

- b. Fusion National – no changes.
- c. Ft. Mill National – Ted may remain as coach, will know by August.
- d. Holy City National – new coach Josh Mann.
- e. Charleston Mariners National – new team manager Aiko Thompson.
- f. Greenville Palmetto – planning on having a team, no details yet.
- g. Fusion Palmetto – may have enough with rising 9th graders to have two teams.
- h. Charleston Palmetto – new coach Jason Jensen. The Palmetto team does not have the boundary restrictions of National (or if the Rules say they do, let's evaluate that in August). Do not expect enough for two teams but will see how evaluations go.

Speaking of evaluations: Greenville, Fusion, and Ft. Mill will have theirs in late summer. The Charleston market is having theirs in June. Ft. Mill is going to look into creating a Palmetto team as well. If they cannot get enough interest, maybe they could play with Fusion Palmetto?

Alyssa has generated a flyer for all markets to hang in their rinks to drum up interest in the evaluations. Kirby shared this separately. Please fill out the information and hang in the rinks – be nice to spread the word and generate interest in evals.

6. New Business:

- a. Tournament review – Everyone thought the tournament was a success, but there were several thoughts on improvement:
 1. The Home team provides the iPad for GameSheet. Please use this as a guide no matter in which market you are playing.
 2. Let's continue the focus on moving the tournament around the state and giving other markets a chance to host and alternate which families must travel.
 3. Lots of discussion on refs. Would like to see them not only from out of market, but preferably from out of state so they have no history with any of the teams. The League pays the refs, and we should have some consistency in the calls - who evaluates the refs on their performance? A suggestion was made to have the coaches complete a quick survey after every game and 1 through 5 rate their performance. This would not be intended to bash the refs, rather to improve consistency, and possibly rank the refs so the best ones worked the tournament. It's easy to set up a SurveyMonkey, and there would be no comment fields. If travel was necessary, find some way to pay the best refs to travel to State. We are purchasing a service from them; they should care about the quality of that service. Last year, there were instances of them telling players to f--- off and asking coaches why they would coach "that" kid. Any of these changes will have to be voted on at the Dec meeting in August. There was also a suggestion made for the coaches and refs to meet 10 minutes prior to each game and set the ground rules for the game. Communication matters!
 4. Alyssa asked about Palmetto teams doing baskets but not getting anything out of it, and Lauree and Beth shared that each Palmetto teams get \$100 from the basket proceeds, the transfers just haven't been made yet.
 5. The kids liked the jerseys a lot, and it was recommended that neither All State or All Star have certificates printed since they already receive the jersey or trophy.
 6. Parents need to show up to work their shifts. There is a schedule to follow, and Lauree recommended the voluntold policy instead of asking for volunteers. Several other teams use this, too. Kirby shared that an organization he'd been involved with before

let parents “buy” their way out of volunteering with a \$150 donation.

7. George shared his disappointment with the awards not recognizing the best in the state, and it being a popularity contest or personal. Ginnette shared that some parents did not behave during the awards ceremony, and there were comments made about Willem winning awards because he was her child. Those conversations need to be squashed.
- b. SCSHA changes in 2024 and future of the league (See Addendum). Again, lots discussed here. These are the points covered:
 1. Several families have inquired about modifying the schedule for 4 set HS hockey weekends so that those dates could coordinate with travel schedules. However, most team representatives like Friday nights and like it aligning with HS sports. There was lots of discussion about maybe 1 or 2, and everyone really liked the idea of starting the season with a round robin weekend. Kirby and Ginnette will look into cost, and this would take care of 4 games.
 2. George asked if we could increase the required number of games from 5 to 8. USA Hockey requires the team to play 10 games and each player to play 5 to qualify for Nationals. (Side note: if a player hits their 5 games and has a conflict with the state tournament, they are eligible for Nationals.). This would be something that would have to be voted on in August.
 3. We need to drive website traffic. Send parents there and Kirby is creating an FAQ to answer any questions. Please share what you think parents need to know.
 4. Ginnette shared that SportsEngine will update our website over the summer and there will be some work involved to make sure the front of house and back of house are talking to each other. More information to follow. (Beth also shared we would get an auto draft on 8/1, and Kirby asked we make sure it's still the same package.)
 5. The Charleston market has moveable boundaries depending on the numbers. After evaluations, the League needs to be informed 10 days prior to the August meeting for any changes. Kirby asked if we could create some bullet points explaining the residency for clarity.
 6. It was suggested that we push the passes. Buy 5 games and get the 6th free. There are passes for adults and students. They are not good for the tournament. We have not raised prices in more than 5 years; it could be worth discussing in August.
 7. Kirby asked if every market / team would spend the \$75-100 to get a table banner to promote the team and league. Logos can be provided.
 8. Kirby also asked if we could do something other than the bubble buckets for the basket table. Just to make it look better.
 9. State tournament is tentatively scheduled for 3/7-9. We need to confirm with Terri Mills that this will be enough time for her. We want to get on the calendar as soon as possible and schedule around as many of the other CAHA tournaments. It is being shopped around the state. Lauree asked about it being earlier since the later we go, the more spring sports become an issue, but everyone felt later would be best. FYI – Nationals are 3/26-30 in Irvine, California.
 10. Neck guards will be required by USA Hockey starting 8/1. Remind your families early. Players will not be allowed on ice without them.
 11. Ginnette is working with GameSheet to minimize changes to the scoresheets. Game misconducts were an issue early in the season until we found a work around. More to follow if necessary. There is a way to load your roster and put in temporary jersey numbers at the beginning of the season. It tracks with the player.

12. Jessica asked about ice fees for next year. Estimates are Greenville \$383, Columbia between \$350-375, and Charleston is \$365.
- c. Revised Bylaws and Elections discussion. (See Addendum)
 1. The most current revised Bylaws have been uploaded to the website. Kirby got with Jeff and got that taken care of, so we aren't in 2014 any longer.
 2. There are several items to be voted on in August. All information will be shared 10 days prior to the meeting.
 3. One clarification: the period change for Palmetto is in reference to the tournament.
 4. Elections. We missed the deadline for nominations but recognize that all officers need to be in place prior to the August meeting. The two offices up for election in even years are Vice President and Treasurer: in odd years, President, Secretary, and Registrar. Ginnette served the remaining year of Andrew's term, so is up for re-election; she agreed to run for a full two-year term. Since Ginnette was elected Secretary last year, there is one year remaining in that term. Beth agreed to serve as Treasurer for another two-year term, but she will not be working the gate like she has in the past. She will do the official Treasurer work only. Motion to elect both by Kirby and seconded by Jessica; both were re-elected unanimously. The only vacant office now is the one-year term of Secretary. Please let Kirby know if you know anyone interested.
 5. Coaching Coordinator – Pete had said he was leaving, but since Beth is staying, she will reach out and see if he'll stay on, too.
6. Announcement of Declaration Meeting
We are aiming for 8/10 with 8/11 or 8/24 as the backup.
7. Adjourned at 12:37, motion by Kirby Brownfield and seconded by Barbara Clark

ADDENDUM 4/20/2024

OPEN DISCUSSION (What worked, what didn't? Suggestions for change? Open FEEDBACK)

- GameSheet & Live Scoring
- Announcements of Awards (states weekend)
- New Playing Rules (amended @ Declaration meeting)
- Early Schedule delivery
- All Star Jerseys
- Ice Cut Exemption (states weekend)
- New LOGO
- Disciplinary Log
- Website Enhancements
 - a. Added BOD minutes.
 - b. Posted Bylaws
 - c. Added Forms: Scholarship, Pool Player, HS Eligibility, Incident & Accident Reports

OPEN DISCUSSION (Open Feedback/Future Enhancements or Improvements of the League)

- Pool Player Process
- Residency Requirements
- Website
- Grants
- Gate Process/Season Passes/Faculty pricing.
- SCSHA Table Banners, buckets, IPAD for scoring
- Setting Parameters for League Awards
- Parent Meetings (creating FAQ)

OPEN DISCUSSION (Things to determine, prepare for Declaration meeting)

- State Tournament Dates: (Proposing March 7-9, 2025)
- Neck Guards – Adding to playing rules.
- Location of States weekend
- Palmetto (do we mandate a minimum game count for a player to participate in States?)
- Coach of the Year Palmetto
- Charleston boundaries

Proposed Rules Changes: (Requires a VOTE @ Declaration Meeting)

1. Rule K. Removing words 1st and 2nd Team for All State
2. Rule J. Changing period length for Palmetto to 15 minutes.
3. Rule B. Add Neck Guards are required for play effective August 1st, 2024.
4. Rule F. Needs to be amended due to the use of GameSheet.
5. Rule I. Needs amended to reflect new changes from CAHA.