

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
December 10, 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). Quorum was present. Lindsay Fenton, Erin Bofenkamp, Jack Campbell, Jason Brooks, Jackie Fossum, Dan Houck (Director of Hockey), and Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) were also in attendance. Sam Everson (Past President), and Spencer Wrightsman (Development Director) were absent.

**Open Forum**

- Jack Campbell – Player Jack Campbell submitted a plan to host a Pink in the Rink Cancer night for Varsity West with invitation for Varsity East and Girls Varsity to join in the project. Possible dates were noted. If date chosen is for the East vs West, one team would wear pink jerseys and the other special white jerseys. All proceeds from 50/50 raffle and donation bucket would benefit former Flyer Riley VanderEsch. Jack proposed pink out shirts for pre-purchase with delivery at the game. Estimated cost per jersey is \$100 with possible sponsorships. Jack requested to use pink tape on sticks as well as pink socks & jerseys. February 14 is proposed date, no pink ice, jerseys would need to comply with SDAHA Admin Rules and need to identify possible JV players who may be participating in the Varsity game were all discussed. Board Members approved as long as no cost is incurred by SFYHA.
- Squirt Blue Parents – A new player was recently added to the Squirt Blue team roster and parents requested adjustment to each players tournament fee due to additional player. Adam Gorra made a motion to adjust Squirt Blue tournament fees divided by current 14 players on the team. Motion seconded and carried.
- Player Recovery – Lindsay Fenton noted SFYHA has begun the process with players returning to SFYHA. She requested communication to membership regarding the process.

**Secretary's Report** – John McCollister made a motion to approve the November 14, 2025 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Elliot Hitt noted income and expenses are status quo.

**Director of Hockey – Dan Houck**

- Evaluated and placed supplemental Squirt travel player
- Handled ACL supplemental discipline issue w/ Nate for an incident that occurred during a game on 11/ 21
- Held coaching development sessions with Andy Gillham for all coaches PeeWee and younger and ACL/ICL on 11/13
- Held coaching development session with Andy Gillham for High School and Bantam coaches on 11/14
- Weekly finding subs for teams missing players for Squirt 4v4 and supplemental goalies to fill in for absent players
- Worked out schedule for additional Bantam and HS LF/Boys helpers for Mite Tier 3/4 practices w/ Leah
- Attended several home games the weekend of 11/29 and 11/30
- Attended Squirt home tournament games weekend of 12/5-12/7
- Continuing to remind coaches of CEP deadlines/requirements/Continuing Education
- Ran skills/practice a few times for PW Oranges, PW Blues, Squirt Whites, Bantam Blue, and Squirt Blue/Oranges
- ACL Report submitted by Nate Hadrick
- President Chun noted Dr Andy Gilham is no longer with Sanford. SFYHA has requested refund for balance of season fees already paid by SFYHA. Dr. Gilham will continue to work with the Flyers.

- Goalie clinics are going well with RSVP. Could possibly use other half ice for additional ice for teams
- Mite Blue 1 & Squirt Blue practice together – going well

**Admin Update – Cherry Hunter**

- Fundraiser Fee credit updates & sales posted
- Wreath Day – Great Volunteers and lots of wreaths
- Expansion meetings & updates
- Busy with financial records
- Varsity Tournament meetings
- Completed all travel rosters
- Mini-Atoms up and running
- Pictures completed except ACL is this Friday
- Connecting Kids application completed and funding request submitted
- Lots of jersey & gear coordination
- Pizza master order completed – delivery next Tuesday with unexpected increase in sales
- Home tournament finance and tournament fee collection

**Director Reports**

Director of Tournaments – Adam Gorra reported the Squirt Tournament went very well. Competitive teams, new format was great, DIBS were fine, and Tournament Coordinators did an excellent job.

Director of Travel League – Leah May:

- ✓ Worked with LMs to set up Mites of the Game for V East and LF V
- ✓ Helped sort out the schedule for the first few games with cheerleaders on the ice. Couple of minor issues with the first game/cheerleaders regarding timing and information to Zamboni driver – now resolved.
- ✓ Helping get Mites Tier 2 some half ice games on Sunday the second half of the season
- ✓ Work with LMs and coaches on game cancellations due to weather
- ✓ Updating game day counts as schedules change and games are added
- ✓ Continue updating the monthly task list for the next Travel League Manager and take notes for changes needed next season

Director of City League – Derek Berg: Discipline issue managed and hoping Jill Bechen, Mite City League Supervisor has a first year Mite. (Sorry – Owen is second year Mite). Croxice panels need to be checked for issues and connected correctly. Issues can be reported to Derek or Cherry.

**Agenda Items:**

Flyers Expansion Project – Derek reported fundraising has reached \$1.3M. SFYHA needs to continue to push building name rights or half of the gym sponsorship. Lockers are being constructed for Varsity locker rooms and Coaches Room. Wood has been donated for construction of storage shelves and display grate for spiritwear has been secured.

Pull Tab Project - Big Sioux Burgers will host Pull-Tabs to benefit SFYHA. Big Sioux will run the point of sales. SFYHA will supply the pull-tabs and reconcile weekly. SFYHA plans are to provide coupons/promos for Big Sioux Burgers to SFYHA families and promote Big Sioux Burgers to visiting teams. Pull-tabs have to be housed in a restaurant. Derek is working with Giving Hope to possibly establish pull-tab sales in other Sioux Falls restaurant locations.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

NEXT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY – January 14, 2026 6:30 pm**

Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherry Hunter  
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted January 14, 2026 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence  
(Date) (Circle one)