

## **Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

October 16, 2024

6:30pm

Sanford Conference Room – SCHEELS IcePlex

President Chun Chan called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Jenn Warren (Vice-President), Sam Everson (Past President), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), Adam Gorra (Secretary), Leah May (Travel League Director), Cody Alderman (Director of City League), Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments) and Derek Berg (Development Director). Quorum was present. Rob Butler and Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) were also in attendance. Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) was absent.

Open Forum – Attending the Open Forum was Rob Butler.

- How will Goalie Sessions be organized? Lady Flyers Varsity & JV/Varsity travel team goalies will have ice on Mondays. On Wednesday evenings, goalies will be assigned to sessions at the Mite, Squirt, PeeWee & Bantam levels. Shooters will sign up through Sign Up Genius.
- Plans for Squirt 4 V 4 League? Squirts will have two practices a week with 4 V 4 on Tuesday nights. Goal is to avoid Squirt burnout.
- Who is using Squirt 4 V 4 previously assigned on Fridays? High School teams will use in November. In December, the Squirts, PeeWee & Bantams will rotate. After the holidays, the time will be Atom Short Session ice slot.
- Appears to be lots of travel to Rapid this year? SDAHA League games rotate yearly, and this is the season for SFYHA to travel to Rushmore.

Secretary's Report – Leah May made a motion to approve the September 11 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Elliot Hitt reported a quiet month for SFYHA financials. QR code has been created for donations to the NW Addition project. Two CD's have been cashed out for the project.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- Finalized Sanford Performance schedule for Lady Flyers and HS Boys teams. Cherry sent out info and registration to all families
- Rescheduled ice for SYHA fall events at MIDCO Arena for tryouts, Power Skating, etc
- Submitted travel tryout plan for High school boys and youth travel to Cherry
- Ran all DOH dryland sessions to replace on-ice sessions at rink/field near Zoo
- Ran KOTR for Atoms and Fall City League Clinic ACL/ICL
- Secured ice at Luverne for Lady Flyers player evaluations on Oct 8-10
- Attended Lady Flyers Evaluations
- Oversaw HS tryout and evaluation process Sept 22, 24, 26
- HS Player placement completed and posted October 2
- Planned evaluator coverage for Youth Tryout Weekend and did all pre-ice tryout planning w/ tryout lead Brad Amundson
- Oversaw youth travel tryout process September 27-29 for SQ/PW and BT on September 29, October 1 and 3

- Held PW Travel goaltender pre-tryout parent meeting on September 23 w/ Aaron Debates to discuss goaltending situation and team count before tryouts
- Youth Travel Teams completed, and Head Coaches assigned Oct 7
- Finalizing assistant coaches after Lady Flyers Tryouts
- Ran Coaches Development sessions w/ Andy Gillham on 10/9 for ACL/ICL Coaches and Bantam/14U Lady Flyers Coaches (well attended!)
- Ran Coaches Development session on 10/10 w/ Andy Gillham for Squirt and PeeWee coaches
- Ice Hockey Systems (practice planning) was purchased for entire travel program, 20 teams, on 10/9/24
- Asked to participate on Team SD committee for 2024/25, the meeting for 10/14 was cancelled
- working on Assistant Coach staff for all teams

### Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- High School Jerseys – most have been received & a few need to be numbered
- SQ/PW/BT Game jersey replacements and socks arrived
- City League jerseys and Culligan practice jerseys arrived and at screen printers
- Working with Luke Groth for Augie home game ice crews
- Communication & updates – lots of changes and last minute updates with ice-out. Our membership has been super great in keeping tabs for updates.
- Avenue of Flags Fundraiser – will do an eblast when website is updated to allow contributor to note who is to receive credit
- DIBS Training for Ad Councils completed
- Working on High School verification and will begin work on rosters soon (when Assistant Coaches are in place)
- Anticipate final registration numbers will be down 50-60 players due to ice-out and loss of players playing elsewhere
- Working on payments for families who owe for 23-24 volunteer fees (3)
- High School Nationals – confirmed with SDAHA that SFYHA team would attend
- Baseline testing set up for high school players with Sanford
- Need to facilitate Canada Travel Permit for Lady Flyers
- Worked with SDAHA regarding USA Hockey compliance for USA Hockey audit (Safe Sport & Screenings for titled volunteers) Coaches are next 😊
- Evaluator meals during tryouts – utilized box lunches instead of meals brought in.

### Director Reports

- ✓ Director of Travel League – Leah May reported the Lady Flyers are planning a trip to Canada January 24-28. Finalizing teams & tournaments, non-league games, team coordinators and 😞 thinking about Scheduler Todd Mescher having a Senior player. Noted Bantam Orange has two solo ice slots. Same would be true if the Bantam teams were one Blue and two Orange teams. Blue would have, and has had, two solo ice slots in prior seasons. Flyers BINGO night on November 15 – planning is going well!!
- ✓ Director of Development – Derek Berg noted Les Schwab Tires is sponsoring SFYHA Let's Try Hockey and purchased a croxice divider advertisement. A sponsor for the Mites Falls Freeze has not been secured. Meeting with Sanford on October 17 to discuss funding for the addition and trainers & working on a 3 year contract.
- ✓ Director of City League – Cody Alderman indicated all City League Ad Council members are in place.

- ✓ Director of Tournaments – Amanda Smith reported all tournaments are full except one opening at the Bantam B level. Board members noted 30 days or more cancellation would create a refund to the team who cancelled. We expect the same courtesy for our teams.

Presidents Report – Chun Chan

- ✓ USA Hockey audit for SDAHA will take place in Sioux Falls Nov 11-13.
- ✓ Coach Houck will be serving on the Team SD Committee with Rob Kittay, Mark Bukovich, Lucas Deutsch, Duke Witte, Jenni Wirkus and Justin Kirchhevel. SDAHA Secretary, Jon Kotilnek will serve as the Committee Chair
- ✓ Chun is serving on the SDAHA League Structure Committee with Jenn Warren, Mike Hunter, and Randy Honkomp as Chair.
- ✓ IcePlex Update – After losing ice on September 12 on all three sheets at the IcePlex, the staff is hoping for a first skate on Friday, October 18. Leadership Rink is in first, followed by the Furniture Mart and finally the Stampede Rink. Goal is to have all 3 sheets functioning by the beginning of the Flyers season on October 28.

**Agenda Items:**

Neck Guards in Medical Bags – Board members approved purchase of neck laceration protectors to be placed in each coach medical bag.

Policy Updates

- ❖ *SFYHA Travel & Game Tournament Limits* – Sam Everson made a motion to approve the following:

**Maximum Number of Tournaments/Games per Team**

• Mite Travel/8U	3 tournaments	20 game days
• Squirt/10U	6 tournaments	25 game days
• PeeWee/12U	5 tournaments	35 game days
• Bantam/14U	5 tournaments	50 games
• Lady Flyers	5 tournaments	60 games
• Youth JV/Varsity	5 tournaments	60 games

Tournament count includes SDAHA end of year tournaments for PeeWee, Bantam, Lady Flyers, and Youth JV/Varsity. Motion seconded and carried.

- ❖ *SFYHA Hockey Friendship Games* – Adam Gorra made a motion to update the policy to concur with current ice rates and referee fees:

*Total game cost divided by number of players on SFYHA Host Team*

- Squirts - \$392.00 per game
- PeeWees / Girls 12U - \$412.00 per game
- Bantams / Girls 14U - \$442.00 per game
- Lady Flyers 16U/19U - \$492.00 per game
- High School Jr Gold - \$622 per game

Motion seconded and carried.

- ❖ *SFYHA Tournament Volunteer Requirement* – Sam Everson made a motion to exclude Team Coordinators and League Manager for required DIBS during their level

tournament. DIBS per family were adjusted to fit player & team numbers. Motion seconded and carried.

Flyers Expansion Project – Derek Berg reported \$350K has been raised to date for the project. Naming rights contributor has not been secured.

Fall League Meetings

- October 23 at Sanford Pentagon Center Court – Atoms at 5:45pm / Mites-ICL-ACL at 7:00pm

***Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:***

***To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports***

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

NEXT MEETING

November 13, 2024 6:30 pm  
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherry Hunter  
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted November 13, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence  
(Date) (Circle one)