



**April 17, 2024**

## **CYHA Board Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Mike Jannace, Phil Passarelli, Chris DaBaldo, Casey Marshall, Angela Brady, Ryan Blair, JC Gaskins

**Board Members Absent:** Justin Pence

**Guests Present:** None

**Call to Order:** Mike Jannace called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

**Secretary Report:** Motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from 3/20/24 was made by Angela and seconded by Phil. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** Report was deferred until the next meeting.

**Registrar Report:** Nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports**

**Travel Commissioner Report:** Report was deferred until the next meeting.

**House Commissioner Report:** Report was deferred until the next meeting.

**Hockey Director Report:** The synthetic ice and fence screening for the outdoor training area have been delivered. The Ice Palace is currently evaluating options for a new door to the training area. Ryan also reported that he had received a commitment from an additional goalie coach to help this season.

**Player Development:** Report was deferred until the next meeting.

**Growth:** Report was deferred until the next meeting.

**Grievance/Disciplinary:** Nothing to report

**Fundraising/Scholarship:** Report was deferred until the next meeting.

**Coordinator Updates:** All coordinator updates were deferred until the next meeting.

## New Business

### 2024 – 25 Travel Season

- **Season Details:** JC provided an overview of the 2024 – 25 Travel Season details to the board. The format will be like last season regarding the general structure and schedule. The teams will continue to have skills sessions with Hunter Bishop Hockey. New for this season will be a pre-season minicamp, the addition of power skating and dryland training sessions, and an additional goalie coach.
- **Apparel Package:** The 2024 – 25 Travel cost will include an apparel package for the players again this season. We will be moving to Under Armor as our brand for most items. The cost for the apparel package will remain unchanged compared to last year. This will include two T-shirts, two pairs of shorts, a polo shirt, and a hoody. A Jr. Stingrays backpack will also be available as an optional add-on item this season. The player will be responsible for the cost of the backpack.

Coaches that are new to the organization will receive CYHA apparel again this year. They will have the option of choosing either a CYHA branded zippered rink suit jacket or CYHA hoody. They will also be provided a pair of rink suit pants and a puffer jacket. Additionally, each Head Coach will be provided a Fist Aid kit to have on the bench this season.
- **18U Travel Team Details:** The board had a lengthy discussion regarding the 18U Travel Team details for this season. We have received a request from the coach to consider designating this team as a National Bound team. A request was also made for the team to increase their tournament count to six tournaments and to add an additional practice session this season. JC voiced concerns about adding too much to the program as the increased level of commitment may drive some players or parents away from the program. This concern was shared by several other board members.

After a detailed review of the 18U program details and team budget the 18U following outcomes were decided.

  - CYHA will wait until after tryout to determine if the 18U team will be a National bound team. This will be presented at the team meeting to be decided with input from the team parents.
  - CYHA will present the option of adding one practice session each week at the team meeting to be decided upon with input from the team parents.
  - The Jr. Stingrays apparel package, two pairs of game socks, and pants shell were added to the budget to correct an oversight in the initial budget.
  - The final cost for the 2024 – 25 Jr. Stingrays 18U team will be \$2200. This price will change if a sixth tournament is added and/or additional ice time is booked for practices.
- **New League:** JC reported that we will be playing in a new league this season which should provide for better scheduling of games and shorter travel distances. The league will be named the Atlantic Coast Hockey Conference and will cost \$500 per team to be a member. This is a reduced

cost compared to the CHL league fees. Each member club will be afforded voting rights in the organization.

- **Tryout Readiness:** The board will meet on 5/18/24 at 7:00pm to review our final schedule and plan 2024 – 25 Travel Tryouts. Chris will Schedule this meeting to be help via Zoom.

**Girls Hockey Grant:** Ryan has been working with Brandon to reserve ice times for our Girls Skills session. There will be a total of six sessions spread out over 7 weeks. The total cost for the ice slots will be \$1800, of this we will plan to use the \$1200 grant provided by CAHA. Ryan requested that the remaining \$600 be funded by CYHA.

Chris made a motion to provide \$600 from our Player Enrichment account to fund the Girls Skills program. The motion was seconded by Phil. The motion passed unanimously.

**Spring League:** Ryan reported that Spring League is underway, and the teams look to be well balanced. The current schedule is working well, and no additional ice time will be needed. Ryan will work with Brandon to cancel any additional ice slots that had be reserved and are no longer needed.

**Sports Engine Renewal:** Our Sports Engine licensing is currently up for renewal. This occurs every 3 years. Casey informed the group that this licensing costs will increase this year. Additionally, the current platform we are using is out of date and no longer supported. With our renewal our web page would be moved to the new platform and updated at no additional cost to us. The new platform is mobile optimized and will be much easier to update and manage. The cost of renewal is \$700 annually.

Phil made a motion to approve the continued use of Sport Engine as our website and online portal and was seconded by Chris. The motion passed unanimously.

**CYHA Elections:** Chris reminded the group that the CYHA Elections are scheduled to be held in June. There are four positions up for reelection this year. He will be adding this topic to next month's meeting for a more in-depth discussion to finalize the timeline and voting window.

**USA Hockey Symposium:** Ryan informed the group that USA Hockey will be hosting a Goalie Symposium geared towards goalie coaching development. This will be a good opportunity to further strengthen our goalie program. There was consensus among the group the CYHA would be willing to send a coach to attend this program. Ryan will reach out to potential candidates to gage interest.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.