

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 4, 2015 – 6:30pm – Sanford Meeting Room A**

President Bryan Kouri called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Quorum present for the meeting. Board members attending were Chad Dykstra, Brian Hefti, Matt Althoff, Rebecca Anderson, Mark Arndt, John Sievert and Kyle Hanisch. Also in attendance was Ben Oien, Mollie Drexler, Robin Hatcher, Mackenzie Oien, Carson Haase, Jenni Drexler and Executive Assistant, Cherry Hunter.

Treasurers Reports: Matt Althoff made a motion to approve the February 3, 2015 Treasurers Report showing a balance on hand of \$294,660.50. The balance reflects scrip inventory, spiritwear inventory and Hockey Booster checking. Motion seconded and carried.

Travel League Advisory Council Report – Brian Hefti – Items discussed:

- Fundraiser Fees – Players not paid are no longer eligible to skate. Leagues provided updates for collections submitted to the hockey office.
- Post Season Tournaments – ice time after end of season dates is to be paid by the team members. PeeWee A West & Squirt Orange will most likely have post season Omaha Joust Tournament.
- TJ Cup Tournament may be held March 6-8 for Bantam A level teams.
- Varsity Blue team requested ice time after 5:30pm starting March 2 instead of 8:45pm.
- SDAHA Bantam B Tournament is scheduled Feb 28-March 1 in the Feature Rink. Michelle Jorgenson and Keri Weems are coordinating plans.
- Lady Flyers and Bantam A will utilize orange jerseys for their respective state tournaments.
- Live game scoring – Need to use & train. Not able to secure constant internet connection in the rinks for live scoring on the ipads. Suggested live scoring directions be posted at the scorer's tables. Copies of instructions are available on the SFYHA desk at the IcePlex.
- Need "cheat sheet" at scorers table for correct recording & implementation of penalties for Misconducts (10 minute), Game Disqualification (3 penalties), Game Misconducts and Match Penalty.
- EOY Events – suggested player gifts include skate towels, pucks, long sleeve t-shirts or water bottles.
- Game Jersey turn in will be coordinated by Zoe Knutson.

Attending the January 28th meeting were Brian Hefti, Betsy Otta, Arianne Zieske, Todd Mescher, Jeff Hoekstra and Cherry Hunter.

House League Advisory Council Report – Chad Dykstra – Discussion items:

- Who is planning to serve on Ad Council again next season
- Fundraiser fees – need to complete collection of fees
- End of Year events and player gifts
- Need to use croxice bumpers for Atoms for scrimmages
- Volunteer tasks at the Atom level – parents are completing tasks not listed on Dibs, but requesting volunteer credit.
- Eric noted 2 coaches who are receiving volunteer credit, but have not been coaching at practices. One of the coaches does take a place on the bench during Mite travel games.
- Eric suggested coaches with multiple players choose a "focus" team and fill in with other team as available.
- Mites requested one hour extra ice on Tuesday March 3rd.

Attending the January 28th meeting were Chad Dykstra, Bruce Hoiberg, Stef Haack and Eric Covrig.

Executive Assistant Report

- At the Varsity level for SDAHA Tournament, there will be 2 play-in games the week of state tournament (probably March 10). SDAHA seed # 10 will play #7 and Seed #8 will play #9. The games are to be hosted at the higher seed local association arena.
- SDAHA Meeting – April 18th in Huron at Campus Center: President and Secretary positions are up for election.
- Presidents Cup in Rapid City – March 20-22 for the girls
- Senior Banners – received and hung. Player last name and player number done by Alphagraphics for \$250. There are 20 seniors this season with banners donated by Sport Photo (\$45 each). Players will be receiving banners after the End of the Year Banquet.
- Calculated fundraiser credit earned, created invoices and mailed information to 445 families (520 players).
- Outstanding Tournament Fees for Lady Flyers and Squirt Blue gate fee.
- Fundraiser Fees – Over \$66,000 collected and deposited. Total fundraiser fees to be collected are approximately \$84,000 with \$18,000 to go. Lady Flyers, Bantam A West and Squirt Rec have not submitted their collections. Thus far only one player has dropped and his reason was not the fundraiser fee (Mite Rec).
- February 12th events have impacted PeeWee B practice, Lady Flyers practice and the start time for SDAHA Varsity game.
- SDAHA Bantam B Tournament – Theme, spiritwear design and game schedule are approved. Working on details and will need Dibs listing for volunteers for the Feb 28-Mar 1 tournament. Keri Weems and Michelle Jorgenson are co-chairing the event. Chairs inquired as to sponsors and funding. Several opportunities may have been tapped by the Skate for Nate event.
- Dibs – helped with game and program volunteer postings.

Tasks Coming UP:

- End of Year Events – information distribution and coordinating events
- Ice time schedules – adjust starting March 2

SFYHA Ideas:

- ✓ Suggest group of older kids and/or parents attend during first 2-3 practices for brand new Atoms. The atmosphere can be intimidating. Older kids in jerseys, parents and players answer questions, show Atom parents how to put on gear and tie skates & board member present to announce people in jerseys are there to help.
- ✓ Create High School posters again
- ✓ Provide tri-fold Sports Schedules again – may not be necessary in our social media world?
- ✓ Atom Skates at Varsity games – needs to be built into schedule before Todd sets game times. Skates have to take place between games and not between periods.
- ✓ Working with game officials who are no longer active

OPEN FORUM:

Stick It to Cancer - Ben Oien reported on the January 31 event. The Lady Flyers wore pink warm up jerseys, U12 Girls were introduced, Breast Cancer Awareness trivia, auctions, door prizes, recognized cancer survivors and those battling cancer were event activities. With \$400 donation from the Haase family, chuck-a-puck income of \$645 and incurred expenses of \$796, a total of \$285 was given to the Susan Komen Foundation. The Lady Flyers were great team members in helping others and life lessons learned. The event created lots of publicity. Ben Oien suggested annual event for both boys and girls.

TJ Reinsch Orange Jerseys - Lady Flyers would like to wear the TJ Reinsch orange jerseys during the Girls Varsity Tournament March 6-8. Cherry noted need to make sure there are enough jerseys in stock. Varsity Lady Flyers have 18 members on their team. Bantams will be wearing the jerseys the weekend prior to Girls Varsity Tournament. Chad Dykstra made a motion to allow Lady Flyers use of the TJ Reinsch jerseys during the Girls Varsity Tournament March 6-8. Motion seconded and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tournament Committee – Matt Althoff reported tournament feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

- ✓ 350 skaters were involved in the 5 invitational tournaments
- ✓ Off ice officials need training
- ✓ IcePlex Manager, Brian Prisbe, was very accommodating
- ✓ 5 states represented at the SFYHA tournaments
- ✓ Officiating needs to improve
- ✓ Website great tool for the tournaments
- ✓ Encouraged more home tournaments
- ✓ Mite Falls Freeze Feb 7-8
- ✓ 10% of concessions sales will be forwarded to SFYHA for each of the invitational tournaments.

U12 Girls Team – The U12 girls have ice time on Monday nights thru February. Nineteen girls are eligible with average 15 attending ice time. Brian Hefti continues to seek games with LuVerne, Yankton or any local hosting U12 teams. Cherry requested listing of players for U12 team roster submission.

Other

- Still need to secure items from SFIRC: trophies and spiritwear case
- Lady Flyers present suggested water bottles for End of Year gift for players.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officials - How to grow the supply? - Jeff Rink will be invited to attend End of Year Events to present information for possible referees. Other suggestions included supplying uniforms or rental gear for new officials, training and confidence building. SDAHA Referee-in-Chief, Doug Sorenson may have suggestions.

IcePlex Upkeep – SFYHA players/families need to take care of the locker rooms. Reminder sent to coaches to check locker rooms and make sure teammates clean up the locker rooms prior to exit.

End of Year Events - Tentative dates for End of Year events include March 10, March 16, March 17 and March 24. The events will be hosted at JFK Elementary. Spiritwear will not be sold due to low inventory. For EOY announcements, board members will note Move Up Policy is available from hockey office and all requests are due no later than September 1st.

SFYHA Elections – Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large positions will be open for nomination and election process. Director of Coaches is a board appointed position. Vice President serves as chair for the committee of 3 or more persons. Suggested date for Candidate Forum is March 9th.

E-Scrip – Great Lakes Scrip program is “Shop with Scrip” electronic scrip. Families can download to Smartphone and utilize electronically or download to personal computer for printing scrip. Members volunteering for trial run included Bryan Kouri, Ben Oien, Tania Kocmick and Mandi Haase.

Other

- Need to determine if SFYHA will continue the annual “Take a Kid Golfing” fundraiser.
- Board members tabled development of standardized forms for coach evaluations for move up requests.
- High School National Hockey Tournament will be held in Chesterfield, Missouri March 19-23.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, March 4, 2015 6:30pm – Sanford Meeting Room A

Between Meetings – February 5, 2015 thru March 3, 2015

Squirt B2 Orange – John Sievert made a motion to approve 6th tournament for Squirt Orange to attend the Omaha Joust March 13-15. Motion seconded and carried via email vote. Current Squirt B2 Tournament schedule includes Redwood Falls, Sioux Falls, Hutchinson, Albert Lea, & Brookings. Feb 5, 2015

IcePlex - Feb 7th – Cherry received an early morning call from IcePlex Manager, Eric Pederson, informing SFYHA of mechanical issues at the IcePlex. All on ice functions for Saturday, Feb 7th and possibly until further notice, were cancelled. Cherry & SFYHA Scheduler, Todd Mescher, processed the ice cancellation and with Rushmore teams already on the road to Sioux Falls, we were able to pick up ice in Mitchell. Working with the SDAHA Referee scheduler, we were able to move all but one league game and referees to the Mitchell facility. The Mite Falls Freeze had ice scheduled late afternoon at the IcePlex on February 7th. Falls Freeze Director, Aimee Chase, adjusted Feb 7th game schedule for more ice time at the Premier Center. At approximately 6:00pm, we were informed repairs were made and ice would be available on Sunday, February 8th. The league games changed to Mitchell for Feb 8th were not moved back to Sioux Falls. Unfortunately, game officials thought all games had been cancelled in Sioux Falls for the weekend. Early morning February 8th was another scramble to secure officials for two PeeWee A West games at the IcePlex.

Mite City League Trophy - Eric Covrig provided trophy and medal cost estimate of \$366. Hockey Headquarters will pay \$280 with remaining funding from SFYHA. League level plates will be Mite A and Mite B. Feb 26, 2015

Executive Assistant

- SDAHA Boys Development Camp and National Team Tryout information distributed to affected age groups. Tryouts will be April 10-12 in Mitchell.
- Sam Tronnes Memorial Scholarship information forwarded to SFYHA seniors. Deadline for application is Feb 28.
- E-Scrip – Information distributed to families who have indicated interest for e-scrip. Feb 6, 2015
- Email communication to all players with outstanding fundraiser fees. Feb 8, 2015
- SDAHA information – The SDAHA Varsity league champions will be attending the High School National Tournament. SDAHA has communicated with the top 5 ranked league teams. Feb 9, 2015
- During the President's Cup for the girls, tryouts will be held for a district team to complete in a tournament in Pittsburg, PA.
- Older Rec League changed game schedules from 2 games on Sunday to one game on Friday night and one game on Sunday for the last month of the season. Dibs sessions were deleted for the cancelled games and reformatted. Requested team assignments per game to allow volunteers to serve during their player's games.
- JV Tournament Frozen players for the JV White and the JV Lady Flyers were submitted to SDAHA by deadline.

- Feb 15th – No game officials were scheduled for early morning Girls JV vs Brookings JV. Cherry & Chuck worked to secure “stripes” for the game. The league game was posted on the SDAHA League schedule, but apparently was removed from the referee schedule when Brookings scheduled a make-up game with Sioux Center on February 15th with 5:00pm start.
- DIBS focus on website – Story and front page emphasis to remind families of volunteer requirements. Directions for claiming and verifying dibs included with info. Feb 16, 2015
- For teams requiring ice time after March 1, an End of Season ice schedule was formatted in accordance with requests. You guessed it☺ Upon receipt by league managers, further change requests were received. Todd & Cherry worked with Brian Prisbe to accommodate ice needs & changes. Feb 19, 2015
- All non-league game misconducts are required to be reported to the hockey office. Cherry forwards information to SDAHA.
- Brookings Ice Skating Association depleted their inventory of scoresheets. Cherry delivered extra SFYHA scoresheets for Brookings. Enjoyed Squirt games while in Brookings☺
- Repaired 2 Squirt jerseys.....in need of immediate repair.

Other

- Thank you received from Dane Yde complimenting the Lady Flyers, Mandi Haase, Randy Preston & Angela Drake for a job well done as host for the first SD Stick It to Cancer event.
- From Atom parent – requested rationale as to why Atoms youth hockey “never gets a rink with seating around it and everyone has to stand to watch?” Feb 9, 2015
- Grow the Game report received from SDAHA Development Coordinator, Steve Jorgenson. Feb 9, 2015
- Board members determined the spiritwear case, donated in memory of Matt Hanessen, will not be utilized at the IcePlex. Feb 11, 2015
- Eric Covrig coordinated efforts to host Mite min-fest at the IcePlex on February 21st.
- Hockey 605 requested permission to livestream the Bantam B tournament. They were scheduled to livestream in Pierre during the Girls JV. The late request created last minute tasks for the Bantam B Tournament chairpersons. Feb 24, 2015
- Brian Hefti submitted game schedule for U12 girls team. They will host Worthington on March 2 and host a U12 Girls Jamboree on March 14. Feb 27, 2015
- Clarification requested for end date for Sanford POWER/dryland training. Sanford POWER end date is February 25th, not March 25th. March 1, 2015

Eblasts

- Volunteer Opportunities – Squirt B/C Tournament: Dec 11, 2014

Approved _____

Cherry Hunter, SFYHA
Executive Assistant

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association
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President Bryan Kouri called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors Special meeting to order. Quorum present for the meeting. Board members attending were Chad Dykstra, Matt Althoff, Rebecca Anderson, John Sievert and Kyle Hanisch. Also in attendance was Vince Jones and Executive Assistant, Cherry Hunter.

ByLaw Amendments - Special Meeting Notice for consideration of Bylaw Amendments was posted at least 48 hours prior to meeting start as required by current bylaws. Board members reviewed the following:

PROPOSED, Future SFYHA Board Composition

Executive Committee

Board President ~ establishes agenda for Board meetings; conducts board meetings; serves as SFYHA representative to the SDAHA; directs inquiries/complaints to the applicable Board member and creates an expectation for action on the part of the applicable board member; reviews job performance of Executive Assistant

Board Vice President and Director of Compliance & Grievance ~ familiarizes self with all tenets of the Association; fills-in for the President when necessary; available for *ad hoc* assignment of duties made by President; responsible for making all applicable rules known to coaches, coordinators and parents; responsible for fielding and responding to complaints of poor or misconduct; reviews job performance of Executive Assistant

Board Treasurer ~ responsible for reviewing financial transactions of the Association; creates an operating budget as well as forecasts; reviews job performance of Executive Assistant; responsible for advancing recommendations to the full board for fee schedules for participants

Past President ~ counsel to the Executive Committee; reviews job performance of Executive Assistant

Board members' respective areas of responsibility:

Director of the City League ~ oversight of intermural league, involvement in team selection process, responsible for Let's Try Hockey type events that encourage participation and retention of new members

Director of Communication & Admissions ~ responsible for ensuring clear, timely communication is provided to all Association members; charged with always exploring new, more effective ways for communicating to parents; specific emphasis placed on new Association families and the retention of new enrollees

Director of Development ~ emphasis on nurturing relationships with corporation sponsors and major contributors to our association, oversight of fundraising activities, responsible for completing a regular review of all mechanisms made available to members of the Association, including a cost/benefit evaluation

Director of Tournaments ~ coordinates all tournaments hosted by the SFYHA; enlists directors for each tournament; assists in the enlistment of needed adult volunteers; responsible for managing a budget and, in conjunction with the Director of Development, for procuring sponsorships to support the tournaments

Director of the Travel League ~ oversight of tournament scheduling, enforcement of Board expectations for the amount of travel completed by teams, charged with the training/formation of league and team coordinators

Non-Voting Positions Appointed by the Board

Director of Hockey* (employee position) ~ oversight of coaching, formation of coaches, consistency and purpose in training of skaters, oversight of an expanded try-out process

Director of Officiating* ~ oversight of refereeing done in our City league play as well as in tournaments hosted by the SFYHA, charged with developing and supporting quality officials who are local residents

and who have a loyalty to SFYHA-sponsored games, responsible for training of all off-ice official positions filled by adult volunteers

Executive Assistant* (employee position)~ *present list of duties to be reviewed and prioritized*

Director of Scheduling ~ handles all scheduling of practices, games and tournaments

Webmaster ~ responds to requests of the Dir. of Communications, Board President, and Executive.

Admin for posting information on the website

** Requested to attend SFYHA board meetings*

Vince Jones will insert proposed bylaw changes and provide to board for consideration. Plans are to adopt bylaw amendments at the March 4 board meeting.

Other

- Candidate Forum will be held March 12 or March 16 at the IcePlex Community Room. If all board races are uncontested, the Candidate Forum will be cancelled.
- Mite & Squirt City Leagues have City League Championship trophy plans & funding completed.
- Trophy Case – Estimated cost is \$2500. Cherry requested proposed drawing of trophy case.
- Storage at the IcePlex – More space is needed for storage of rental gear. Another bay under the bleachers or lockers was discussed.
- PeeWee B teams are ranked 4th/5th seed for the SDAHA PeeWee B Tournament.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

Approved _____

Cherry Hunter, SFYHA
Executive Assistant