

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 8, 2015 - 6:30pm – Sanford Meeting Room A**

President Bryan Kouri called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Quorum present for the meeting. Board members attending were Chad Dykstra, John Sievert, Bryce Pattison, Brian Hefti and Matt Althoff. Also attending was Chad Bozzell, Kevin Ulvestad, John Mathison, Bert Post, David Heibult, Brandon Haack, Sara & Chris Hanson, Jon Winkelpleck, Zach Jurgens, Jeff Hoekstra, Arianne Zieske, Rich Zieske and Executive Assistant, Cherry Hunter.

Treasurers Report & Minutes: Bryce Pattison made a motion to approve the June 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried. Matt Althoff made a motion to approve the July 5, 2015 Treasurers Reports showing a balance on hand of \$217,583.54. The balance reflects scrip inventory, spiritwear inventory and Hockey Booster checking. Motion seconded and carried.

Travel League Advisory Council Report – Brian Hefti – Agenda items at the June meeting

- League Manager Training
- Hotels & rebate systems
- SDAHA Schedule, SFYHA tournament requests & SFYHA Invitational Tournaments

Attending were Brian Hefti, Jeff Hoekstra, Tania Kocmick, Tina Casey, Todd Mescher and Cherry Hunter.

House League Advisory Council Report – Chad Dykstra – No meeting was held in June.

Executive Assistant Report – Cherry Hunter

- Let's Play Hockey subscription ordered for Travel League Managers
- Legends Neal Broten event on June 13th promoted on website front page
- SFFSC submitted payment for their share of Jasper engraving on the 2014 pavers. (\$1544)
- Northern Hills Hockey accepted donation of Gas Edger and mobile EZ Skate Sharpener. They have not picked up the items. SE Fair received 2 white dasher and accepted several other items stored at Dakotaland. We no longer have storage units at Dakotaland. Special thanks to Jordan & Mark Arndt for removing the edger and skate sharpener.
- Privacy screens for IcePlex storage bays ordered, artwork approved and product has arrived. Plans are to install the screens next week.
- Mayor's Picnic – Four SFYHA volunteers worked 3 hours each at the "sandwich table". With July 4th on a Saturday, Laurie Heintz noted a drop in volunteers as well as attendance at the event.
- High School posters & Sports Schedules – projects of the past. Do we want to create the items for 2015-2016 season? No board discussion
- Jr Stampede Billet Family request – Information will be placed on the website and notice in Hockey Happenings.
- Girls U12 team is planned for SDAHA league schedule. We have requested the U12 team travel with Lady Flyers JV/Varsity when possible.
- League Manager training at June Travel Advisory Council meeting
- Report
 - ✓ SFYHA Game Misconducts
 - ✓ 2015-2016 Registration Projections

Tasks Coming UP:

- Prep for Form 990
- Registration
- Fall activities

OPEN FORUM

Mite & Squirt Geo Split - Information and handouts provided to those in attendance. Board members responded to audience questions. Parent noted tryouts need to be more transparent by board members and parents expect feedback regarding placement. **RESPONSE:** President Kouri agreed SFYHA needs parent education for tryouts and players need feedback on skills and placement. Bryan Kouri made a motion for geographical split for Mites and Squirts as illustrated on handouts. Motion seconded and carried. For Mites, the players will be geographical split for initial assessment. Continuing practice nights for development based on ability, no impact to City League, no impact to Mite Travel teams and introduction to concept of the geo split they will see at the upper levels are Mite plans. For Squirts

- All city Squirt Select team. Board members noted if there is not enough interest, the select team plan will not proceed. The goal is for the best 12 players to be placed on the team.
- Geo split for East and West to support a West B and East B as well as West C and East C.
- No impact to City League
- Allows for orderly growth
- Consistent with upper levels

Geo split lines are determined after registration is complete.

Varsity League – Jeff Hoekstra and Jon Winkelpleck asked why the same criteria for Varsity was not available similar to the Squirt and PeeWee Select team option. Jon Winkelpleck inquired as to the number of players for 3 team scenario in SDAHA League play. He noted the SDAHA minutes do not reflect a player number in the motion to allow 3 teams at the high school level in Sioux Falls. **RESPONSE:** At the Squirt & PeeWee level, SFYHA will host at least 5 teams. Four of the teams will be geo split to skill teams. The other team will be city wide select players. Varsity/JV does not have the numbers to allow for 5 teams. SDAHA based approval for 3 High School teams (one Varsity & two Jr Varsity) on registration numbers. 48 players allows for 3 teams in SDAHA League. Registration above 48 players will provide a geo split of players.

Jr. Gold Tournaments – Jeff Hoekstra indicated difficulty in scheduling Jr. Gold tournaments for the high school age teams. With 4 teams geo split, player availability will be limited for participation in Jr. Gold tournaments.

Mite City League – Bert Post noted goal for Mite City League should be 120 players for a 3 tier league & to minimize need for travel outside of Sioux Falls. Bert also requested potential to bring up 2nd year Atoms. No board action.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sponsorships / Donations - Bryce Pattison submitted information for fundraising offset when SFYHA families secure donations and/or sponsorships. Charts defined credit earned at 50% of the donation and 75% of the donation amount. Bryce Pattison made a motion to approve 50% credit for securing donation and/or sponsorship for SFYHA. Player can earn up to the minimum Fundraiser Fee requirement. All contracts will be due no later than December 31, 2015 with payment due by January 15, 2016. Payments made after January 15, 2016 will be credited to 2016-2017 season. Some type of recognition based on the amount of the financial contribution is planned. Motion seconded and carried.

Storage for Game Jerseys - Bids were received from Fastenal and Grainger for storage cabinets. Bryan Kouri made a motion to purchase one Z-Rack for possible storage of game jerseys. Motion seconded and carried. Chad Dykstra will order one Z-Rack.

Website Updates – Matt noted 1500 profiles with no activity in the last 3 years. Webmasters will delete inactive profiles. Team page templates are being developed to provide consistency. Front door exposure to registration and transformation to prioritizing are projects to complete. Three

work sessions are planned. Improvements are planned for UTube, Facebook, Twitter and social media. Cost of possible website upgrades will be presented at the August meeting.

PSA – Estimated cost for the PSA is \$1000. Bryan shared PSA with board members and others present. Jeff Zueger, Nikki Gronli and Randy Preston created the PSA. Special THANKS to each of them!

Other

- Trophy case at the IcePlex – Proposed plans for case not yet received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Budget – Board members reviewed the proposed budget. Suggestions include:

- Registration \$225 for all players except new non-travel players and new Lady Flyers
- Registration for new Lady Flyers and new non-travel players at \$150
- Fundraiser Fee for PeeWee Select at \$500
- Fundraiser Fee for new Lady Flyers and new non-travel players at \$150
- Miscellaneous Income - \$2200 for tournament concessions income will be moved to Tournament Net. \$800 in program sales moved to Program Ads

Squirt League - Matt Althoff made a motion for Squirt tournament and game limits:

- Squirt Select A Team 6 tournaments 32 games
- Squirt B Geo Teams 6 tournaments 32 games
- Squirt C Geo Teams 4 tournaments 24 games plus City League games

Motion seconded and carried. Anticipate 12 players for the Squirt Select team. Final registration numbers will determine player numbers per team.

PeeWee Select Team– John Sievert made a motion for the PeeWee Select team limits of 7 tournaments and 40 games. Motion seconded and carried. Anticipate 12-13 players for the PeeWee Select team. Final registration numbers will determine player numbers per team.

Robby Glantz Power Skating Clinic– John Sievert received communication from Robby Glantz Power Skating Clinics. Proposed dates are November 20-22 with 3 sessions for \$100. Senior Showcase will be held the same weekend as well as possible SDAHA League games. No board action.

Fall League Meetings– Plans for upcoming fall league meetings were discussed. No board action.

Volunteer Hours for 2015-2016 Season - Required Volunteer hours and deposit amounts need to be determined for the 2015-2016 season. No board action.

Other

- Fall Kick-Off Picnic – September 13 at Sertoma Park
- IcePlex contract ends August 31, 2015. Bryan will follow up on process for renewal.
- BOD shirts for Bryce & Mindy
- Board of Directors Manuals – Board members requested to turn in manuals to allow for inclusion of updated information.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15pm. A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Monday, July 13, 2015 from 5:30-7:30pm at CJ Callaways. Unfinished July 8th agenda items will be the meeting focus.

**NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, August 5, 2015
6:30pm – Location TBD**

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Special Board of Directors Meeting
July 13, 2015 - 5:30pm – Tre Lounge**

President Bryan Kouri called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Quorum present for the meeting. Board members attending were Chad Dykstra, John Sievert, Bryce Pattison, Brian Hefti, Mindy Hansen, Kyle Hanisch and Matt Althoff. Cherry Hunter, Executive Assistant, also attended.

Proposed Budget – After lengthy discussion, changes made to “Cherry’s version” include:

- Adult admission to home game is \$6 each
- Registration fees - decrease for new player non-travel registration at \$150
- Tryout fee for Select teams at Squirt & PeeWee level is \$50
- Fundraiser fees
 - previous Lady Flyers is \$500
 - Bantams are \$500
 - City league returning is \$250
 - PeeWee Select is \$425
 - Squirt Select is \$350

Mindy Hansen made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented with changes as noted above. Motion seconded and carried.

Friendship Games – Kyle Hanisch made a motion to allow:

- Limit of 5 home friendship games for each Squirt team
- Limit of 2 home friendship games for each of the state league teams
- Admissions will not be charged for home friendship games
- SFYHA home team will incur cost of ice and officials. Funding for home friendship game costs will be included with tournament fee collection.
- Mites typically do not charge admissions & thus not included in the situation.
- Cherry will establish cost per league for non-league home game.

Motion seconded and carried. Friendship home game cost will be assessed to the players of the participating team:

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| ✓ Squirts – Officials \$30 x 2 plus 1.5 hr ice x \$167 = | \$310 per game |
| ✓ PeeWees – Officials \$45 x 2 plus 1.75 hr ice x \$167 = | \$382 per game |
| ✓ Bantams – Officials \$55 x 2 plus 1.75 hr ice x \$167 = | \$402 per game |
| ✓ JV/Varsity (boys & girls) – Officials \$65 x 2 plus 2 hr ice = | \$464 per game |
| ✓ Girls U12 – Officials \$50 x 2 plus 1.5 hr ice x \$167 = | \$350 per game |

Bus Subsidy – Bus subsidy for 2015-2016 is not included in the budget.

Robby Glantz Power Skating Clinic – Plans were presented for proposed Robby Glantz Power Skating Clinic to be held Nov 20-22 in Sioux Falls at the IcePlex. The clinic is not a SFYHA function. Promotion for the clinic can be posted on our website under camps & clinics in accordance with non-SFYHA function policy.

Fall League Meetings – The goal is to host fall league meetings to better inform our families.

Plans include:

- ✓ host at least 3 nights on varied days and weeks
- ✓ change venue from JFK School
 - JFK provided at no charge
 - have storage area and easy access to spiritwear and fundraiser items at JFK
- ✓ suggested O’Gorman, Avera and Sanford lower level

- ✓ suggested one night for High School, Bantams, PeeWee & Lady Flyers; one night for Older Rec & Squirts and third night for Mites & Atoms with possible "make-up" night
- ✓ Matt encouraged all 3 nights to include all levels with main meeting and break out sessions per league.
- ✓ Meet in large room/auditorium from 7:00-7:45pm followed by break out sessions
- ✓ Large session would include season expectations, volunteer hours & DIBS, Off-Ice officiating, website and escrip.
- ✓ Spiritwear may not be available.
- ✓ Suggested fundraiser options not be available at fall league meetings.

Location and details need to be determined.

Fall Picnic– Board members approved not hosting a Fall Kick-Off Picnic at Sertoma Park.

Recommendation is to have a day at the IcePlex with game jersey distribution, fundraiser options and spiritwear sales.

Volunteer Hours for 2015-2016 Season – Mindy Hansen made a motion for 2015-2016

Volunteer requirements:

- 12 hours for one player family
- 15 hours for two or more player family
- \$350 volunteer deposit required from each family

Motion seconded and carried. Board members also noted:

- Only volunteer tasks listed on DIBS are eligible for volunteer hour credit.
- Volunteer tasks can be authorized by Julie Becker and/or the board.

Stampede Program Sales– SFYHA share of program sales from the 2014-2015 season is \$1503. We had 5 games with no program sellers and 7 games we were short staffed.

Communication was not received from the Stampede regarding need for sellers at play off games. SFYHA needs to provide 10 sellers (5 groups of 2) for each game. Other groups have expressed interest in selling programs. SFYHA will need to develop a check in system for our volunteers at the games.

New SFYHA Travel Players - Mindy Hansen made the motion "Travel players new to SFYHA are not eligible to participate on the Select teams during their first year of SFYHA participation. This would include players moving to Sioux Falls or transferring to SFYHA." Motion seconded and carried. For the 2015-2016 season, this will affect Squirt and PeeWee levels. Board members also approved "New SFYHA players, having played previously with other local associations, will need to provide a letter from their former association indicating all financial obligations have been paid."

Other

- ~~Fall Kick-Off Picnic – September 13 at Sertoma Park~~
- \$1413 received from Clerk of Courts to close out case from 2013. Full restitution for \$1675 checks written on Closed Accounts.
- Sample Knock Off the Rust registration form distributed.
- Inquiries from Sioux City PeeWee families have been received.

**NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, August 5, 2015
6:30pm – Pastoral Center – 523 N. Duluth Ave**

Between Meetings – July 14, 2015 thru August 4, 2015

Goalie Gear – Kouri Insurance will donate 6 sets of Mite Goalie Gear to include 6 sets of leg pads, 6 pairs of gloves, 6 blockers, 6 goalie sticks and 6 throat protectors. With the \$2300 donation of equipment, request was made to hang a Kouri Insurance banner during City League ice times. Order of equipment will be coordinated with Eric Covrig, Mite League Supervisor. THANK YOU BRYAN!! July 14, 2015

Dryland Training – Zach Jurgens requested information for Dryland Training sessions be forwarded to all eligible high school age players. The proposed calendar is 3 times a week in August and 2 times a week in September. Attendance is not required, but highly encouraged. July 20, 2015

PeeWee & Squirt Teams – Brian Hefti requested the top PeeWee team and top Squirt team be referred to as the PeeWee Gold and the Squirt Gold team. The Gold teams will not participate in SDAHA League. Board members approved the request. Blue will represent SFYHA top SDAHA team, Orange for the next level and White as the level below Orange. July 21, 2015

SDAHA Conference Call – SDAHA Board met via conference call on July 23. The following items were discussed:

- Sioux Center, Sioux Falls, Brookings, Huron & Watertown plan to host U12 Girls teams for the 2015-2016 season.
- Games will likely start the weekend of November 21st.
- U12 SDAHA Tournament will be held the same weekend as Girls Varsity Tournament in Mitchell.
- Approved SFYHA to host PeeWee A and PeeWee B teams instead of PeeWee A and PeeWee C per current policy.
- Approved: Sioux Center will need to play Boys Varsity and Bantam A.
- Approved: SDAHA Varsity Tournament host will be Brookings Ice Skating Association
- Sioux Center, Yankton and Watertown were all approved to play down and host only a Girls JV team.

Let's Try Hockey – Bryan provided information for website posting for SFYHA Let's Try Hockey sessions and "Chicks with Sticks". July 28, 2015

Other

- KDLT has agreed to run the SFYHA PSA in August & September! Hopefully Midcontinent and KELO will join in. July 30, 2015

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- Girls 12U Information sent to girls eligible for Girls U12 participation – July 26, 2015
- Fall Ice Opportunities: July 20, 2015
- Registration is Open! Hockey Happenings & Fundraiser Options Available: August 4, 2015


Cherry Hunter, SFYHA
Executive Assistant

Approved August 5, 2015