



## YHC Board Minutes

**Date:** October 17, 2023  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Place:** 597 S. Bryan, Elmhurst, IL 60126  
**Meeting:** Monthly Board Meeting  
**Present:** Mark Soehn, Meghann Peiffle, Tom Papadopoulos, Chrissy Brown, Frank Ciannella, Matt Boeing, Jessica Buenz, Nick Lee, Julie Collins, John Maffia, Todd Stasica  
**Guest:** None  
**Regrets:** Chris Buenz, Brian Finnerty, Bill Paschen  
**Call to Order:** 6:40 PM  
**Agenda:** October Board of Directors Meeting

### **I. Minutes**

- September BoD minutes motioned and approved.

### **II. President's report**

- Big thank you to Chrissy for Spirit Night – awesome event and night!
- Thanks to Steve P. for organizing the Addison Police presence at the rink for Spirit Night – effective deterrent, no real problems identified.
- Rosters – AHAI requesting training of the board and registrar. YHC rosters will be locked going forward; Meghann will distribute training material for the board and others to take.
- Blackhawk Rivalry Series game set for 12/8 @ Addison v. Stevenson.
  - i. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Blackhawks game will feature Frank Rosa and the Stevenson Captain participating in the shoot the puck between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods. Ken Maurer organizing tickets, T shirts, and hats for the Rivalry series.
- Game day security
  - i. Police presence for Toys for Tots on 12/8 will be requested.
  - ii. Visiting locker room security – Tom will work on getting a barrier for the hallway.
- Minnesota MLK tournament player bus transportation – due to fund raising of the club this is a real option that the board agreed to move forward with at this point. Boe will look to get the busses booked, players required to commute via the bus.

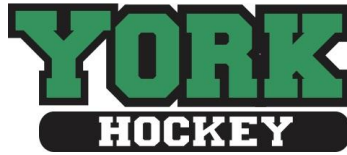


### III. Treasurer Report / Finance

- Sales Tax exemption letter rec'd
- Tax return planned to be complete in December 2023.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of player dues 10/15. Julie to track and note to team managers to remind parents in the weekly email.
- Heavy spirit wear sales – Renee handling; and payments going well.

### IV. Hockey Director Update

- Discussed opportunities to engage the JV White team in YHC event nights and other showcasing of the team.
  - i. Ongoing efforts to get set up. Lack of ice time makes it difficult; hard to purchase from the Flames.
  - ii. Toys for Tots – 12/8, agreed to postpone Future Dukes Skate planned for the 6:10 pm ice slot. Nick Lee reached out to OPRF to schedule a JV White vs. OPRF game at 6:10 pm instead. Nick and Boe will coordinate on ensuring an opponent.
  - iii. Will need to adjust YHC calendar and sign up genius.
- Blackhawks Rivalry Night game vs. Stevenson (12/8)
  - i. Tommy Hawk in attendance, Jim Cornelison will sing anthem, and game will be streamed.
  - ii. Trying to drive youth hockey players in jerseys and engagement.
  - iii. Jess to work with Comms and Media – Elmhurst Community event + Toys for Tots
  - iv. Need to think about ideas to incorporate kids – Chuck a Puck, games, line for varsity, etc.
- Roster movement:
  - i. Bringing up players is working – Green to Varsity, White to Green
  - ii. Roster Up/down movement – Boe to regularly monitor, as there are game limits in the SHL.
- Took out 11/4-5 JV Green tournament and replaced with 4 games vs. other Varsity teams.
- Halloween costume night planned with players prior to practice. Bow will drive.
- Community Service options
  - i. Xmas Tree drive – Mark already informed D205 Foundation that we will be volunteering on the unloading and delivery on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (Mandatory event for players). Team Managers to advise in weekly email.
  - ii. Soup kitchen option – Boe to look into and advise back to the board.
- Hockey after HS night – Boe organizing again this year. Well received in recent years
- Locker room Wi-Fi – coming out next week to correct the YHC Wi-Fi
- JV White – Nick looking into using EPL for some video review as all coaches reside in Elmhurst as well.



- Boe attending some JV White games and practices, going well.
- Goodman – overall going well. JV White (lighter attendance, some immaturity). Nick to address.
- Potential outdoor YMCA Ice slot – keep intra club activity – keep brainstorming on ideas.
- 12/23 – Varsity potential to play Lake Forest HS @ Allstate Arena. This will be a non-league game at either 12 pm or 2 pm. Ticket prices TBD and need to purchase ~ \$3K – technically buy the ice, includes Wolves game ticket. BoD agreed to pursue, but not make mandatory for players as it may conflict with existing family holiday plans.

## V. Events

- Spirit Night wrap up – 10/13
  - i. T-Shirt sales – Well done, handed out 250+ that night. Chrissy documenting lessons learned.
  - ii. Baskets from Shannon’s family and friends – wanted all proceeds to go to them; Chrissy accommodated to address the ask.
  - iii. More baskets than normal (Shannon uplift), great for everyone.
  - iv. Huge turnout – great job by all
  - v. Very pleased with volunteers and decorations
  - vi. Next year – Get players involved in set up / clean up – more participation.
  - vii. Fund raising – dollar amounts still being finalized, but ~ \$17K revenue, but need to factor in expenses and donation.
  - viii. Donation to Shannon will be Proceeds – Expenses – (Budgeted Club Fundraising + \$1,500)
  - ix. YHC will look to present to Shannon and publicize the community impact/efforts.
- Team Thanksgiving skate event – keep dinner as is and combination of dinner and ice time.

## VI. Comms and Media

- Jess and Emily doing fantastic job!
- Steve P. photographer – Mark requested Steve attend some JV White games and this will be added to Steve’s services agreement with YHC.

## VII. Old Business

- Out of town Code of Conduct. Tom P. to send out final version to Board for approval; and then managers will distribute to their teams in their weekly communication.

## VIII. New Business



- Some questions on how to handle York HS absences due to hockey commitments. YHC Board agreed that this is a parent decision and no guidance from YHC will be given.
- YMCA hanging YHC banner at the YMCA rink.
- Hockey Op's Committee planned to meet next week.
- Discussion on next year's team makeup. Agreed that there will be new scenarios to account for, e.g. 3 teams, # of underclassmen in club, etc., but discussion tabled for now.

**Next meeting on Tuesday, 11/21 – Location TBD**

**Meeting adjourned – 8:50 pm**