



YHC Board Minutes

Date: January 25, 2024
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, Julie Collins, John Maffia, Brian Finnerty, Todd Stasica
Guest: None
Regrets: Chris Buenz, Bill Paschen
Call to Order: 6:44 PM
Agenda: January Board of Directors Meeting

I. President's report

- Meeting called to order.
- November BoD meeting minutes motioned and approved.
- Minnesota MLK Tournament
 - i. Great trip, club adopted well to bus cancellation and weather.
 - ii. Discussion on bus cost savings, meal cost, and offsets on incremental coach travel (weather related), etc. No changes to current state.
- Ice Contract
 - i. current contract ends at the end of this season.
 - ii. Next contract being worked with Addison Ice Arena – Tom / Mark working with Addison to update and extend. No concerns noted on moving forward.

II. Hockey Director Update

- Spring Hockey
 - i. Numbers / Ice slots still being figured, but appear they will be similar to last spring.
 - ii. Started scheduling games, tournaments, and practices.
 - iii. Currently discussing roster size, game commitments, etc.
- Middle school skate
 - i. Exciting talent on display, successful event.
- Fall 2025



- i. Considering SHL / AHL / JV SHL
 - ii. Dependent on Spring, numbers, and other factors, etc.
 - iii. Roster rules/size discussion – i.e. playing up/down, etc.
- Girls Application
 - i. Application submitted to AHAI.
 - ii. Positive feedback from AHAI committee, but no official word back and it is still being discussed within AHAI.
 - iii. Strong interest in program from community and current girl hockey players.
- Coaching staff
 - i. Working well, operating well.
 - ii. Strong appreciation for effort, results, and existing outcomes
- Varsity
 - i. About where expected, strong state seeds.
 - ii. Coach Metz needs to re-certify by March 2024.
- JV
 - i. Strong state seeds

III. Finance Report

- YHC on strong financial footing.
- Discussion on outstanding fall dues. Communication between families and YHC BoD discussed and aligned on go forward actions. No impact to YHC operations,

IV. Events

- Chrissy wrapping up run on board and events chairperson – well done!
 - i. Candidates to fill events coordinator are already identified. YHC BoD bylaws state one person fill this role. More discussion parked until February YHC BoD meeting.
- Senior Night
 - i. All set up already / ice reserved early for pictures, etc.
- Banquet – April 6th (first Saturday after spring break)
 - i. All three teams still at one event/night
 - ii. Subcommittee to organize on agenda and logistics.

V. Fundraising

- Eat & Earn
 - i. De Campana – held, but inclement weather limited turnout. Discussed and aligned on trying to hold again on 2/6 – John will confirm with restaurant/
 - ii. Pazzi di Pizza would like to do too – YHC will target April 23rd, after Spring rosters are set. John will confirm.
 - iii. John to coordinate with Jess (Emily) for socials postings for all.



- Golf Outing 2024
 - i. John to confirm date, Thursday, 8/8
 - ii. Discussion on keeping same size and number of golfers. Appears we should target same as last year – discussion to continue in future BoD meetings.
- Super Bowl squares
 - i. Mark driving and communicating.
 - ii. Already sold 125 squares
 - iii. Looking strong to fill all 4 boards

Old Business

- Off ice – JV White
 - i. Consideration of running off ice differently next year
 - 1. Coach led option, or coach attended Goodman.
 - 2. Need to consider formal consequences while managing expectations of players.

VI. New Business

- New Board
 - i. Current board term expires March 31st.
 - ii. Discussion on future make up, role continuation, and adding a member at large. Member at large was helpful in getting Treasurer up to speed.
 - iii. BoD to actively recruit new members and communicate with existing board.
- Todd organizing and will communicate on seniors attending the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni luncheon.
- SHL Network looking for additional fundraising to support enhanced equipment / expanded shows (e.g. state tournament) – board agreed to contribute \$500, will support ongoing broadcasts going forward in future years too.
- Banner – State (1) and SHL (2) championships. We have the two SHL banners, looking for the JV State Championship banner. Bobby Pierotti will hang existing banners. Chrissy will look for banner in storage unit; if not we will order a new one

Next meeting on Tuesday, 2/20/24 – Location TBD

Meeting adjourned – 8:25 pm