

GYHA 2023-2024

Monthly Board Meeting

November 13, 2023 / 6:00 PM / Greeley Ice Haus and Google Meets

ATTENDEES

- Board Members: Caitlin Hofstetter-Tregoning (President), Scott Bashkov (Vice President), Bethany Bolling (Registrar), Ashley Baca (Treasurer-virtual), Kim Barnhill (Scheduler), Darci Hata (Secretary) Corbin Fitzgibbons (Coaching Advisor-virtual), Jesse Rosales (IT-virtual)
- Team Representatives: Ashley Miller (18U), Athena Sanchez (14U), Jerrod Massey (12U Gold), John Ingle (12U Blue), Josh Lawley (10U), Savanna Bennett (8U Blue)
- Other Members: Jeremy Bennett, Erin Timm, Jessie Schaefer, Andrea Ulrich, Chris Barth, Karen Evenson, Kristen Bashkov (virtual)

AGENDA

- **Call to order: 6:02 PM meeting called to order**
- **Approval of Last Meeting minutes**
 - Bethany B. moves to approve October meeting minutes
 - Scott B. seconds the approval of October minutes
 - All approve, October meeting minutes approved.
- Reports:
 - President: Caitlin Hofstetter-Tregoning
 - Thank you to everyone for attending today's meeting, it was great to see a full room tonight.
 - USA Hockey will be addressing player equipment and safety at their January meeting. GYHA sent out a letter to all families addressing player equipment. We are highly recommending that ALL GYHA players wear neck guards and cut resistant clothing on the ice. We will be discussing this more in depth when we address new business.
 - Picture day updates:
 - Day 1 picture day on Saturday, 11/11 was a success. A Beautiful Life photography was able to take photos for 10U, 12U Gold, 14U and 18U teams.
 - Day 2 will be on Tuesday, 11/14 with both 8U teams and 12U Blue taking photos.

- Try Hockey day was a success!! Thank you to all the Bears players that came out to help out. We even had 3 Bears alumni return to help out. “Once a Bear, Always a Bear”
 - 74,000 kids nationwide participated in Try Hockey Day.
 - Caitlin wants to thank everyone for a successful Fall season!
- Vice President: Scott Bashkov
 - Coaching Advisor Corbin Fitzgibbons is doing an excellent job.
 - Power skating with Corbin is going great and helping the players improve their skating skills. Corbin also created power skating plans for each team that he shared with the coaches.
 - Incidents are minimal, Managers and coaches are doing a great job addressing things.
- Treasurer: Ashley Baca
 - Account Balances:
 - Main-106,693.92
 - 8u Blue- 0
 - 8u Gold- 0
 - 10u- 5616.28
 - 12u blue-1249.31
 - 12u Gold- 1597.58
 - 14u- 3530.19
 - 18u- 2459.19
 - Payments for October have been paid out to Coaching Advisor, Referees, Ice Haus, Zamar (Jerseys)
 - Reminder for parents
 - No payment in December
 - Final payment will be on Jan. 4th
 - Managers please review the Financial Guidelines, document is available on the managers google drive
 - Please make sure that you are talking with parents and allowing them to vote on how your fundraising money is spent.
 - Reach out to Ashley if you have any questions
- Secretary: Darci Hata
 - Will be featuring team sponsors in our monthly newsletter. We want to showcase all the great sponsors who are supporting the Bears.
 - December: 18U and 14U, please send your sponsor logos to be featured in the newsletter
 - January: 12U Blue and Gold
 - February: 10U, 8u Blue and Gold
- Registrar: Bethany Bolling
 - Total registered Bears: 102!!! This is our largest number in the last 10 years

- We have a total of 7 teams this season: 8U Blue, 8U Gold, 10U, 12U Blue, 12U Gold, 14U, 18U
- All rosters are good to go. We are 99% age verified, we have 1-8U player that we are working with to get verified.
- All player jerseys have been delivered
 - Thank you to Suzanne, Stephanie and the Zamar team for working hard on getting our jerseys.
- Coaches reminder: All coaches must complete their Coaching Education Program Certification Clinic Requirements (CEP) by December 31st.
 - Coaches who do not get it completed by 12/31/23 will be redlined from the roster and not be able to coach for the remainder of the season.
- Registration:
 - Bethany is suggesting that we close registration for 8U and 12U teams tonight, 11/13.
 - If we do add in players, GYHA will need to pay the \$45 shipping fee for additional player jerseys.
- Zamar will be here on 11/14 at the day 2 of picture day.
 - All orders placed on 11/14 will be delivered before Christmas.
- Reminder for Mile High Meltdown:
 - We have a room booking at the Drury Inn. Managers or Team reps, please send out a reminder to your families with the link to get their room booked. If families run into issues, please have them contact Bethany for assistance.
- Scheduler: Kim Barnhill
 - We are about 90% scheduled for the winter season, we are waiting to hear back from a few organizations. Ice time is tight for all organizations.
 - 18U will not be going to Craig this weekend for their mini tournament.
 - Turkey Drive reminder:
 - Saturday, 11/18 from 9:00am-3:00pm
 - King Soopers: 6922 W 10th St, Greeley, CO 80634
- Coaching Advisor: Corbin Fitzgibbons
 - Try Hockey was a success, thank you to all the Bears who came out to help.
 - We have 40 participants, 8 girls and 6 registered for Ice Haus Cub program.
 - Goalie Coaching update:
 - Coach Joe will have practice every Tuesday from 5:15-6:15pm. Please have your goalies sign up on the Sign up genius link that was sent to managers.
 - Coaches meeting in December, Corbin would like to address the need for better communication. He will reach out to coaches to get this scheduled.

- Team Representatives

- 8U Gold: No team representative at this time, will keep asking for a parent to volunteer.
- 8U Blue: Savanna Bennett
 - Welcome New team rep!
 - No issues at this time. Jeremy Bennett will step in if Savanna is not able to attend a meeting.
 - Board is working to get all goalie gear in place for their first game on Sunday.
- 10U: Josh Lawley
 - No concerns at this time
- 12U Gold: Jerrod Massey
 - Concerns about communication between coaches and parents. They are working on ways to make improvements.
 - Locker room expectations for players: Parents Jerrod and JD are working on locker room behavior with the players, they have addressed this with the team.
- 12U Blue: John Ingle
 - Welcome New Team Rep!
 - Concerns about the cost for the State tournament. Parents are saying that they were quoted different prices for tournaments and want to know how much the state tournament is going to cost. At this time, CAHA has not released the pricing or dates for States. GYHA Board will let all teams know once the information is available.
 - Has heard from other organization's parents about the struggle for ice time. Possibility that GYHA sees an influx in players next season who are choosing to leave their organization due to lack of ice time.
 - Colorado Grit players at GYHA practices. Darci (Grit Liaison) is waiting for confirmation from the Grit on when they will be at practices.
- 14U: Athena Sanchez
 - No issues at this time. Team is amazing.
 - Team had a great win yesterday, 11/12, 7-1 score
 - Coach Dan is doing a great job working with all the different skill levels of players on the team. It was exciting to see many of the new players getting shots on goal this weekend.

- **18U: Ashley Miller**

- Season is going fairly well, small ripple with families over the change of hotels for Mile High Meltdown. It was discussed and everything is good to go.
- The team is starting to gel and come together. They had a great game this weekend.

New Business

- Opened the floor for any new business.
- **GYHA Board New Business**
 - Player safety requirements: As an organization, our goal is to keep kids safe on the ice. We want to do our part and would like to remind parents and players about the required safety gear that must be worn. An email was sent out to all GYHA families in regard to player equipment.
 - Reminder that all players must be wearing a Jock or Jill, protective cups when on the ice.
 - After Thanksgiving break, all coaches will do “Cup” checks at practices and games. They will line up their teams and have all players tap their own cups to show that they are wearing one. Players who are not wearing a cup will not be allowed to participate until they have the necessary equipment.
 - Mouthguards must be worn at all times, must be worn properly not chewed on. Mouthguards are not just for protecting teeth, they also help with concussion prevention.
 - Neck guards: GYHA is discussing making neck guards required for all GYHA players. At this time, we are highly recommending that all players wear a neck guard at all times.
 - Scott is working with Scheels to get a bulk order for neck guards. He stated that Scheels would also give us an additional 20% off the neck guards. GYHA is looking at ordering them in bulk and selling them to players at cost.
 - Team Reps will work with their teams to see how many players need neck guards and will report the number back to the Board, so Scott can get the order placed.
 - GYHA is looking into the USA Hockey goalie equipment requirements. Corbin has suggested that all goalies wear the gobbler/dangler that attaches to the bottom of their helmets.
- **GYHA Marketing/Fundraising committee:**
 - Bethany will be sending out a Google form to see who is interested in signing up to join the committee.
- **Parents jersey**
 - We will do one more round of parent jersey orders. Bethany will be sending out a google form for parents to order their jerseys.

- **GYHA By-laws committee**
 - Bethany will be sending out a Google form to see who is interested in signing up to join the committee.

NEXT GYHA WORK SESSION:

No work session for November and December.

We will resume our work sessions on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:00pm at the Greeley Ice Haus

NEXT GYHA BOARD MEETING:

Monday, Dec 11, 2023 at 6:00pm. Greeley Ice Haus or online