

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
July 13, 2022          6:30pm  
Sanford Conference Room – SCHEELS IcePlex

President Sam Everson called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Sam Everson (President), Corey Rothrock (Vice-President), Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), Adam Gorra (Past President), Leah May (Travel League Director) and Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments). Quorum was present. Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) and Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) were also in attendance. Derek Berg (Development Director) and Ed Davis (Secretary) were absent.

Secretary's Report – Leah May made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurers Report – Elliot Hitt – Elliot submitted Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Report as of July 12, 2022. Elliot presented proposed budget for the 2022-2023 season. Leah May made a motion to approve the SFYHA Budget 2022-2023 as presented. Motion seconded and carried. Two hours of ice time has been added to the weekly SFYHA schedule. Board members noted helmets, goalie gear, two sets of foam bumpers and croxice dividers need to be ordered as soon as possible.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- Goalie Development update - I have found a former Jr/AAA goalie to mentor w/ Brandon this fall to take over and lead Flyer's goalie sessions when Brandon will not be there. Brandon would like someone he can work with and teach so that the content stays the same and he is on board with this idea. This is a great opportunity and sets the Flyers up well in the long-term moving forward with a person who can put the necessary time in with goalies and their families. It will be a process of teaching/helping this person learn how to communicate and deal with parents specifically. I do see the short-term financial investment in coaching education through USA Hockey being minimal versus bringing a person in.
- Our Mite goaltending equipment needs a major rehab. In my conversations w/ Brianna Long here is what I recommend. We look for a sponsor/funding for the below and I am sure would be something a potential donor would jump at. Needs are listed by set (total 16 sets)
  - 1A - Bauer - pads need toe straps (x2), complete set with helmet
  - 1B - Vaughn - complete set with helmet
  - 1C - Bauer - no helmet
  - 1D - Bauer - No helmet
  - 2A - Vaughn - complete set Good
  - 2B - Bauer - pads need toe straps (x2)
  - 2C - Bauer - pad need toe strap (x1)
  - 2D - Bauer - good
  - 3A - Bauer - bag zipper broke, Pure Hockey skate straps (x2)
  - 3B - Bauer - bag zipper broke
  - 3C - Pure Hockey - skate strap (x2)
  - 3D - Vaughn - Pad needs strap repair
  - 4A - Pure Hockey - skate strap (x2)
  - 4B - Pure Hockey - good
  - 4C - Pure Hockey - bag zipper broke, skate strap (x2)
  - 4D - Pure Hockey - good
  - <https://goalie.purehockey.com/product/ccm-yt-flex-2-goalie-leg-pads-youth/itm/38760-11/>
  - The blockers and gloves work fine. I recommend going to 24" leg pads in a better quality than the Pure Hockey ones and these are not too big for most of our mite sized kids.

- This is my suggestion for sticks <https://goalie.purehockey.com/product/bauer-gsx-prodigy-composite-goalie-stick-youth/itm/41313-11/>
- This is my suggestion for helmet for the two tier 1s that are missing helmets, or we don't offer helmets for tier 1 at all. <https://goalie.purehockey.com/product/bauer-profile-930-goalie-mask-junior/itm/41318-21/>
- I can get a monetary value put together for this for Derek Berg if necessary.
- met w/ Andy Gillham regarding supplemental discipline heading into next season. Here is a summary of that meeting.
  - How do we prove this (action/words/etc.)?
    1. This has been a sticking point for SFYHA "he wouldn't do that" - outside of video/audio we run into problems and even then, there is kickback from parents. How much proof is needed?
    2. How does DOH/SFYHA empower the coach to act upon what he/she views as an example of a "behavior of what not to do?" Who gets to make these decisions as to what is not accepted?
    3. I would envision there being some training on how to squash the above. How does the message get communicated to parents? We need to be clear on what we want coach to do, and not creating a policy to set coach up to fail. That being said I think there needs to be something in place to hold accountable - pay, suspension, etc.
    4. Easiest behaviors to change are going to be that of the athletes.
    5. Authority = Setting Off Parent + Do Your Job Coach
- Continued work w/ Mark Bukovich on practice schedule
- met w/ Leah, Cherry, Mark, Riley Block (SFFSC) and Brian Prisbe to discuss the practice/ice schedule at SIP on June 21
- working with West Fargo and Fargo to get some more game weekends for non-SDAHA Squirt teams
- HS Head Coaching staff for 2022/23 is penciled into place and need to get them contracts in next few weeks w/ some pre-season clinics starting in August leading up to tryouts.
- POWER Training – not going to work to add second session. Board members approved one session per week for JV and Varsity. Suggested – Coaches provide other training for players to do at home.
- HUDL – Will review options and possible association wide package

### Admin Update – Cherry Hunter

- SDAHA Varsity Tournament Bid – July 26 meeting to award bid / meeting presentation. If SFYHA does not host the Youth Varsity Tournament, we will most likely be slotted to host the Girls Varsity Tournament.
- SFYHA Fall 2022 Activity Calendar – Referee Seminar & Fall City League Meeting dates TBD
- SDAHA – proposing Girls JV games to be held following Girls Varsity games. Only four possible Girls JV teams this season. No Girls JV League this season is planned.
- SFYHA Season Guide – Sam made a motion to approve with the following changes – Girls JV line deleted, Mite Fest dates Feb 11-12 and Mites will have games Sunday, January 1. Motion seconded and carried.
- Fall Clinic & Camp registration options are posted on our website
- SDAHA Hall of Fame Update – Proposal will be presented at the SDAHA Fall Meeting on September 17. Need a space to display HOF annual recipient plaques and perpetual plaques. Sioux Falls and Brookings are suggested locations.
- Substance Abuse Agreement & Volunteer Agreement – included in board packets
- Flyers Custom Hockey Bag – First order deadline is August 17.
- High School jerseys, gloves and breezers ordered June 20. Socks for Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam will be ordered by July 20.
- Board members discussed SF POWER 14U team based in Minnesota. All players reside in Minnesota except one from Sioux Falls. Can a Tier 1 program host a team outside of the affiliate boundaries? Discussion with USA Hockey and/or General Manager Matt Tobin needs to take place.

### Director of Tournaments – Amanda Smith

Amanda presented data with 20-21 tournament costs, 21-22 tournament costs, 22-23 tournament registration fees, 22-23 proposed Flyers registration fees, 22-23 savings per Flyers team and net

impact to 22-23 tournament revenue. Corey Rothrock made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Flyers home tournament fees for Flyers teams:

- Squirts - \$625 per team (savings of \$450)
- PeeWees - \$775 per team (savings of \$350)
- Bantams - \$825 per team (savings of \$825)
- Mites - \$275 per team (savings of \$275)

Motion seconded and carried. Amanda noted B Divisions for the tournaments are filled and Mite Falls Freeze is 50% filled.

### President's Report – Sam Everson

1. SDAHA Fall Meeting – Sept 17 in Watertown.
  - Proposals for Rules or Bylaw revisions are due August 14, 2022
2. Resignation – Mike Riedel has resigned as the City League Director
3. Team Counts / Projections
  - Youth JV/Varsity – 2 Varsity & 2 Jr Varsity
  - Bantam – Two A teams & two B teams – Coach Houck recommends one A and two B teams
  - PeeWees – Two A teams, two B teams and one C team
  - Squirts – 2 Blue teams, 2 Orange teams, 1 White team & Girls 10U
  - Girls – Varsity and 14U
4. Girls JV – opine due August 15
5. Hockey Level Overviews are needed for PeeWees, Bantams and Youth JV/Varsity. Sam will create documents similar to the Squirt Level Overview. Updates will be posted to the registration page.

### Agenda Items:

- IcePlex Expansion – Corey Rothrock – Corey reported
  - 50% of the funding for the off ice addition is committed for the proposed expansion
  - POWER is ready to forge ahead with their addition to the IcePlex
  - The Flyers expansion would include locker rooms, off ice training, offices, storage, upper level training space, conference room
  - Possible \$250K funding from the IcePlex for use of Conference Room
  - SFYHA estimate is \$1.25mil for fundraising over the span of 5 years.
  - IP Expansion – Phase 1 would be off ice with possible Phase 2 for ice sheet expansion
  - Discussion for possible lease option, what equity does SFYHA acquire, possible special session with the membership and goal for expansion is Fall 2023
- Mission, Vision, and Values Bylaws Revisions – Corey Rothrock– Corey will review SFYHA vision, bylaws, and purpose. Cherry will provide current documents.
- Names on Jerseys and C/A Patches – Coach Houck will encourage JV/Varsity coaches to have a Captain and Assistant Captains. Patches are currently in stock. Corey Rothrock made a motion to have nameplates on the Youth JV/Varsity and Lady Flyers JV/Varsity jerseys with the cost to be paid by SFYHA. Motion died for lack of second. Cherry will check on cost of nameplates for jerseys.

### FYI

- Patrick Kearney, SFYHA President from 1989-1991, passed. Pat was an elementary school teacher, hockey coach and worked at MIRC in retirement. Flowers will be sent from SFYHA.
- Ryan Rients, member of Flyers 1994 Varsity Champion team passed July 2. His father, Bob Putnam, passed in April. Bob started the Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club.

***Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:***

***To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports***

Meeting adjourned 10:15pm

NEXT MEETING

August 17, 2022 6:30 pm  
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherry Hunter  
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted August 17, 2022 by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence  
(Date) (Circle one)