



October 16, 2024

CYHA Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Dustin Hapka, Phil Passarelli, Chris DaBaldo, Angela Brady, Ryan Blair, JC Gaskins, Justin Pence (via Zoom)

Board Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: Dustin Hapka called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2024, was made by Phil and seconded by Angela. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Angela provided an overview of the recent activities to transition the CYHA accounts over to new management. She reviewed the recent expenses for the organization, all of which have been paid. These include ice cost at the Coliseum, additional shooting pads, specialty coaching, and House Jerseys. Additionally, Angela will be meeting with Greg Byrne to evaluate the possibility of updating our QuickBooks account to the cloud to be able to leverage more advanced functionality and easier integration with SportsEngine. Angela will also be meeting with the bank manager to again to gain web access to our accounts.

Registrar Report: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Travel Commissioner Report: Nothing to report.

House Commissioner Report: Justin provided an update for House League. Jerseys have been delivered. The teams are still in the process of handing these out to the players. The group had a general discussion regarding the reimbursement for House League specialty coaches. Ryan shared the details of how we have managed compensation for the Travel Teams.

The Mites jerseys are on order and are on track to be delivered before the end of October. The mites are scheduled to participate in a jamboree at the Ice Palace in November. All teams have been confirmed, there is still space for one additional team in the Mites division.

Hockey Director Report: Ryan provided an overview of the upcoming initiatives with which he is involved. He is scheduled to have the first Floor Hockey visit to an area school on 11/5/24 with the Stingrays. The Stingrays will also have players joining our teams on the ice starting next week. Ryan will try to let the coaches know beforehand when players will be joining practices.

The Girls Hockey program will kick-off On 10/18/24. We currently have thirty-two players signed up. We also have several other opportunities in the next two months. We will be holding a hockey clinic over winter break on 12/27 – 12/29. There will also be hosting a Skating and Shooting clinic on 11/29/24.

Growth: Nothing to report.

Grievance/Disciplinary: Phil has reviewed the penalties handed out in the tournament last month to verify any suspensions that have been served. There is currently one outstanding penalty yet to be served that is currently being reviewed by CAHA.

The group had a general discussion regarding the number of penalties that were assessed to the 18U team. This team has incurred more penalties than other teams in our organization. It is the consensus of the board that the discipline and behavior of this team are not in alignment with our organization. Phil and Ryan will schedule a meeting with the coach to discuss our concerns and expectations.

We have had one incident reported to the board of a sibling of a player who was in the locker room while players were dressing for practice. This is in violation of the USA Hockey and CYHA Locker room policy. Per the policy only players and Locker Room monitors who have been cleared through SafeSport are allowed in the team locker rooms during USA Hockey events, which includes CYHA practices and games. We will send communication to our members reminding them of the policy.

Fundraising/Scholarship: Nothing to report.

Coordinator Updates

- **Marketing/Outreach:** Nothing to report
- **Safety Coordinator:** Nothing to report
- **Safe Sport Coordinator:** Nothing to report
- **House Coordinator:** Justin reported that the House Coordinator e-mail account is not sending emails at this time. He is working the Greg Byrne to resolve this issue. Justin will send out the House League emails in the interim while they work to resolve the current issues.

We are currently having trouble filling the Locker Room Monitor slots for the 10U and 14U divisions. There are currently not enough parent volunteers to fill the slots. If we continue to have monitor vacancies the locker rooms will remain locked, and players will be required to dress out in the lobby.

Old Business

TeamUp: The Mites will be our pilot group this season for the TeamUp fundraiser. The funds raised will be to purchase warm-ups for the team. We plan to have tiered goals to ensure the team earns something in return for their efforts. Funds raised beyond the cost of the warmups will be placed in the Player Enrichment account to support other areas of need. The target kick-off date will be Friday 11/15/24.

CYHA Business Manager: The board has a general discussion regarding potential candidates for the open CYHA Business Manager role. According to the bylaws we have 60 days from the date a position is vacated to appoint a new board member. We will reach out to potential candidates to gauge interest.

Mites Apparel: The Mites team has received their T-shirts that were included as part of the tuition this season. They are currently being distributed.

New Business

House League Full Ice Transition: the board had a general discussion regarding the planned transition of our 8U House team to Full Ice in the latter part of this season. Currently, CAHA stipulates that 8U only plays half ice games. This contrasts with what other organizations are doing across the country and negatively impacts on the growth of our players as they move out of the 8U division. The CYHA will petition to the CAHA Youth Committee for approval to play approximately 25% of our 8U games on full ice.

Iron Man Jamboree: The Iron Man Jamboree will be held again this season. It is scheduled for Saturday 11/30/24 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Adult Pond Hockey will be held following the jamboree from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Player Movement: The board has received a request to release a player from the 10U B team. Unfortunately, the players' family situation has changed, and they are unable to continue in the season. The board has agreed to the release of the player from our organization.

The board entered the executive session at 8:45 pm.

Adjournment: The board exited executive session at 9:11 pm and immediately adjourned.