



## YHC Board Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	November 28, 2023
<b>Time:</b>	7:30 PM
<b>Place:</b>	597 S. Bryan, Elmhurst, IL 60126
<b>Meeting:</b>	Monthly Board Meeting
<b>Present:</b>	Mark Soehn, Meghann Peiffle, Tom Papadopoulos, Chrissy Brown, Frank Ciannella, Matt Boeing, Jessica Buenz, Julie Collins, John Maffia, Chris Buenz, Brian Finnerty
<b>Guest:</b>	None
<b>Regrets:</b>	Todd Stasica, Nick Lee, Bill Paschen
<b>Call to Order:</b>	7:40 PM
<b>Agenda:</b>	November Board of Directors Meeting

### **I. President's report**

- Meeting called to order.
- October BoD minutes motioned and approved.
- Voting members – 2023 – 24 budget motioned and approved as of November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Neck guard discussion – Debated. Follow USA Hockey and AHAI recommendations, and in alignment with SHL. Continues recommendation to wear, but ultimately family decision. Jess to send email to all via YHC e-mail.

### **II. Hockey Director Update**

- Off ice training
  - i. Varsity and JV Green attendance is good and consistent.
  - ii. JV White, consistently < 50% of players in attendance. Coach Lee has discussed with team and will need to consider consequences for unexcused absences. Expectations will be re-enforced by the hockey director and coaches with each team; and communication via team manager to parents.
- Varsity
  - i. Team is playing in competitive games, many 1 goal games and need to take the next step forward.
  - ii. Jamestown, NY National Scholastic Invitational Showcase Tournament this weekend (12/1 – 12/3) – looking forward to the tournament and great competition.



- iii. Coaches will meet 1:1 with each player this weekend; Met 1:1 with Seniors on Monday, 11/27.
- JV
  - i. JV White lost championship game in Stevenson Thanksgiving Tournament. JV Green lost championship in Loyola O'Grady Thanksgiving Tournament. Great showing by both teams.
- Hockey after college night – 12/20
  - i. Coach Boeing organizing again this year as it's always well received.
  - ii. Coaches from Indiana (IU), ISU, Washington, Peoria Mustangs, and others will share their insight with players and parents.
  - iii. Will take place in conjunction with the Holiday hat exchange and practices.
  - iv. Tentative schedule – Practice (4:20 – 5:20), College after hockey and dinner right after, followed by the hat exchange meeting.
  - v. Managers will communicate to teams.
- Alumni Game – 12/22
  - i. Two ice slots prior to Varsity game (older alum / younger alum)
  - ii. Request to clarify posting on grad years vs birth years on socials and website.
  - iii. Jess to send list of alumni to Coach Boeing.

### III. Events

- 12/8 – Toys for Tots / Blackhawks Rivalry Series Game
- Blackhawks effort – Chrissy managing with the Blackhawks:
  - i. Request to set up merchandise table, raffles, spin the wheel, selling T shirts, etc. Chrissy working to figure this out.
  - ii. Rope off for broadcasters middle of stands requested. Will be done during JV White game, no concerns on roping off prior to game.
  - iii. Wi-Fi password is needed. Comcast finally added new Modem for YHC, tech support indicates its all up and running. Believe issue is modem overload. Mark still working on it. Still have a problem. Mark has shared the login details.
  - iv. Tommy Hawk needs a locker room. Coach Boeing will confirm location with Larry at Addison Ice Arena
  - v. Marine for Toys and Tots will drop the puck.
  - vi. Coach Boeing emailed York Choir group for National Anthem singer.
  - vii. Decided to let the Blackhawks run the games between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period of the varsity game – 8 kids.
  - viii. DJ wants to set up near bench, will direct to same place as Spirit Night.
- Future Dukes skate – Agreed to have pizza afterwards in the Blue Line
- Senior Night – third jerseys received and paid.



#### **IV. Girls Team Discussion**

- LLC paperwork submitted by external attorney, and he will do all other necessary paperwork.
- Will have separate bank accounts, no new tax ID is required though.
- YHC to act as the single member to the Girls club and will retain the same BoD as YHC.
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> paperwork due to AHAI
- Next steps
  - i. Paperwork to be filed.
  - ii. Need to reach out to Fenwick to advise of movement of team creation.
  - iii. Recruitment coming
  - iv. Need to organize a girl's skate along with AHAI guidelines.
  - v. Coaching search – several interested candidates. Coach Boeing and HOC shortlist and interview coaching candidates.

#### **V. 2024-25 Team Discussion**

- Discussion of rising numbers and potential team expansion
  - i. Strong numbers from current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and Freshman
  - ii. Majority highly interested in YHC.
  - iii. Explore for now / no commitment on team expansion.
  - iv. Leagues are available to play / Ice probably available.
  - v. Next steps:
    1. Continue discussions.
    2. Monitor spring registration.

#### **VI. Old Business**

- None noted.

#### **VII. New Business**

- Request from JV White – Fall Practice colored Jerseys – plain for \$12; logo and sponsor for \$17 each. Coach Boeing will order the logo'd jersey.
- Sports Engine financial update – Frank and Tom to work to update, nothing critical.

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

**Meeting adjourned – 9:10 pm**