

Sun Valley Youth Hockey Board Meeting
Hailey Ice Cafe – October 8, 2025



Board members present: Brooke McKenna, Kayla Nisson, Sam Herrick, John Kearney, Jeff Lamoureux, Barton Burdette

Others present: Sarah Benson, Nancy Fenn, Frank Salvoni

Call to Order: Brooke McKenna called the meeting to order at 6:01pm, quorum established.

Approval of September meeting minutes. Minutes approved - John motioned, Kayla seconded, all approved.

Discussion

Special Guest - Cathy Swink - Cathy presented to the board a request for a way to honor high school players by allowing special pant shells/breezers for this age group, and to allow 8 varsity players who had the breezers from last year to wear those again while purchasing new ones for the 5 new varsity players. Nancy reminded the group that the red breezers from last season were approved as an exception for one season only and that decision had been shared with the coaches, manager and players last season. Board discussed for an hour the benefits and drawbacks of having alternative uniforms across teams and age groups.

Motion - Barton made a motion to approve the breezers contingent on the use of the correct SVYH colors and that they need to be offered to all players on the Varsity, JV and U19 girls teams - John second, all approved. (Jeff, Kayla and Brooke, having children on the affected teams, all recused themselves from this decision and did not participate in the vote).

Special Guest - Annie Leady - Annie gave a follow up report on the ShoulderCheck presentations at the Parent Meeting. Feedback was positive. Moving forward, Rob at ShoulderCheck has not responded to Annie in a while and she needs artwork from him to make banners for the rinks. She is expecting a full set of swag to be shipped as well. Sarah and Annie to work on all the banner sizes, locations, etc at Hailey Ice. Annie will see if Sun Valley Rink would be open to some banners as well. Annie will get budget figures back to Brooke for board review.

Executive Director - Frank Salvoni - Frank reported that he's still working on smoothing out some coaching issues, especially at the Pee Wee level where the head coach position will end up being shared between a practice head coach during the week and tournament/game coaches who will travel with the team. Frank's Fund has raised over \$40,000 to date. His efforts will continue. Frank trained several student coaches the other night and will continue to do more student coach clinics as needed; he strongly feels student coaches are the future of the organization.

Registrar's Report – Nancy Fenn - Registration numbers looking good, 257 as of today. Bauer kids will likely add even more to our full young age groups. Pre-season skates have been very well received, especially Girls Power Hour. Home tournament team registrations are looking great, with the exception of the Mity level where no teams have signed up to date. Our organization and the entire state is dealing with a deficit in officials. That may make hosting our home tournaments challenging. Nancy met with

Kaly to discuss some girls-only options, especially to support those girls who are playing on youth teams this season.

Scholarship committee has awarded \$13,000 in scholarships so far with four more applicants still needing to be reviewed, 13 families have sought scholarships for 19 players. Team manager group this year is wonderful. Reminder that SVYH really relies on this group of hard working volunteers. Wreath captains have been identified and the fundraiser has kicked off! Coaches are asking about SVYH swag. They will get hats. Discussion around the raffle rules, which remain 50% of raffle proceeds to the scholarship fund.

Hailey Ice – Sarah Benson - Really excited to get back to it! The fall season was slower than usual. Hailey Ice hosting lots of family skate nights in October, which should be well attended. Learn to Skate night coming up along with Wednesday afternoon open skates for the kids. Things will get really busy once the adult Suns start. Sarah looking for another high school or older helper to run the front desk at the rink.

Treasurer’s Report – Barton Burdette - Compared with last season, we are running slightly ahead, thanks to Frank’s fundraising. We may even finish in the black.

President’s Report– Brooke McKenna - Request for consideration of practice-only player at the Bantam level and reconsideration of Player Eligibility Policy. Frank feels strongly that we need to honor the players and families that are committed to SVYH and that there is little to no benefit to the organization if we allow practice-only players. The board stands behind the existing policy that does not allow practice-only players for State-bound teams, this Bantam player included.

Brooke outlined the process for the FY2025 990, which is due November 15th. A draft 990 will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and presented to the full board at the November meeting for approval. Total scholarship pool decision was moved to next month. Final topic of the evening was related to board membership and the recruiting of new board members to fill the upcoming vacancies. Some candidates were discussed. Brooke to disseminate board applications and meet with candidates in advance of seeking board approval by the next board meeting. Brooke will also be tracking board participation and unexcused absences in an effort to encourage active board membership. Board members with repeated absences may be asked to step down.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm. John motioned, and Sam seconded.

Next Board Meeting: 11/5/25, 6pm Hailey Ice Cafe
Minutes submitted by Brooke, SVYH President, 10/9/25