



SAHOF Board Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, November 20, 2023
Meeting Time: 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Present – Stephen Lynch, Jeffrey Wood, Paul Esdale, Jeff Novotny, Lori Demeyer, Peter Worrell, Jeff Ning, Andy Fischer, Mimi Sellian, Freddy Eaton, Shirin Rustomji, Billy Gubelman, Josh Dreith, Sean Corbin, Jane Solverson, Jim Haverstrom

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Stephen Lynch
2. **SFHL** – Jeff Ning
 - a. There have been a significant number of Suspensions.
 - b. Placement Weekend – June 7-9, 2024 at Advent Health - 10s on Friday; 12s on Saturday; 14s on Sunday
 - i. Registration Deadline will be May 24th which will move up tryouts a little.
 - ii. Teams will registers and play other teams – Teams will not be forced to move down – but strong recommendations will be made; however, teams will be forced to move up if after evaluation, they are found to be registered in the wrong division.
 - iii. There will be a follow up ZOOM meeting – tentatively June 13, 2024.
 - c. Reschedules of Games – There have been a significant number of requests to reschedule games – similar level to COVID years. It is very difficult to reschedule games. Beginning next years, any last minute reschedules (defined as within the week before the game) the team requesting will be fined \$300.00 to accommodate the reschedule.
 - d. Game Sheets – discussion about implementing in SFHL – working well in the High School League
 - e. Playoffs – The dates and locations were announced
 - f. Facebook – a new page has been created strictly for informational purposes and will only allow for one way communication.
 - i. www.facebook.com/SAHOFSFHL
 - g. There is not a rule against having more than one program at a rink – however, each program is required to meet the ice time requirements.
 - h. Neck Guards – approval for mandatory neck guards starting January 2024.

- i. Currently there is no definitive study regarding whether they help or what the standards should be for use of the neck guards to satisfy the safety requirements
 - 1. The goal is to protect kids and not simply issue a mandate as a reactionary tool
- 3. **Girls Hockey** – Jane Solverson
 - a. Lori Demeyer – discussed the support for the girls game
 - b. Jane is giving Paul a Grant to develop his girls program in Jacksonville
- 4. **High School Hockey** – Josh Dreith
 - a. No Report
- 5. **Meeting Adjourned** – By Motion 8:04p.m.