



**May 21, 2025**

## **CYHA Board Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Dustin Hapka, Phil Passarelli, Chris DaBaldo, Angela Brady, Ryan Blair, JC Gaskins, Justin Pence

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** None

**Call to Order:** Dustin Hapka called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Secretary Report:** Chris submitted the meeting minutes for the March 26, April 3, and April 16, 2025, meetings to the group for review. He also informed the group that he had updated the minutes posted on the website adding any outstanding minutes and removing those that were greater than 1 year in age.

A motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2025, was made by Phil and seconded by Justin. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2025, was made by Justin and seconded by Ryan. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2025, was made by Justin and seconded by Phil. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** Angela provided a summary of the work she and Justin have completed as they work towards our year end reconciliation and budget close. Angela is scheduled to meet with Greg on May 26, 2025, to reconcile our accounts between QuickBooks and SportsEngine. She is still working with our bank to set up on-line banking for our account. The board also received an update that the ice contract for the 2025 – 26 season has been executed and the ECHL licensing fee for our logo has been paid.

Angela also provided an overview of the Past Due accounts owed to the CYHA. This includes items such as 14U AA State Tournament and Nationals fees and past due player accounts from last season. Angela is working to bring these accounts up to date in preparation for our year end.

**Registrar Report:** Nothing to report

## Committee Reports

### **Travel Commissioner Report:**

**House Commissioner Report:** Justin reported that Spring League went well this season. The age divisions worked out well. The 14/16U age division with referees also went well. Overall, it was a successful Spring season.

**Hockey Director Report:** Ryan provided an update on Travel Tryouts to the group. The registration numbers for tryouts were higher this year than in previous years. This resulted in some complex decisions when selecting players for this year's teams.

**Player Development:** Nothing to report

**Growth:**

**Grievance/Disciplinary:** Nothing to report

**Fundraising/Scholarship:** The group discussed sponsorship opportunities for the upcoming season. Several options were discussed such as TeamUp fundraising and other traditional methods such as raffles. The group discussed connecting with Zipsprout which acts as a broker for organizations helping them connect with sponsors. There was general agreement among the group to explore this option in more depth.

## Coordinator Updates

- **Marketing/Outreach:** Nothing to report
- **Safety Coordinator:** Nothing to report
- **Safe Sport Coordinator:** Nothing to report

## New Business

**Travel Team Head Coach Selection:** The board reviewed candidates for the outstanding team coach positions. Justin Evans was submitted as the 10U B team and Ronnie Sellers was submitted as the 12U B team. board. Justin requested Board approval to add Zach Delonge as a student coach for the 10U division this season. Zach has been a player with our organization for several season. He also volunteers within CHYA helping with our goalies throughout the season and in various clinics. The board felt this would be a good fit for our 10U division and a great growth opportunity that we can provide for one of our players.

A motion was made by Justin to approve Justin Evans as the head coach for the 10U B travel team. This motion was seconded by Chris and approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made by Chris to approve Ronnie Sellers as the head coach for the 12U B travel team. This motion was seconded by Phil and approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made by Justin to approve Zach Delonge as a student coach for the 10U travel team. This motion was seconded by Phil and approved unanimously by the board.

**CHL/ACHC Play-in Tournament:** The CHL Play-in Tournament for division evaluation will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The ACHC Play-in Tournament for division evaluation will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Angela will send communication with the details to the head coaches for attendance.

**Travel Team Tournament Selections:** Angela voiced her concern to the group regarding the budgeted tournament costs compared to the actual costs. She will compare the submitted tournament costs compared to the budgeted costs. Chris recommended creating a spreadsheet to track the actual spend for tournament fees throughout the season to enable more accurate budgeting next season. Phil recommended that next season we provide a single line item in the team budget for without specifying a set number of tournaments to allow for more flexibility in tournament selection.

**2025-26 Rule Changes:** Angela provided a summary of the CAHA rule changes this season. The two major changes that will go into effect this season will be Delayed Off-sides and an increase in the roster size for the 18U division. Angela will send out the updated rules to the group.

**2025-26 CAHA Grants:** CAHA will be providing three levels of grants at the \$2500, \$5000, and \$10000 levels to help support development programs across their member organizations. The grants at the \$5000 and \$10000 level are considered transformative and sustaining grants, respectively. These will be used to support investments in long-term programs. There was a general discussion among the group regarding which initiatives should be the focus of our grant applications. Chris recommended that we apply for funding to cover our girls program this season. Dustin suggested that we request funding to expand our dryland area. The board will consider additional ideas before the submission deadline. The board will connect via e-mail prior to June 1, 2025, deadline for submission of the grant applications.

#### **2025 – 25 House Coordinator:**

**DIBs Policy:** The board reviewed the first version of the DIBS policy to be used with the DIBS module in SportsEngine. DIBS will be used to provide volunteer opportunities and to track volunteer hours across our organization. The CHYA relies on volunteers throughout the season to help with the many jobs and tasks required to run the CYHA. There was general discussion about how the policy would be applied, how it would be tracked, and the implementation strategy. The intent is to introduce this with the 2026 – 27 season starting with our younger age divisions and phase it into all groups over subsequent years.

**Online Voting:** Chris updated the group on his intention to send out information for online voting to the membership. This was presented to the membership as an option for elections at last year's membership meeting. Chirs will arrange for an informational ballet to be sent out to all eligible members with voting options to move future elections from in person voting over to online voting.

**2024 – 25 Outstanding Program Fees:** The board entered executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss past due player accounts.

**Annual Membership Meeting:** The annual CYHA membership meeting will be held on August 19, 2025. Chris and Angela will coordinate to plan the details of the meeting. Chris will send out the meeting slides to the group ahead of the meeting.

**Stingrays Season Kickoff:** The CYHA will plan to black out October 18, 2025, for the SC Stingrays season kickoff.

**Adjournment:** The board exited executive session and was adjourned at 9:20 pm.