



December 18, 2024

CYHA Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Dustin Hapka, Phil Passarelli, Chris DaBaldo, Angela Brady, Ryan Blair, JC Gaskins, Justin Pence

Board Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: Dustin Hapka called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Secretary Report: Chris informed the group that the minutes for the November meeting are not ready for review. He will try to have them completed prior to the next board meeting. No other updates were provided.

Treasurer Report: Angela shared a spreadsheet listing recent expenses that have been paid on behalf of the organization since late September. She will be meeting with Greg over the holiday break to reconcile our accounts. Dustin will provide Angela the check duplicates for items he has paid for as well. Angela is also working with the insurance company to finalize our Officer and Director insurance for the CHYA board.

Registrar Report: Angela provided an update to the group. We have had 5 players new to the organization join the CYHA since October 2024. Angela and Greg are working together to identify the prorated fees for the remainder of this season. Once this is completed invoicing will be set up for tuition payments.

Committee Reports

Travel Commissioner Report: JC reported that the league playoff schedule is in the process of being finalized. This will be held during the first week of March. Otherwise, it has been quiet from a Travel League perspective.

House Commissioner Report: Nothing to report

Hockey Director / Player Development Report: Ryan provided a summary of the Learn to Play session that wrapped up in December. This session was well attended with 53 kids who participated. Ryan proposed several ideas on ways we could provide our 8U players with full ice playing time while

still staying withing the USA Hockey guidelines. There was a consensus that this exposure was necessary for our players' growth and to remain competitive with other regions.

Ryan also provided a summary of the activities that are ongoing. Ryan will be holding hockey clinics over the holiday break for our house and travel players. This will run from December 27 through December 29. Our Girls Hockey programming has had consistent attendance with approximately 20 players at each session. Little Rays will be playing their first ever 6U Jamboree next session in Greenville and Columbia. The Boss sessions with Hunter will return on Wednesdays starting in February. Additionally, the coaching development sessions will return in January.

Growth: See Hockey Director report

Grievance/Disciplinary: Nothing to report

Fundraising/Scholarship: The mites team successfully raised over \$13,000 through a fundraiser organized by Team Up. This fundraiser far exceeded the team goal. According to Dustin, the feedback that he has received from the team has been overwhelmingly positive. Dustin will provide a full accounting once the final deposit is received, and the board will vote on allocating remaining funds, potentially for an additional tournament and end-of-season party for the Mites team. Dustin suggested introducing the fundraiser to other teams, ideally at the start of next season, to help offset team costs and to build up the player enrichment fund. The board discussed sharing details of the Mites fundraiser results with coaches to encourage participation

Phil is working with TeamUp to plan a similar fundraiser for the 10U A team on January 24th. The fundraising goal for 10U A will is to raise around \$3,000, to help with team travel expenses for upcoming tournaments in Tampa and/or Nashville.

Coordinator Updates

- **Marketing/Outreach:** Nothing to report
- **Safety Coordinator:** Nothing to report
- **Safe Sport Coordinator:** Nothing to report

New Business

House League: The House League schedules have been finalized for the 2nd half season. Games for the 10U division will remain at half ice this season due to USA Hockey restrictions. Ice has been scheduled for the end of season playoffs. The playoff games are a double elimination tournament and will take place from March 14 – 16. Justin is also working to organize 2 games for the 10U/12U division to host another organization for Friendly/Exhibition games this season. The cost of the ice slots will be covered by the current House League schedule.

Justin presented a play up request for one of our 12U players to play the remainder of the season with the 14U division. This player currently plays at or above the skill level of other players in the 14U

division. After consideration, the board approved this request. Angela will reach out to the players' parents to complete the appropriate documentation.

Mighty Mites: Dustin presented the candidates for Mites team manager to the board. After consideration Howard Stern was determined to be the best fit for this position.

A motion was made by Justin to approve Howard Stern as Mites team manager for the remainder of the season. This was seconded by Angela and approved unanimously by the board.

CAHA Special Election: Angela informed the board that CAHA will be holding a special election to fill a director position which was recently vacated. She will send the candidate bios out to the rest of the board for review before casting votes on behalf of our organization.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.