



## YHC Board Minutes

**Date:** May 10, 2022  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** 587 S Bryan Street, Elmhurst  
**Meeting:** Transitional Board Meeting  
**Present:** Mark Soehn, Meghann Peiffle, Frank Nicosia, Chrissy Brown  
**Guest:** None  
**Regrets:** Julie Collins, Sharri Ptak  
**Resigned:** Ken Kaczmarek  
**Call to Order:** 7:15 PM  
**Approval of Minutes:** April 18, 2022 Minutes Approved with no additions  
**Agenda:** May Board of Directors Meeting

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Mark Soehn, President YHC called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Mr. Soehn presented the minutes from the April 18 board meeting. With no discussion, additions or changes the YHC Board of Directors approved the minutes as presented. Discussion ensued regarding posting of the by laws, by consensus it was agreed that the 2022-2023 YHC Board Meeting minutes would be posted on the website. Discussion and confirmation occurred that the 2022-2023 YHC By Laws would be posted on the YHC website.

Frank Nicosia, Treasurer provided updates regarding Coach payment which will be delivered by the 30th or 31st of the month for every month via autopay check. Mr. Nicosia will look into direct deposit to the coaches and assess if there is a charge before implementing. Mr. Nicosia provided an updated that the YHC tax return was completed by the hired accountant and will be signed by Mr. Nicosia and Me. Soehn and submitted by May 15th. It was agreed upon to have Mrs. Linda Anderson review due to her prior role as Treasurer of YHC during 2021-2022 year. Additional discussion by Board members ensued regarding the use of Quickbooks to refine reporting and budget preparation tools. The recommendation by present board members was to use QuickBooks for budget preparation. Mr. Nicosia will explore the capabilities in the current instance of QuickBooks and any costs to update tools.

Mr. Soehn updated the YHC Board members on the discussion of the available board members regarding the Hockey Operations Committee (HOC) as well as recap that all Board members via email



endorsed the slate of inaugural HOC members; Todd Stastica, Chris Buenz, Mike Booth. Robust discussion occurred with board members regarding the points below that had been shared via email:

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The YHC Bylaws govern the actions and authorities of the YHC Board, within the YHC Bylaws the Hockey Operations Committee (HOC) is outlined as below:

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY BOARDS, Section 3. HOCKEY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE. The President may appoint to the Hockey Operations Committee three (3) persons, with at least one being a Director(s). The Committee will collaborate with Hockey Director, Varsity Head Coach and Junior Varsity Head Coach. The purpose of the Hockey Operations Committee is to provide a smaller forum to address and make recommendations with respect to Hockey Operations to the Board of Directors, which include, but are not limited to: (i) the amount of practice, practice days and times, (ii) number of games, (iii) frequency and structure of on-ice and off-ice skills training, (iv) number of players selected per team, (v) tryout dates and structure of tryouts, and (vi) number of YHC teams. The Hockey Operations Committee may not act on behalf of YHC or bind it to any actions, but will make recommendations to the Board of Directors upon a majority vote of the Hockey Operations Committee.

#### Objectives of HOC

The Board members present engaged in discussion regarding the objectives of the HOC and agreed that the language in the Bylaws is appropriate as the objectives of the HOC.

The expansion of the HOC is necessary to provide adequate support for both the varsity and JV teams, and address the following areas of improvement for the 2022-2023 season.

1. Parent / Coach Communication : Develop guidelines for parent communication, for example to communicate directly to the HOC for any hockey related concerns or issues. The Board, HOC, and coaches to encourage parent / coach interaction following the 24-hour rule.
2. Player Engagement: Improvement in player comradery and engagement into the system.
3. Game Video Review : Utilization of game video analysis / review.



4. Coach collaboration and involvement: Develop a culture of all coach collaboration and involvement.

#### Criteria of HOC Members

Reviewing the Bylaws, it was agreed upon that the Committee would be composed of at least three people with one being a Board of Director member. The criteria and traits of a HOC member would include individuals who would collaborate with the Hockey Director, Coaches and other HOC members to address and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. In addition to collaboration, additional criteria, as outlined in the Bylaws, would include, hockey skills knowledge, knowledge, and experience with scheduling items such as practices, games, training, tryouts, knowledge on team selection, strategy on developing YHC and strong communication skills. It would be critical that any HOC member has a strong commitment to the success of York Hockey. HOC members do not need to have a player currently on the YHC team, there would be representation on the committee for all YHC teams. Committee members will gather in a formal committee after the spring season and then in October, December, and February with the Board of Director representative reporting updates to the Board.

#### Candidates

Below are three recommended candidates who meet the criteria as outlined above. YHC is privileged to have many individuals in the hockey community who meet the criteria. It is recommended, in the inaugural year of the HOC that Todd Stastica, Chris Buenz and Mike Booth be named to the HOC for the 2022-2023 Hockey season. To expand on these candidates, we have highlighted the strengths that each bring to HOC. Todd Stastica is committed to the success of YHC and has had multiple players and years of experience, strong interpersonal and communication skills as well as a strong collaborative approach with everyone. Chris Buenz is an experienced hockey player, coach (currently coaches at the Chicago Blues) and alumni of YHC, in addition he has strong hockey skills knowledge and a communication style that we think will support implementation of knowledge. Mike Booth demonstrated during COVID that one of his strengths is the ability to be strategic and schedule the YHC teams in ways that support the goals, in addition he is a strong communicator in both written and verbal.

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A YHC Board member made a motion to nominate Todd Stastica as Board of Director member in the role of Hockey Operations for the 2022-2023 year, with a second and unanimous vote, Todd Stastica has been added to the YHC Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 year.

Mr. Soehn introduced the agenda of Events, highlighting the successful Mix and Mingle on May 5th at The Club. Ms. Chrissy Brown shared that there had been 61 RSVP to the event with between 60-70 in



attendance. Discussion of present board members regarding a Team Building event. Mr. Soehn will communicate with Coach Boe to inquire of the planning for the Team Building and that the Board recommends an event not happen the first weekend after teams are selected. It was identified that August 27-28 may be a good weekend for a team building outing. Updates were provided regarding the 2nd Annual YHC Golf Outing and the Golf Committee that had an initial meeting to plan. A flier will be updated and circulated to the Committee members and a Save the Date will be sent by June 1 to current players, alumni players and parents as well as golfers from last year. Current seniors will be added to the alumni after graduation.

Mr. Soehn introduced the agenda item, Website and Social Media. It was discussed to transition website management from Frank to another individual as well as to create back up coverage. Discussion to engage with known young professionals who may advance the website and social media presence for 2022-2023 season. Mr. Nicosia will outreach to the individual referenced.

Mr. Soehn introduced the agenda item regarding Jerseys. Discussion and a sincere thanks by the Board for the Varsity and JV spring jerseys by the sponsors; Mr. Soehn, Mr. Sam Sanfilippo, Mr. Buenz, Mr. Brown. Updates regarding the fall jerseys, Ms. Anderson ordered 13 additional jerseys to prepare for the fall team's new players.

Mr. Soehn introduced the agenda item, Locker Room Deep Clean and Renovation. An update that the locker room was not being kept clean and a conversation occurred with the coaches with a plan provided by Coach Boe to maintain a clean locker room for the 2022-2023 season. Mr. Soehn has scheduled to have Helping Hands cleaning service do a deep clean in June. Moving forward a cleaning service will be hired mid-season (x-mas break) and after the fall season. Mr. Brown will assess the locker room again after the spring season and renovate the locker room in advance of the fall season with additional updates to the referee locker room.

Mr. Soehn presented the next agenda item of Office Ice Training and began the discussion to think about new ideas and review historical ideas such as using the York High School weight room, use an app or individual plans for the players to implement on their own time, Patriot 2.0, yoga, nutritional training. Additional discussions will need to take place and identified goals of off ice training. When goals and plan is identified, discussion ensued regarding attendance at practice, consistency and communication. It was identified that off ice training should be discussed by the HOC.

Mr. Soehn introduced the agenda topic, Stevenson Tournament with updates to the times and confirmation of the cost of \$75 per player that had been communicated to players by the Managers.

Mr. Soehn introduced the agenda topic, Summer with discussion that YHC would not host or sponsor activities on or off ice for player training. It was acknowledged that Killer Bees is a training opportunity open to hockey players in the Elmhurst / Addison area led by Matt Boeing but that this is not related to YHC.



Mr. Soehn opened the agenda item of New Business. Discussion engaged regarding ordering new security jackets. Mr. Soehn will look into the new coats and Board Directors were supportive. Discussion and endorsement of purchasing winter pea coats for the Coaches for the 2022-2023 season where the coaches would wear shirt, tie, dress pants and pea coats ordered by YHC with the logo. Mr. Soehn will outreach to Ms. Dizzillo to explore cost, delivery time etc. The Board supported ordering as soon as possible to have them for the fall season.

Additional items that were discussed included the recommendation by the YHC Board that there will be no practice Labor Day Weekend, this will be communicated to Coach Boe by Mr. Soehn. Fall try out dates were discussed and recommended that YHC last day of tryouts happened before commitment required of other teams such as the Blues. With school beginning on Wednesday, August 17th tryouts for the 2022-2023 season may occur on August 15, 17 and 19th. Dates need to be confirmed with the coaching staff. There was engaged discussion regarding the SHL opportunity for teams to have a 3rd team, a second JV team. Discussion began regarding exploring and the budget impact, space impact and that additional open discussion would need to take place in advance of any decision.

The next meeting of the York Hockey Club Board of Directors will be on June 14th.

The York Hockey Club Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.