

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
November 14, 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 Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), John McCollister (Secretary), Adam Gorra (Director of Tournaments), Derek Berg (City League Director), and Spencer Wrightsman (Development Director). Quorum was present. Lindsay Fenton and Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) were also in attendance. Jenn Warren (Vice-President) Leah May (Travel League Director), Dan Houck (Director of Hockey), and Sam Everson (Past President) were absent.

Open Forum

- Lindsay Fenton – SFYHA Growth & Retention Coordinator is assisting Coach Houck & Cherry with Goalie Session assignments and Goalie Nation news publications for goalie families. Goalie responses for Goalie Session attendance confirmation are reported to intheincrease@sfflyers.com.
- Discussed Player/Goalie of the Week or highlight Team of the Week.
- Showcase players who have achieved higher goals.
- Teams, coaches, team coordinators - are creating their own pages for communication like FB, Instagram, or other social media. They are not official SFYHA communication platforms and need to include disclaimer. SportsEngine app and email are SFYHA communication channels.
- Private Lessons – Coach Houck is our point of contact for suggestions

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

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

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- Evaluated and placed four supplemental players at the Bantam level for travel
- Worked w/ Mite tier leads on practice plans for first 2 weeks of initial evals
- Evaluated and placed all Mite Travel and City players for final tiers that began on Nov 10 (134 skaters)
- Attended and ran on-ice for second Let's Try Hockey. We had really good attendance.
- Helped on the ice and Haley Skarupa clinic. We had over 50 girls
- Ran coaches on ice and pre-season clinic for all SFYHA coaches on October 21. Drills and notes from these two on-ice clinics by age/ability placed on Coaches Corner. Note-attendance was poor at the older group/s. Most guys came to the meeting and then went home. Younger group had 40 plus coaches.
- Evaluated one supplemental tryout for high school boys and he was placed on a travel HS roster
- Working w/ Cherry and Aaron Debates on weekly rotation for goaltending clinics.
- Worked w/ new LF 12 U coach on season plan. Pre-season meeting, and practice planning w/ the PW Orange coach
- Created a season long practice drill section/folder for PW Blue coaches to use on IHS
- Evaluated ACL players for season placement on 11/7 during evaluation scrimmage night.
- Created teams for Squirt 4v4 and have been continuing to find goalies to fill in w/ injuries
- Worked w/ Nate Hadrick on securing referees for 4v4 and he has done an excellent job of coming to help mentor/make sure they are dialed in for the games
- Sent out reminder to all Level 4 coaches that need continuing education for CEP on Nov.5. They have until Dec. 31 to complete
- Got all contracts done and Cherry sent out to HS coaching staff
- ACL League report presented for October/November

Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- ❖ Jerseys
 - Culligan ordered, screened, & distributed
 - City League ordered, screened & distributed
 - High School jerseys and apparel – sorted and bagged, working on distribution
 - Mending & alterations done
- ❖ Team Coordinator Training completed for Travel Team Coordinators
- ❖ DIBS Training completed and tracking Volunteer Agreements per family
- ❖ Coaches Meeting, Handouts, Coats, and jackets bagged and ready for distribution
- ❖ Holiday practice for HS teams & miscellaneous scheduling. 1064 SD Hockey games this season compared to 890 last season
- ❖ Rosters submitted except for Mite Travel
- ❖ High School verification for all HS Players
- ❖ USA Hockey compliance for coaches, players, leadership
- ❖ Early wreath drop this Friday...hoping arrival is during the empty parking lot of the day
- ❖ Pink in the Rink – If event is planned, no SFYHA funds will be utilized for the event
- ❖ Pictures begin on Monday
- ❖ Preparing for next weekend Opening Weekend!

Director Reports

Director of Travel League – Leah May sent report for projects since last meeting.

- ✓ Working with LMs to finalize volunteers
- ✓ Working with East video to incorporate the home announcing that will be done by Vinny Thill and Trey Salonen
- ✓ Updating the Full Schedule with SDAHA dates so we have a game count for each team
- ✓ Working with Allison to rearrange a couple of games that needed adjustment
- ✓ Helping Erin Hitt get up to speed on Mites Travel
- ✓ Working with Dan and Megan on 4v4 as needed
- ✓ Working with Dan on Bantam and HS volunteers for Mites as needed
- ✓ Helping Cherry with TC training

Director of Development – Spencer Wrightsman: Spencer reported Great Plains Fence, Stan Houston and Parkway Ortho will not be serving as 25-26 sponsors. Jamie Messerli has secured EOY Cookie Sponsorship.

Director of City League – Derek Berg: ICL teams have been determined. ACL team draft is taking place tonight. Mite City teams and Mite Travel teams have been set.

Director of Tournaments – Adam Gorra: Tournaments full and working on Squirt Tournament preparation.

Presidents Report – Chun Chan

- Need to develop a Culture and Communication Committee

Agenda Items:

Flyers Expansion Project – Derek is working with Elliot Hitt and Joe Zueger regarding financing. SFYHA will be the loan applicant upon completion of the expansion project. Elliot noted the need to keep one year of payments in the building account. \$1.267 mil is currently pledged for the expansion. Movement on incoming pledges have come to a halt. Derek will compile an eblast for Team Coordinators to send out to their team members. Door locks – SFYHA requested FOBS, but plan is to have punch codes. Need to push for FOB entry. Conference room and office furniture as well as shelving for storage are mostly covered. Sixteen tables, two cubicles, conference table, and multiple chairs have been secured and will be placed in storage until building completion. Updates are

needed on the website. Plan a special grand opening for all donors with target completion date of mid-January.

Between Meetings

October 15, 2025 Minutes – John McCollister made a motion to approve the October 15, 2025 SFYHA Board of Directors meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried. Nov 10, 2025

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY – December 10, 2026 6:30 pm

Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Director of Operations

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