

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 15, 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), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), John McCollister (Secretary), Adam Gorra (Director of Tournaments), Derek Berg (City League Director), and Leah May (Travel League Director). Spencer Wrightsman (Development Director) joined the meeting via Zoom. Quorum was present. Lindsay Fenton, Aaron DeBates, Jack Campbell, and Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) were also in attendance. Spencer Wrightsman (Development Director), Dan Houck (Director of Hockey), and Sam Everson (Past President) were absent.

Open Forum

- Jack Campbell, Varsity West spoke on behalf of the Varsity & Jr Varsity West teams. Their request was to place blue & orange stripes on player helmets. Derek Berg made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded and carried.
- Lindsay Fenton – SFYHA Growth & Retention Coordinator was introduced and thanked the board for the opportunity to serve in a leadership position. Lindsay would like to create educational pieces for SFYHA, especially for new and younger families & those new to the sport of hockey. She plans to work on grants and outreach projects. Cherry will forward to the SDAHA Growth & Retention Chair, Lindsay Fenton's contact information.

Secretary's Report – Minutes were approved and posted following September meeting

Treasurer's Report – Elliot Hitt noted income and expenses are status quo. Elliot reported balance on hand for the NW Expansion project and payments made on the project.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- Planned and ran all Director of Hockey Sessions for September 2025
- Planned and ran Power Skating Sessions
- Updates to HS Staff (Boys and LF) sent out on practice schedule to allow for planning on their end
- Worked w/ HS Coaches on booking conference rooms for video/team meeting
- Ran Let's Try Hockey on 9/20
- Continued work on tournament schedule adjustments w/ Leah May coming out of September SDAHA Meeting
- Sent thoughts on Bantam Team Count for SDAHA meeting to President Chun Chan
- Held Squirt Non-SDAHA Zoom Informational Session on 9/22
- Met w/ Brady Pinney on 9/25 regarding season plan and team concepts/structure
- Ran Introduction to Squirt Full Ice on 9/28
- Sent HS tryout split/plan for tryouts to Cherry/HS Coaching staff
- Met w/ Aaron Debates on goaltending on-ice evaluation for HS tryouts
- Planned all evaluators and coverage for Squirt non-SDAHA tryout on 9/30 and 10/2
- Team placement released for Squirt non-SDAHA Blue on 10/3
- Planned all evaluators and coverage for High School Tryouts 9/28, 9/29, and 10/1
- Team placements for High School posted on 10/3
- Planned all evaluators and coverage for Youth and Lady Flyers tryouts for week of Oct. 5-9
- Attended informational night on 9/24
- Ran and planned Body Contact Clinic on 9/24
- Sent tryout plan documents to Chun/Cherry for HS/Youth
- Led coaching development session w/ Andy Gillham on 9/25 with 50 SFYHA coaches in attendance
- Created evaluator schedule for all travel tryouts

- Finished all travel team placement/rosters and head coaching selection by deadline of 10/10

Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- Busy Fall!!!

Director Reports

- ✓ Director of Travel League – Leah May: Collaborated with Coach Houck regarding teams and volunteers
- ✓ Director of City League – Derek Berg: Need to discuss three league split for ICL/ACL. Student Coaches have to be registered with SFYHA. Concern noted regarding ACL officiating.
- ✓ Director of Tournaments – Adam Gorra: All tournaments are full. Squirt schedule is set. For teams who drop from the tournament, a refund is only offered if replacement teams are secured. A tournament committee for the Youth Varsity Tournament is needed. Committee members will include ad sales, hospitality, decorations, admissions, logo/spiritwear. Ad sales are an important aspect of the tournament and are due one month prior to tournament. Suggested chairperson from the East side and West side. No awards ceremony is scheduled for the Youth Varsity Tournament.
- ✓ SDAHA Rep – Jenn Warren: Provided SDAHA Fall Meeting updates to the SFYHA Board of Directors.

Presidents Report – Chun Chan

- Continue working with SDAHA on various topics.

Agenda Items:

Flyers Expansion Project – The fundraising campaign has raised funds/pledges in the amount of \$1.26 mil. Entrance security for various sections of the addition were discussed. Derek Berg presented possible off ice schedule for training once the addition is completed. Suggestions for the expansion included:

- ✓ Friday/Saturday/Sunday – the area would be used for game warm-ups
- ✓ One off ice training per team except JV/Varsity would have two sessions per team
- ✓ Dryland usage chart noted open slots. Plans are to have only SFYHA members/teams utilize this season after completion of the project
- ✓ Varsity players from locker rooms to ice surface – stations from locker to ice through the lobby or go back side Stampede and across to main hallway for entry
- ✓ Locker Rooms cleaning will be the responsibility of the Varsity teams using the locker rooms
- ✓ Televisions in each locker room for video? TV on wheels for mobile televisions
- ✓ Need clocks in each locker room – hopefully, something connected to scoreboard timing
- ✓ Proposed Shooting Lane usage chart for teams
- ✓ Draft SFYHA Facility Rental Business Plan
- ✓ Draft SFYHA Facility Rental Agreement

Haley Clinic – Registration is currently at 41 participants. Invitations to other locals will go out October 16 to reach goal of 60 registered participants. SDAHA Growth & Retention funds may be available for events similar to the Haley Clinic. Lindsay Fenton is researching Topher Scott – Hockey Think Tank.

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY – November 12, 2025 6:30 pm

Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted November 10, 2025 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(Date) (Circle one)