

# MITCHELL SKATING & HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Programs Committee Meeting Minutes – May 2024

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 - 7:00 pm



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Sabers | <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Puetz                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kris Polreis    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shawna Huls | <input type="checkbox"/> Randy Zoss                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vinoly Seromony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blake Sabers           | <input type="checkbox"/> Janel Laufman              | <input type="checkbox"/> Kira Tronnes               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Penne           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Rietzel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Strand     |

### REPORTS:

#### **Registration (Janel)**

- No report – Eric provided that registration will need to be set up & opened once details are finalized. Squirts are currently being considered for league-style makeover. To be decided on SDAHA BOD conference call 5/9/24.

#### **SafeSport (Eric)**

- No report

#### **Head Coordinator (Shawna)**

- Provided recap of the scheduling meeting in April.
- Team coordinator confirmations for 24-25 are progressing; still working on 8U, Squirts, & Peewees.
- Nicole Bussmus has agreed to shadow Shawna this year to take over as Head Coordinator in 2025-26 pending board approval.

#### **Scheduling (Lisa)**

- Lisa asked to verify if we want to stick with the Candy Cup dates since Brookings Mite tourney is the same weekend. It was decided to keep it the same.

#### **Player Safety (Jackie)**

- No report

#### **Tournament Director / Jerseys (Blake)**

- Will be arranging a planning meeting to start working details of the new tournaments. Need to finalize rules for sanctioning and then branding and promotions.
- Final jersey details are being finished up.

#### **Equipment (Randy)**

- No report

#### **Minor Officials ( OPEN )**

- No report; Eric mentioned that scoresheets will be changing from paper copies to the new Gamesheet app as decided by the SDAHA at the April meeting. Eric waiting for more details from the state.
- Will need to update scoring booth game time signs (once available from SDAHA) since 14U will now have 2 intermission resurfacing (rule change from SDAHA April meeting).

**Referee Coordinator (Matt)**

- Currently working with Referee in Chief on an ice time slot for the new level 1 format. Any weekend after Sept 18<sup>th</sup> will work with a time TBD based on the date selected.

**DIBS Coordinator (Crystal)**

- Held discussion concerning direct emails from members about random DIBs being done. It was decided that we will need to enforce the signing off on extra DIBs by coordinators/committee chairs/etc by proper use of the request form. Requested to update the DIBs request form on the website.
- Eric will arrange a DIBs meeting to finalize position changes and address various questions from the April meeting to present formal proposals to Programs/Board.

**Media Relations (Kira)**

- No Report

**Coaching Director (Kris)**

- Working on coach exit interviews and confirming coaches for next season.
- Kris would like to attend the USAH National Goaltending Symposium for coaches in St Paul (May 30<sup>th</sup>- June 2<sup>nd</sup>); Is there a budget consideration for reimbursement?
- Looking into the Avera Acceleration program to get things started for this summer.

**Website (Vinoly)**

- Working on volunteer registration for 2024-25.
- Player registration can be started soon once details are provided.
- Working on cleaning up of the site.

**Discussion Items:**

- Handbook updates – suggestions:
  - Post-game duties need to be updated (page 26)
  - Game times will need to be updated when available (page 31)
  - Weekend Tournament Coordinator section (page 28) needs more definition of concessions duties and a general weekend coordinator section needs to be added/defined.
- Physicals – Discussions on official physical policy was had. It was decided to propose the following policy starting for the 2025-26 season:
  - Require a new physical dated such that it does not expire during the hockey season (between May 1<sup>st</sup> and the date of player registered) to coincide with the Mitchell School District's activities policies.
  - We will offer a transition season (2024-25) to allow for a current physical to be accepted at registration (regardless if it expires during the season), and then advise members that if their physical does expire during the season, to not renew it until after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Eric will present the formal proposal at the May board meeting.

**Board Action Required:**

- Approve Nicole Bussmus as future Head Coordinator
- Physicals proposal

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm @ Blarney's