

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

April 8, 2020

6:30pm

Due to Coronavirus, the board meeting was held via Zoom

President Adam Gorra called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Adam Gorra (President), Aaron DeBates (Vice-President), Lindsay Erickson (Treasurer), Chad Dykstra (Member at Large), Andy DeMore (Development Director), Dave Carlson (City League Director) and Brian Dozark (Tournament Director). Quorum was present. Scott Hanson, Cherry Hunter (Executive Assistant) and Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) were also in attendance. Ed Davis (Secretary) and Mark Bukovich (Travel League Director) were absent.

Secretary's Report – Lindsay Erickson made a motion to approve the March 4, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting minutes as amended (in Closed Session Minutes). Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurers Report – Lindsay Erickson – Lindsay presented April 2 Balance Sheet for board review. She noted no budget concerns and anticipates increase net income over last season.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- post-season prep meeting with boys HS staff prior to last few weeks of season
- planned schedules for Brandon and Kyle for post-season team prep
- ran the remainder of Lady Flyers practices for state prep w/ Paul being absent
- ran several Boys Varsity 1/2 and JV practices leading into state
- did several post season meetings w/ players and families before the Covid-19 pandemic
- had coaches exit meetings with a majority of coaches over the phone/facetime during Covid-19 pandemic
- did all 3v3 roster balancing and team placement/movement-including moving several Mites to Squirt and several Squirts to PW to ensure balance and competition
- participated in several USA Hockey Webinars for continued learning
- expects 50% of paid coaches will return. Too much time and commitment is a concern for younger coaches.

Admin Report – Cherry Hunter

- Recouped from mental & emotional stress for a “Quick Stop” to end of season 😊
- Financials – cleaned up QB situations with Anderson Group, some of which stem back 2 years. Preparing end of year reports and reviewing all 2019-2020 accounts for accuracy. The changes do not affect our completed and filed Form 990's.
- DIBS – Spent a lot of time reviewing family accounts, assigning completion for tasks claimed – but unable to be fulfilled due to cancellations. Deposited volunteer checks from 49 families in the amount of \$17,900. There will be 5-6 more for deposit, but currently working with those families.
- Fundraiser Fee – All fees collected except one Mite City player drop and one Senior player who was to submit final \$190 prior to getting on ice for Varsity Tournament. Gave the family every benefit to get it taken care of and most likely due to tournament cancellation will not be able to collect his \$190 balance
- Unemployment Claims – We have received Notice of Benefit Claim and returned the required paperwork. Not sure they will be eligible for SFYHA Unemployment due to seasonal work and contract on file.
- Scrip Sales – Families continue to purchase scrip, but there is no one on one contact when they come to our home.
- Spring 3 V 3 League – Cancelled and communicated with all families. Net for the Spring 3 V 3 is \$3685. Thirteen players donated their refunds to SFYHA, eleven players requested \$65 refund and remaining 109 players will receive \$70 credit for either registration fee or fundraiser fee.
- Varsity Tournament – Estimate \$10,000 net profit mostly due to program ad sales. Hope to have online Raffle Basket sales online by end of week. Great Committee to work with!!
- Fall Scheduling – Working with Dan and Prisbe to get our Fall Activities on the books. Brian is currently not scheduling that far out due to COVID-19 and the unknown. However, he will put our items on his calendar and work around our requests for clinics, tryouts and start of season. ***Tryout dates for travel leagues, except Mites, will be included in the next eblast.***

- Elections & Nominations – Will be completing the process with online voting to begin April 21. We will have 2 League Manager appointments TBD by the board.
- Have spent time cleaning out files and tossing old paper copy files. Most everything utilized is on my laptop.
- ***President Gorra noted SFYHA fails miserably with Live Scoring for Bantam and JV/Varsity games.***
- Player Projections for 2020-2021 were presented to the board for review. A 10% reduction in projections was configured due to the Coronavirus.

Presidents Report – Adam Gorra

- ✓ Director of Girls Hockey search – Need to post job description for applicants for the Assistant Director of Hockey for Girls. Internal and external search will need to take place. Board members discussed pay & responsibilities for the position.
- ✓ SDAHA Meeting May 9, 2020 – Agenda for meeting has not been received. Several proposals have been submitted including splits for Squirt League play – Skill split or age level split.

Old Business

- Flyers Fest – Andy DeMore – The July 29 Flyers Fest is currently in a “holding pattern”. NHL games are possible in July which may affect availability for Ian Cole. Looking for suggestions from SFYHA
 - Forego the VIP event?
 - Smaller event?
 - Silent Auction – hard to get business to donate with pandemic and economic situation
 - Appearance Fee – Andy clarified if NHL is playing or SD is in stay at home order, SFYHA may be liable for airline & travel costs. There is not an agreement or contract for appearance fee.
 - Event Bright - has been utilized for player registration for the VIP even. If event is cancelled, the registration fee would need to be refunded.
 - Outdoor game plan cost – estimate is \$2000

The committee will meet and make recommendation for Flyers Fest plan.
- End of Year Events – All end of year events are cancelled.
- Elections – Candidate Forum was cancelled. Candidate bio information will be posted on the website and sent out via eblast. Voting will take place April 21-26 thru Survey Monkey platform.

New Business

- Budget & Registration Projections – Board members suggested the following for 2020-2021 teams
 - JV/Varsity Boys – 3 teams
 - Bantams – 4 teams
 - PeeWees – 5 teams
 - Squirts – 6 teams
- Tournament Review Committee – Matt Carlson, Mark Bukovich and Aaron DeBates reviewed tournaments for team registrations this past season. Coach Houck also provided input to the committee formed 2 years ago. Request for committee members will be presented in the next eblast. Communication will need to begin in May for tournament selections/recommendations as the tournaments fill fast. Tournament evaluations provide feedback for the committee.
- Tournaments – Brian Dozark – Dates for the 2020-2021 Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Tournaments will be:
 - Squirt A Jamboree – Nov 14-15
 - Squirt Tournaments – Dec 4-6
 - Bantam Tournaments – Jan 8-10

