

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

July 11, 2017 7:30-pm Scheels Conference Room at Scheels Ice Plex

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.), Brian Dozark (Tournament Director), Matt Carlson (Secretary), Bryce Pattison (Development Director), Mark Bukovich (Travel League Director) and Brian Schumacher (House League Director). Quorum was present. Cole Turner (Treasurer) excused absence. Cherry Hunter (Executive Assistant), Dan Houck (Director of Hockey), Chad and Kiesha Dykstra, Ben Oien, Kay Bain, Rhonda Anderson, Jon and Janet Martin were present.

Approval of the June Minutes - Motion to approve June 2018 Board of Director meeting minutes as submitted made by Adam Gorra. Motion seconded and carried via email vote on June 15, 2018.

Travel Game Jersey Manager - Motion made by Adam Gorra to approve Janice Bolereck as SFYHA Travel Game Jersey Manager. Motion seconded and carried via email vote on June 18, 2018.

Registration & Fundraiser Fees - Motion made by Bryce Pattison to approve 2018-2019 registration and fundraiser fees as presented. Motion seconded and carried by email vote on June 23, 2018.

League Managers - Brian Schumacher made a motion to appoint Renee Cargin and Jason Wolthuizen as ICL League Supervisors for the 2018-2019 season. Both will fulfill volunteer hour requirements per appointment. Motion seconded and carried via email vote on June 26, 2018.

Open Forum

Spiritwear - Kay Bain and Rhonda Anderson worked on spiritwear vendor comparisons for the upcoming season. Play it Again Sports has provided the windsuits in the past but does not offer any embroidery services. They reached out to Dakota Lettering, Borchs Sporting Goods, and Monarch Sales. The Spiritwear Committee would like to work with Borchs Sporting Goods. Spiritwear will attend fall meetings and provide samples and sizes of wind suits. Purchase of windsuits will be online only. Spiritwear will be available at the Fall Kick-Off as well as other dates TBD. Online ordering will be available this season with more details to come for the process. Adam Gorra made a motion to approve the Spiritwear plan. Motion was seconded and passed.

Treasure Report - Cole Turner

No report.

Vice President - Aaron DeBates

Aaron presented a job description for a potential Director of Goaltending Development position. The position falls in line with USA Hockey's development program. This would be a six-month position requiring 24 hours a month. The plan would formalize and expand what we are currently doing with goaltending development.

Travel League Report – Mark Bukovich

Mark has been working with League Managers to get tournaments booked and checks out. Practice schedules are a work in progress. Working with Dan and the IcePlex on securing ice.

House League – Brian Schumacher

Falls Freeze registration is open. League managers for ICL and ACL are filled. Still looking for Atom League Supervisor, Mite City League Supervisor and Mite Travel Manager.

Director of Development – Bryce Pattison

Excellence in Coaching – Bryce, Adam and Dan recently presented to a group of SFYHA parents. A very positive response for supporting coaching excellence which will create a more positive experience for our players & coaches. Volunteer coaches are expected to be of excellence as well. Expectations were discussed if resources were available to fund and recruit more paid coaches. Having a core of coaches is vital to our association. Overall consensus was support of improving the experience of our program.

Director of Tournaments – Brian Dozark

SFYHA will keep tournament weekends to 16 teams or less on all tournament weekends. Having over 16 teams makes it tough to host SDAHA League games.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

Youth Varsity / JV tryouts are complete and will be posted tomorrow. All head Varsity and JV coaches are set. Still looking for assistant coaches. Coaches will receive reminders if they are not up to date on CEP and SafeSport.

Administration Report – Cherry Hunter

Last season Varsity and JV 1 purchased jerseys to keep. Last year JV 2 did not purchase jerseys. Board members approved 16U player will purchase jerseys for the upcoming season. The Jersey cost will be about \$200.

Presidents Report – Adam Gorra

Player transfers - All Sioux Falls to Brandon transfers have been approved and will continue to be. Sioux Falls, Brandon and SDAHA are meeting next week to discuss boundaries.

Old Business

Growth & Retention Committee - Meghan Ketcham volunteered to chair the new Growth and Retention Committee. The group's main focus will be to promote and grow the sport of hockey. She is heading up our November 10 Let's Try Hockey and reaching out to players not registered from last year. USA Hockey has a Bronze, Silver and Gold level growth level. We want to achieve the Gold level as laid out by USA Hockey. Mentorship families will be an addition to help with new members & overseen by the committee. Currently we have 29 families interested in mentorship.

Team Community Service Proposal - Ben Oien

Effective for the 2018-19 season, players participating at the Squirt and older level will participate in a team service project. Projects will have a fulfillment date of Jan 31. Teams will wear Flyer gear while giving their time to local areas of need such as the Bishop Dudley House or the Banquet. Players, parents and teams will decide on their respective service project. Ben will be available to attend team meetings. The team with most impact will be recognized with a plaque and on the Flyers website. Once it gets going the use of local media and news will be used to promote it. Working and giving back to the community will guide as a team building exercise. Motion by Schumacher second by Gorra, to adopt the proposal as presented with the exception of the required project and incentives to be reviewed. Motion carried.

Fall Schedule

Dan Houck and Mark are working with Prisbe on fall ice schedule. Director of Hockey Camp and Power Skating Clinics are getting set for after Labor Day for Mite through Bantam. They will consist of 3 weeks 6 sessions.

Grievance Process

The current Grievance Committee consist of Brian Schumacher, House League Director; Mark Bukovich, Travel League Director; Aaron DeBates, VP; Matt Altoff and Dan Houck, Director of Hockey. Dan commented coaches seem to get beat up in grievance meetings. Coaches seem to not file against players. Only parents and kids file against coaches. Common themes are poor behavior of a player to another player and intent to injure. Coaches need to know they also have access to the grievance process. Communication early could help reduce the majority of grievances.

Team Rooming

Tyler Morgan, Varsity coach, discussed having Varsity players stay together 6-7 nights during the season. This will increase fees \$200 for players. The board consensus was to approve Tyler’s request.

New Business

Director of Girls Hockey Ice Sessions - The board approved two ice sessions for the Lady Flyers to promote girl’s hockey in August.

Sanford POWER - Very positive with several players are coming through the program. They want to continue as sponsors. We would like to integrate some POWER training with SFYHA on-ice training. Opportunities to train this preseason are available.

Girls Hockey Weekend 2018 - Sioux Falls, Brandon and Luverne will all be participating in the weekend schedule for September 28-29. Skills sessions, Let’s Try Hockey for girls and a cross ice 3 v 3 tournament are planned. A Tier 1 tournament of 6-8 teams will also be playing games at the IcePlex. Adam would like the Flyers organization to contribute to help with ice costs and jerseys up to \$500. Board member approved the contribution.

Off ice training - Looking at space to have off ice shooting and stickhandling training. Hockey Headquarters is looking at setting up shooting lanes and training areas.

Matt Cullen NHL Player - Sanford is bringing Matt Cullen to Sioux falls on Monday, July 30 from 1:00-2:00pm. Matt will be doing a one-hour clinic for Squirt and Peewee level skaters.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING – August 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm
5000 S Minnesota Ave - 2nd floor Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Carlson
SFYHA Board Secretary

Adopted July 26, 2018 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
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