

IFYHA Board Meeting Agenda
Time and Date: 15 September 2023
Location: Idaho Falls Fire Department



Board Members:

- Kylie Robinson, President
- Duane Nelson, Vice President
- Janet Loxterman, Secretary
- ~~○ Tim Smith, Treasurer~~
- Jessica Baird, 18U/16U
- Michelle Crane, HS
- Bill Combo, 19U Girls
- Laura Bruley, 14U
- Eric Johnson, 12U
- Alex Talbot, 10U
- Keeshia Goodenough, 8U
- Sarah Benson, IAHA
- ~~○ Kathleen Smith, USA Hockey~~
- Josh Rabbani, Coaching Director

Kylie called the meeting to order at 17:36 PM

1. Personnel

a. Coaching Director/Coaching Committee

i. How will head coaches be selected and when, contact information for our new coaching director

Josh Rabbani has accepted the position as IFYHA coaching director and has started to populate a coaching committee. Members include Josh Rabbani, Chris Street, Scott Davis, Bill Combo, John Rifelj, Derrick Bellmore, Duane Nelson, and Greg Bruley. It was also suggested that a goalie specific coach be added to the committee.

The committee plans to make decisions on divisional head coaches the week of 17 September 2023.

b. Registrar

i. Audra Welch has been unanimously selected as our new registrar

c. Hut Coordinator

i. Valerie Bailey

ii. Carolyn Perez

This is not a position that requires board approval, so Valerie Bailey will oversee the hut.

d. Webmaster

i. Cathy Bu

ii. Steve Welch

The board selected Cathy Bu to be our webmaster.

e. 12U Girls Manager

Jeff Freeman decided he was no longer interested in serving as 12U team manager. Duane Nelson agreed to serve again as 12U girls' manager. There was discussion about providing opportunities for 8U and 6U girls to play and practice together to continue to grow the IFYHA girls' hockey program.

Moving girls from the younger divisions should be considered only with discussion from the peewee director to ensure travel teams are not negatively impacted.

2. Midget/HS/House Reorganization

a. Does a player need to play Varsity/JV travel team to try out for midget? It used to be the case, but with the changes to the High School teams, this really is confusing and doesn't really apply since we separated U16/U18 with a separate director and manager.

The policy will remain the same. Players will need to play High School house before playing midget travel. We do not want to create competition between HS and midget. The appointment of two directors and team managers is a reflection of the work associated with running the HS and midget house and travel programs, it is not a reflection of a true separation of the two programs as independent divisions.

3. Tryouts

a. Midget and HS challenges with fall sports, especially Friday nights

Every effort will be made to provide an opportunity for all players to try out for travel hockey, HS and/or midget. We will work around fall sports commitments to be sure to build strong travel teams and provide allowances for multi-sport players.

4. Three Strikes Rule

Issues are already arising with interactions between IFYHA staff and MAC employees. A rule was proposed to give a division (players, parents, coaches) three chances before the division is no longer allowed to practice at the MAC. It was not clear how this would be managed and enforced, but the plan will be to build a disciplinary committee to help organize and implement a policy.

There are challenges with disciplinary action like 3-strikes because we cannot violate USA Hockey Bylaw 10 *Procedure for suspension and discipline of players*.

A decision was not made on this plan.

5. Concussion Testing

Kylie is looking for a computer lab that can be used for player (2010 and older) to complete their concussion testing. The registration IMPACT testing has not been working properly. Kylie will go back and enter the information from providers or test numbers for players so we can be sure to have the correct information in place should it be needed.

6. Play up requests for 2023-24

Three mite players are requesting to move to the squirt division. The board recommended that the players be provided an opportunity to skate with squirts so the coaches and coaching director has an opportunity to evaluate the players. Once those data have been gathered, the coaching director will report back to the board. It should be clear to parents that if they are permitted to move up, they may not be added to the travel roster if there are already a sufficient number of age-appropriate players to fill the roster. Players playing up cannot take a spot from a player that is playing in the age true division.

Evie Anderson had a request to play with Boise Steelheads program. This request was denied by the board. There was a provision that if the Steelheads build a Tier II team, the board will revisit the request.

7. Policies and Procedures – what are the next steps with the new board?

The board has homework. They are asked to review the policies and procedures that were drafted last year and be prepared to discuss them at the next board meeting. While they have had considerable time already invested in them and are hopefully in solid form; however, the board has to vote on them and there are several new board members that want to have an opportunity to discuss them before any vote.

8. New Business

1. Mite families are concerned about the registration cost, especially if they have a young player that would like to try it, but may not want to continue for the entire season. Could there be ½ payment to try and ½ payment later? Could there be a payment plan that you could pay monthly and stop if your player chooses to drop out? How can we offset some of the cost for our youngest players and their families? Referral credit?
2. Should we offer a hockey learn to skate program? Kylie has had coaches that are interested and parents would likely be interested as well. The plan will be to continue to develop and find some ice time to allow for, especially younger players, to participate in hockey learn to skate.
3. IFYHA treasurer position – our current treasurer is a member of the IFYHA board and executive committee but does not participate in that manner. Should we elect a new treasurer?

Motion to adjourn Janet, second Michelle
End 19:35 PM