



March 26, 2025

CYHA Board Meeting

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

Board Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: Dustin Hapka called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2025, was made by Angela and seconded by Justin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Angela and Dustin are continuing to reconcile our accounts against paid invoices, season dues, and other expenses. Dustn has been unable to restore web access to our accounts. This will require an in-person visit to one of the branch locations. All invoices have been paid through the end of February. The expense for March, which include ice time, Skills, Skating, and stipends are still pending.

Registrar Report: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Travel Commissioner Report: Nothing to report.

House Commissioner Report: Justin provided an update to the board on the end of the season activates for House League. The playoff tournament and end of season parties we well. Justin received positive feedback from the players and many of the parents.

Hockey Director Report: Nothing to report.

Player Development: Nothing to report.

Growth: Nothing to report.

Grievance/Disciplinary: Phil reported that there is one case pending a USA Hockey Bylaw 10 hearing with CAHA.

Fundraising/Scholarship: Justin has updated the CYHA Fundraising package for the 2025 – 26 season. It is posted to our website and live. Justin is currently working with local businesses to secure sponsors for next season.

Coordinator Updates

- **Marketing/Outreach:** Justin created articles highlighting recent events within the CYHA such as the Mites Tournament in Maryland and recent Girls tournament. These have been posted to our website. Justin will continue to create content for future events and encourage everyone to share information and pictures with him for CYHA events that can be used for future articles.
- **Safety Coordinator:** Nothing to report
- **Safe Sport Coordinator:** Nothing to report

Old Business

2024 – 25 Survey Results: The 2024 – 25 end of season Travel Coaches and Membership surveys were reviewed in depth by the board. Overall, the results were positive and provided actionable feedback to the board for next season.

The group had an in-depth discussion regarding the Travel Coaches survey results. Overall, the coaches felt that it was a positive year with welcomed additions to the program. Items such as Travel League membership, increasing the game count for the 10U and 12U divisions, and the play-up policy for younger age groups. Much of the feedback is in-line with changes that are already being considered for the 2025 – 26 season.

The results of the Membership survey were also reviewed by the group. The overall feedback from our members was positive for this season. We received positive feedback regarding the additional programming that was added to both the house and travel programs. Unfortunately, as with past seasons survey, responses were low compared to our registration numbers but are still in line with past years. There was general discussion among the board about ways we may be able to improve this moving forward.

2025– 26 Travel Season

Travel Program Details: JC provided updated Travel Program details for the 2025 – 26 season. This includes updates to the 10U division to reflect one full ice practice, one shared practice and one skills/skating session each week. There was lengthy discussion on how to adjust practice times for next season and concerns regarding ice availability. JC will meet with Brandon to confirm ice availability and practice times. We will need to secure eight ice slots on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A proposed schedule was created during the meeting and compared to the current schedule during the meeting. The availability of ice time for practices will need to be confirmed prior to approving the

budget for the 2025 – 26 Travel Season. Considering the unknown ice time availability, Chris felt it would not be in the best interest of our organization to move forward with approvals until more information could be gathered. The board agreed and has scheduled a special session on April 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Chris made a motion to table the 2025 – 26 Travel Budget and Program Details discussion to be resumed on April 3, 2025. The motion was seconded by Angela and unanimously approved.

Travel League Determination: Angela and Ryan provided an update to the board on the leagues available to our players for next season. Communication from the ACHC requesting that CYHA confirm the participation of at least one team for next season was reviewed by the group. Angela will reach out to ACHC to verify commitment level along with other details. Additionally, Angela will reach out to the CHL to verify the required commitment level for this league to retain our membership.

Travel Coach Selection: The board entered the Executive Session at 9:20 pm.

The Board exited Executive session at 9:50 pm and resumed the Board meeting already in progress.

The Head Coaches for the 2025- 26 Travel Season will be as follows:

10U B: To be determined.
10U A: Andrew Zajdel
10U A/AA: Justin Pence

14U A: Brandon Schultz
14U A/AA: Rob Concanon

16U A/AA: Andrew Foster

10U B: To be determined.
10U A: Phil Passarelli
10U A/AA: Seth Michelson

18U: JC Gaskins

The above coaches have been reviewed and approved by a vote of the board.

New Business

Jeff Johnson Grant: A grant has been generously offered to the CYHA to be used to help support our players and program. The board discussed the impact and benefits that this will have on our programs. The board determined these funds will be best used to support our player enrichment and scholarships initiatives.

2025 – 26 House League Budget and Program Details – Deferred until next meeting due to meeting length.

2024 – 25 Mites Budget Closeout: Dustin presented a reconciliation for the 2025 – 26 Mites budget to the board. This included additions to the program which were covered by team fund raisers. During the review of the budget it was identified that the reconciliation did not clearly denote which items were covered by the budget and those that were paid for by team fundraising. Dustin will

revise the reconciliation to clearly denote which funds were used for which activity to help clear up confusion and resubmit this at the next board meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50