

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

March 13, 2019 6:30-pm
Sanford Conference Room Scheels IcePlex

President Adam Gorra called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors Meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Aaron DeBates (V.P.), Matt Carlson (Secretary), Cole Turner (Treasurer), Bryce Pattison (Development Director), Mark Bukovich (Travel League Director), Chad Dykstra (Member At Large), and Eric Covrig (City League Director). Quorum was present. Bryan Dozark (Tournament Director) was excused. Cherry Hunter (Executive Assistant), Amy Bozzell, Chad Bozzell, Bryan Kouri, Kyle Lingen and Chris Hickman were in attendance.

February minutes were approved via email - March 6, 2019

Open Forum

Kyle Lingen approached the board to discuss a tournament in Omaha in which our Peewee C team participated. Kyle reported he was disappointed to learn late Saturday evening that his team would be playing for 5th / 6th place after earning the right to play in the 3rd / 4th place. He noted Omaha did not follow the tournament rules as specified for tie breakers. Conversation on how the rules were interpreted and future tournament selection were discussed.

Paul Harbaugh approached the board about having PEP Hockey Pro group promoted by SFYHA. PEP Hockey sells training devices for on ice training as well as trains players and educates coaches.

Treasurers Report - Cole Turner

Cole presented financial reports to the Board of Directors. Ice rental cost was lower than expected. Cole projects a positive budget. Motion by Turner second by Pattison to approve Form 990 tax return for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018. Motion passed.

Travel League – Mark Bukovich

Bukovich reported all SDAHA tournaments have been played. The Flyers had a very successful season earning 6 SDAHA Championships and 2 runner up positions this season. We had positive feedback from travel teams who experienced good competition during tournament play. We plan to have the Away Tournament Committee continue to pick tournaments next season. Mark is reviewing player projections for next season.

City League – Eric Covrig

Eric is considering making adjustments to the ICL by having 2 tiers and adjusting players more often at the Atom level next year. ICL games became more competitive as the year progressed. Houck ran several practices for the ICL group. More coaches will be needed for next season. Board members discussed having our paid coaches help coach the ICL teams and referees for the ACL games.

At Large – Chad Dykstra

Chad met with the Sioux Falls Public School officials. Chad was informed we currently are not eligible to earn a school letter since each team hosts players from different schools. Dykstra is working for publication of Let's Try Hockey events in school announcements.

Director of Development – Bryce Pattison

Pattison presented to the board directors our fundraising dollars raised for the 2018-2019 season. Sponsorships and donations show a slight increase. Bryce presented a document highlighting a breakdown on the Culligan salt fundraiser to the board. Timing and requirements of participation were discussed. Bryce will finalize details with Culligan and present a rollout for our members.

Director of Tournaments – Brian Dozark

No report.

Vice President Aaron DeBates

DeBates presented the board with nominations for the upcoming season. Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Tournaments and Director of Development are up for re-election. Amber Chan has stepped down as Safe Sport Coordinator.

Director of Hockey Dan Houck

- attended PW A State Tournament in Aberdeen
- attended Bantam A State Tournament in Mitchell
- attended Girls Varsity State Championship game in Brookings
- attended Bantam B State Championship
- attended and ran ICL practices
- served as bench coach for ICL Gray team
- worked w/ Cherry on season end practice schedule
- attended several JV1, JV2 and Varsity practices
- filled in for Paul Harbaugh and ran practices for Lady Flyers
- created rosters for PW B and PW C for the Omaha year end tournament
- held parent meeting w/ all PW B and PW C parents regarding Omaha
- helped Cherry w/ 3 v 3 Spring League set-up and recruitment of players

-organized and sorted all players for 3 v 3 teams to make sure players were placed at appropriate levels and as equal as possible teams.

Executive Assistant Report

- Worked with Bantam B Tournament Committee for SDAHA Tournament
- Created Spring 3 V 3 online registration; booked ice
- Assisted Aimee Chase as requested for Falls Freeze
- Completed Frozen Varsity list for JV Tournaments
- Confirmed eligibility for Toshiba Academic Awards
- Sam Tronnes Memorial Scholarship will not be available for 2019 Seniors. Funds designated elsewhere.
- Continue work on National High School Tournament participation
- Try Hockey for Free Day – Feb 23
- Fundraiser Fee mid-season fee collection
- Discussed game socks for Squirt thru Varsity travel. Recommended same game socks for all levels for next season, Motion to have all game socks the same by Carlson and seconded by Turner. Motion passed.
- JV, Varsity and Lady Flyer jerseys – With fall tryouts, jerseys will be fitted in April or May and ordered without numbers. Cherry will get bids to have tackle twill numbers stitched on the jerseys by local business.
- Spring League 3 v 3 has a record number of registrations. Volunteers are handling the scoring and croxice dividers. Year end events and banquets are March 28 at the Avera Cancer Center for all Varsity, JV and Lady Flyers. New York Life will co-host all other ages at the Iceplex March 30th.

Presidents Report

Adam presented thoughts on the upcoming state board meeting and possible rule changes. SFYHA discussed current rules of SDAHA and possible rules we would like to amend.

New Business

End of Year Events- New York Life has approached SFYHA about hosting our year end party events. Volunteers would be provided by New York Life and its employees. New York Life would have some small advertising set up. A donation from New York Life will be given to SFYHA for being part of the event.

Elections- Candidate opportunities were posted mid-February. Open positions do not have any contested races.

Between Meeting Board Votes

- Chad Dykstra made a motion to accept updated procedure and host electronic voting for the 2019 SFYHA elections. Motion seconded and passed via email vote – Feb 23, 2019
- Chad Dykstra made a motion to allow the 14U Lady Flyers to participate in 2 post season games in Okoboji. Motion seconded and carried via email vote – Mar 5, 2019
- Bryce Pattison made a motion to approve the February 6 meeting minutes. Motion seconded and passed via email vote – Mar 6, 2019

Motion to adjourn passed
NEXT MEETING
April 3, 2019 6:30 pm
Scheels IcePlex Sanford Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Carlson
SFYHA Board Secretary

Adopted April 5, 2019 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(date) (circle one)