



**Stamford Youth Hockey Association
Membership Meeting Notes
November 17, 2021 – In-Person/Virtual**

In-person Attendance: Marc Malloy, Alex Rousseau, Randy Samuelson, Chrissy Phelps, and Stephanie Lucia

Virtual Attendance: Jen Dufek

Absent: Adam Perlaky

President – Marc Malloy

- **Swedish Exchange:** Unfortunately, due to COVID the Swedish Exchange is not happening this year. We are looking into alternative options for our bantams for this year. We will continue partnership with our Swedish friends next year.

Vice President – Adam Perlaky

- **HD Committee:** We've made great progress and are very close to a job description which we are finalizing in the next week or so after our board meeting feedback. Great help from the team across the board. We've been able to separate out HD related roles as well as a number of ways to improve the league as a whole which we'll be rolling out in the coming months.
- **Website:** We are in the process of migrating to a new website with the new logo, new pictures and new setup. This will not impact any scheduling or back end. Thanks to everyone who provided pictures, it was a lot of fun to look at all the teams. Before we go live, it will be thoroughly reviewed and multiple sets of eyes will be taking a look. The great thing is that we have full control over it so we'll be able to make improvements as time goes on very quickly.
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Development Director – Chrissy Phelps

- **Pie Info:**
 - Pie pick-up is 11/20 at TCR between 10 am – 1 pm.
 - Most pies sold: Anthony Deyulio = \$100 gift card to Instant Replay
 - Team that sold the most pies: PeeWee A1 = Pizza Party
- **Pictures:** All teams/players have taken pictures. We expect them to arrive around the 2nd week of December. I will notify the team managers and put them in your mailboxes.

Operations Director – Alex Rousseau

- **Covid update:** CHC - all vaccinated coaches, refs, and players do not have to wear masks effective immediately. We are still subject to City of Stamford rules. Stamford recently lifted the indoor mask mandate, expect for government buildings, which includes Terry Connors. **As of now, we still need to wear mask in TCR.** For our travel teams,

Sharks will likely not have to wear masks when playing at other rinks. SYHA doesn't make the rules but we need to follow them.

- **Ice:** a lot of ice time has been given back last minute, please do your best to notify me asap.
- **Jr Refs:** they are doing well. Any kids interested, please reach out to me.
- **CHC States:** If your team wants to pull out, this needs to be done by 11/22. The schedule is made but not released.

Registrar – Jen Dufek

- Coaches, please be sure your certifications are up-to-date.

Treasurer – Randy Samuelson

- **League finances:** we are financially strong. Ice time and coaches are paid through October. Please pay your bill, continue to make payments or reach out to make payment arrangements.
- **Swedish Exchange Raffle:** We are working on the prizes, if you know anyone willing to donate please have them reach out to Randy or Chrissy. The money raised is split – half to the Swedish Exchange account and the other half to the league.

Secretary – Stephanie Lucia

- Looking someone volunteer as a social media director? Role is an hour or two a week. Getting emails from teams with media, collating and posting 2-4 a week. Need to understand hashtags, etc to get our followers up. See Darien for examples on things we can do.

Hockey Director – Rob Graziano

- Friday night clinics went great. More clinics are coming so watch for emails/reminders. There will be Pond Hockey in January and goalie clinics with ProCrease.
- Player evaluations are going out in a couple of weeks. An email will explain how the players are evaluated.
 - Gauge against your teammates, competitors (other teams you have played).
- We are working on putting the coaches game together.
- Stamford/Westhill alumni game
- Stick and puck on 11/28 – email will go out.

House & Tiger Sharks Coordinator – Alex Kapasouris

- Our U8 program is doing very well. Session 2 (of 3) of the Tiger Sharks and Learn-to-Play program is starting soon. Space is limited so register soon. For our U8 players with some skating know-how, the house league is where our young Sharks get their first game experience. This too is filling up fast but you can still register.