



October 15, 2025

CYHA Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Dustin Hapka, Phil Passarelli, Heather Sparling, 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 6:54 pm.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2025, was made by Dustin and seconded by Heather. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Heather now has full access to our accounts. She and Dustin recently completed this handoff. Previously, there were multiple credit cards issued to CYHA. These have been combined into a single account to provide clarity and ease of bookkeeping. Heather also has access to all bank statements going back several years. She will be developing monthly reports to help track spending compared to budget as we move forward.

Registrar Report: Angela reported that we currently have 406 members registered with the CYHA. This number is up from last season. Otherwise, there is nothing new to report.

Committee Reports

Travel Commissioner Report: JC reported that the Queen City Royals have yet to finalize their game schedule for this season. This is preventing our teams from finalizing these game times on our schedules. JC is continuing to push for this information. The game schedule for Savannah has been finalized and posted in SportEngine.

House Commissioner Report: Justin provided an update to the board of the ongoing activities for House League. The 14/16U Head Coach position has been filled. We will need a temporary Head Coach to fill an unplanned vacancy for several weeks. We are still working to fill the Mites B Head Coach position as well. The Mites B team currently has 3 Assistant Coaches; however, they are not interested in the Head Coach position. Justin will collaborate with the Assistants on a Co-coaching arrangement.

Hockey Director Report:

NHL Street Event is scheduled for 11/15 in Mt. Pleasant under the Ravenel Bridge. This event will be geared toward youths who do not currently play hockey to help generate interest in youth hockey. Additionally, we will host a Try Hockey for Free event on 11/22 at the Ice Palace.

The CYHA Girls program is underway for the 2025 – 26 season and off to a good start. There are currently 3 tournament/jamboree opportunities available to our players this season. The girl's program will also be included in team pictures this season. These will be taken at the same time as house or travel team photos.

Player Development: Nothing to report.

Growth: Included in the Hockey Director report

Grievance/Disciplinary:

The board entered Executive session at 7:46 pm to discuss current disciplinary actions across the organization.

The board exited Executive Session at 8:00 pm and resumed the board meeting already in progress.

Fundraising/Scholarship: Nothing to report.

Coordinator Updates

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

Old Business

CYHA Wall/Branding: Justin provided an update on the status of the branding for CYHA wall at the Ice Palace. The wrap company has provided the scope of work and estimate for the labor and materials for the work to be completed. The Ice Palace has approved our initial concept and request for wall space, including the rink doors.

Chris made a motion to approve a project budget not to exceed \$5000 to complete the scope of work for the CYHA wall at the Ice Palace. The motion was seconded by Phil and was approved unanimously.

CAHA Tournaments: CAHA will host a House tournament in Greenville on the weekend of 11/15/25. The registration fee is \$650 per team and is included in the 2025 – 26 House Budget. This will be a jamboree style tournament. Justin will send out a registration link to the House players. Phil and Chris will travel to Greenville to coach the team.

Next DIBs Workshop: The next work session for the CYHA Dibs initiative is scheduled for 11/6/2025 at 9:15 pm.

Coach Them Renewal: The organization license for Coach Them is up for renewal. Ryan requested to move forward with this. The board approved the renewal cost of \$640. Angela and Ryan will work together to complete this purchase.

New Business

Elite Prospects/SportsEngine/GameSheet: Ryan has received a request to player stats and profiles made available to increase visibility for players who would like to move up to higher levels of the sport. A request has been made to use Elite Prospects to achieve this. There was general discussion by the board regarding cost, integration with SportsEngine and GameSheet, etc. Phil and Ryan will explore our options and present a proposal at the next board meeting.

Policy Review: The board reviewed our current policy for how players are added to travel teams. The current process is that players are selected for their positions during the tryout process. Players how join our organization after tryouts are evaluated by the CYHA Hockey Director and the Head Coach for the team. If selected the CYHA Hockey Director will notify the CYHA Registrar of the roster change for the team who will in turn notify USA Hockey.

The board also reviewed our currently policy for Goalies in our Travel program. Goalies are selected through the same process as other players on the team. When selected they are offered the position at goalie for the entirety of the season. Players selected to play goalie will practice and dress out in the position of Goalie for the entirety of the season and will not play other positions within the team.

Ironman Tourney: Scheduled to be held Saturday Nov 29th. This will be a 3 v 3 style half ice jamboree. A goalie will be assigned to each team. The registration fee for this year will be \$80 per player. Justing will open the registration link on the CYHA webpage. Angela will send a communication out to our members.

Spring League: Justin will begin work on the Spring League season details and budget for spring 2026. He is planning to have the registration link open in early January and will close registration at the end of February. The tentative start of the Spring season will be April 8, 2025.

Online Apparel Store: The board has reviewed the content of the on-line CYHA store and is ready to open this up to our members. Justin will post a link on the CYHA website. Angela will send a communication out to our members.

Workflow BOD Calendar: Chris has been working to develop an annual schedule for the Board of Director activities. He will share this spreadsheet with Angela and Justing for their input before presenting it to the board.

Newsletter: Angela informed the group that she is working to identify a CYHA member to take on the CYHA Newsletter. She will update the group as she makes progress.

12UAA Logo Use Request: The 12U AA team has requested the use of the Jr. Stingrays logo to be used for player gifts. The board approved the use of the logo contingent upon the review of proof before the final product is ordered.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.