leah May (Travel League Director), Cody Alderman (Director of City League), Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments) and Derek Berg (Development Director). Quorum was present. Dan Houck (Director of Hockey), Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations), Chris Thorkelson, Kristin Thorkelson and Oliver Thorkelson were also in attendance. Sam Everson (Past President) was absent.

Open Forum – The Thorkelson family requested late registration approval for Oliver to join SFYHA.

Secretary's Report – Leah May made a motion to approve the October 16 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Elliot Hitt reported financials at normal pace for this time of year.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- Ran Coaches Meeting for all SFYHA Coaches on October 22
- Met w/ Andy Gillham for additional coaching sessions for coaching groups regarding content and plan - sessions planned 11/13, 11/20
- Zoom call w/ Allison Norgaard Mite Travel League Supervisor on tournament/friendly scheduling
- Worked on goalie schedule for Wed Skills Sessions w/ Cherry
- Reworked Coaching Code of Conduct and sent edits to Cherry
- Did initial splits for Mite Travel Tier 1/2 and Mite City 3/4
- Created and sent ACL Evaluation process document to Cherry/Chun Chan
- Set parent meeting dates for Mite Travel Teams w/ coaches and Allison
- Mite coach lead coaches for final tiers selected and connected w/ all coaches in their respective tiers
- Planned all Mite eval skates and sent plan out for all initial tier lead
- ICL/ACL eval form to rank players and sent practice plans for first skates for coaches
- Attended ICL evals on 11/5 and provided data to Mark Russell for final team placement
- Completed Mite evals for all tiers w/ several other coaches in SFYHA and made teams for city games and travel teams-142 total players!
- Alternating skills for PeeWee and Squirt teams (Sam Sahly full-time covering Squirt Whites)
- Schedule for help w/ Mite tier 3 and 4 practices over season w/ Leah for Bantam and HS player coverage
- Ran Mite Tier 2 Travel parent meeting on 11/9 and Mite Tier 2 Coaches Meeting
- Had coaches attend ACL evals from high school teams to support Nate Hadrick 11/8-11/10
- Attended ACL team selection meeting w/ coaches on 11/11
- Monday skills I am trying to hit each of Squirt teams on Mondays and PW teams every other week Tuesday mornings
- Sent Leah the final 4v4 Rosters

Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- Team Coordinator Training completed the first week of the season
- All travel rosters submitted and approved
- Tracked Sanford Performance registrations for JV/Varsity girls and boys
- Arranged and communicated details for baseline testing at Sanford Fieldhouse
- Prepared handouts for all Coach meeting – Oct 22
- Fall City League Meeting – Oct 23 – very good attendance
- Schedule for pictures – next week
- Finalizing Coaches Contracts
- Distributed coaches winter coats, wind jackets, apparel,
- Counted socks and recounted 😊 Sorted and distributed High School jerseys/gear, Culligan jerseys, City League jerseys,
- Tracked scheduling
- Securing birth certificates for over 80 players & finishing High School verification process for all high school age participants
- Working with NW Addition committee – hosting league level meetings next week to provide updates and excitement for the project
- Atom, Mite & ICL League Supervisors are doing an impressive job – all stepping in to new roles! I appreciate their hard work! Mites have 142 members.....so lots of action and families!
- SFYHA growth from 2014 to 2023 has been 283 members for 50% increase. SDAHA grew by 328 members over the same time period = all but 42 of that growth is from SFYHA

Director Reports

- ✓ Director of Travel League – Leah May noted the Squirt 4 V 4 games are moving along but struggling with referee assignments. Preparing promo/hype for home games. High School, Lady Flyer and Bantam players have been assigned to assist during Mite 3/4 ice slots. Chun has communicated with an individual who would like to create videos for social media, primarily for high school but open to other suggestions. A gift card may be in order for the volunteer at end of season. **Internet connection at the IcePlex has been intermittent and needs to be resolved prior to league games start on November 22.**
- ✓ Director of City League – Cody Alderman noted the League Supervisors are doing a great job! ICL will need PeeWee goalies to rotate in for ICL games. ACL will need at least one goalie to rotate in for games from the Lady Flyers & Bantams. Chun indicated concern with only 2 coaches on the ice during ACL ice slot in early November.
- ✓ Director of Tournaments – Amanda Smith reported tournaments are full. Rushmore is attending, Squirts are ready to go, and others progress well.

Presidents Report – Chun Chan

- ✓ Jenn & Chun reported on the League Structure Committee for SDAHA. Brainstorming what works and what does not work with the goal of parity for competition. Dan Laughlin, Rushmore is on the committee and Jeff Scheel, Aberdeen has been added to the group.

Agenda Items:

Flyers Expansion Project – The committee continues to work hard to secure sponsorships/contributors for the project. SFYHA membership needs to become involved and support the project. Committee members estimate projected funds at this time is \$610K. Meetings will be held next week for members to attend and learn about the project.

*Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:
To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports*

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

NEXT MEETING
December 11, 2024 6:30 pm
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted December 11, 2024 _____ by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(Date) (Circle one)