



January 31, 2024

CYHA Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Mike Jannace, Phil Passarelli, Chris DaBaldo, Casey Marshall, Angela Brady, Ryan Blair, JC Gaskins, Justin Pence

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: Mike Jannace called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2023, was made by Angela and seconded by Phil. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Casey presented the Treasures report to the board with the current statement of accounts. All scholarships awarded this season have been paid. We currently have one Travel player account with a past due balance and two House League player accounts past due. There are also two 18U players who joined the team later in the season that were invoiced later in the season with past due balances. Casey will reach out to the families again to collect the past due payments. If payment is not received before the next practice, we will ask the coaches to hold the player out of practice until the past due balance has been paid.

The January expenses for our organization will be paid once an invoice is received. These costs include ice costs, score keeping, and referees. Additionally, Casey is in the process of paying out the second round of coaches' stipends.

Registrar Report: Angela will be sending emails out for Spring League registration and travel coaching applications to our members. She is targeting the emails to go out on 2/5/24. The coaching applications will be due by 2/29/24.

Committee Reports

Travel Commissioner Report: JC is currently working on the 2024 – 2025 Travel season budget. He will present this to the board at the board meeting on March 27 for review and approval.

House Commissioner Report: Justin has worked with the 14U/16U teams to rebalance the rosters. He will distribute jerseys to the players that have changed teams.

Hockey Director Report: Ryan will be holding an 8U/10U Full Ice Transition camp once a week leading into Travel Try-outs. The goal of these clinics will be to teach players full ice game concepts. Ryan is also in the planning stages for the summer clinics.

Player Development: Ryan has had some early discussions with Hunter Bishop regarding skills sessions for next season. There was general discussion among the group about recruiting former players to help supplement the CYHA coaching staff next season. The groups also discussed ways that we could better utilize the Stingrays players when they are on ice with the teams. JC will be reaching out to the coaches to gather feedback on the season to help with planning for next season.

Growth: Try Hockey for Free is scheduled to take place on 2/24/24 at 2:45 pm. Angela and Ryan are working together to coordinate this event. Ryan reported that the Ball Hockey initiative is going well. There have been several adds for this initiative on the

Grievance/Disciplinary: There was general discussion among the group regarding players and team discipline. To reduce ongoing issues across the organization regarding player discipline, Ryan would like to spend more time on player and coach code of conduct and stricter expectations from our association at the Coaches meeting next season.

Phil and Justin will be meeting with all the 10U/12U House teams regarding expected behavior and language on and off the ice. They will also be having individual conversations with specific coaches regarding specific incidents.

The group also discussed the ongoing player discipline issues on the 14U Travel team. A lack of respect for the coaches and other players continues to be a problem for some players on this team. The board will continue to monitor the season closely for this team.

It has been reported that a former coach has been causing friction with the parents by complaining about our current coaches and the development plans for their respective teams. This has aggravated several parents as well as coaches. Ryan will have a conversation with this individual to discuss the concerns expressed by our members and coaches.

Fundraising/Scholarship: Brandon and Justin have been working fundraising opportunities for the sale of dasher board space. There was general discussion regarding the need for fundraising materials that can be distributed to businesses interested in sponsoring our organization. Casey has a draft of some material that was previously developed. He will pull that together to see if he can make some progress on completing this. Angela volunteered to reach out to other organizations in our region to see if they would be willing to share any materials that may have to be used internally as we continue to develop our materials. We would also like to include customer numbers for foot traffic at the Ice Palace to provide numbers for potential exposure through advertising. The board also supported the idea of hiring a firm to help develop materials.

Angela reported that the golf tournament will not occur this year due to ongoing challenges planning this out. We are also looking to grow our season kickoff next season due to the success of this past season.

Coordinator Updates

- **Marketing/Outreach:** Angela provided an update on the CAPS program. CYHA has been provided a grant to support the CAPS program again this season. The program is working with the North Charleston Coliseum to run the program at that facility rather than the Ice Palace.

Angela has that opportunity to purchase a block of sixty tickets to the Savannah Bananas. They will be playing in Greenville on July 27, 2024. Angela has offered the tickets to the organization to be used as a fundraiser.

Justin made a motion to approve the purchase of sixty tickets for the Savannah Bananas at a cost of \$35 per ticket. Phil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Angela will work out the purchase details with Casey.

- **Safety Coordinator:** Nothing to report.
- **Safe Sport Coordinator:** Nothing to report.

Old Business

Spring League: The group decided that we organize a spring league again this season. The cost will be \$275 per player. This is a slight increase from last season which accounts for an increase in ice costs as well as increased costs for score keepers and officials. Justin and Angela will work together to coordinate player registration and player jerseys for this season.

Summer Programing: Phil provided an overview on several options to help bring development and playing opportunities to our organization through the summer. He is currently looking into the possibility of bringing Robby Glantz Power Skating to the Ice Palace over the summer to work with skaters from our organization. This program focuses strictly on skating skills. Phil is also exploring Fusion Goalie as an option to provide focused training for the goalies in our organization. He is also working to identify summer tournaments that we can make available to our players as an additional playing opportunity. These would not be run by the CYHA but would be offered to our players to fill available slots.

Goalie Development: The board will work to identify improved goalie development opportunities as part of our 2024 – 25 season planning. This will include working to identify additional coaches to work with our goalies. Other options could include a coaches workshop and the development of goalie drills available to all coaches.

Policy and Bylaw Updates: Chris presented an amendment to the bylaws which would allow the board to appoint non-voting Allied Members to the Board of Directors to act in an advisory capacity. He also discussed several minor updates needed to reflect organizational changes to committees. Additionally, minor changes are needed to the verbiage around elections to allow more flexibility. The current verbiage was written with the specific needs for the 2023 elections and will be difficult to follow long term. Angela and Casey also discussed the several CYHA policies that would need to be created or updated. Mike expressed the need to update the verbiage in our Player Contract, Coaches

Contract, and Player Code of Conduct. The board will schedule a working session on 2/29 at 6:00 pm to focus on these items.

New Business

House League End of Season: Justin provided an update on the House League End of Season activities. Ice time has been scheduled for the end of season playoffs. Justin reached out to Brandon to give the Ice Palace an opportunity to provide the food for the end of season parties. Justin did not receive a response and has pursued other vendors for catering. He has selected The Cracker Barrel to provide food to the team. They fit within the budget and can accommodate breakfast for the early games and lunch for the later games. He has also priced out the end of season awards and has selected a local business that can provide end of season awards at a better cost than past vendors.

The organization is planning to hand out end of season t-shirts again this year. We are currently working to identify a sponsor. Angela will follow up in the next few days so we can move forward on this item.

Mites Tournament: Justin informed the board that the Mites teams will be playing in a second tournament this season. This will be played in the Washington DC area. This was a unanimous decision among the parents who will cover the cost of the additional tournament.

First Aid Training: Phil voiced his concern about the lack of rink side first aid equipment and a lack of trained personnel rink side. He proposed mandating that at least one coach from each team be trained in emergency first aid. He also proposed providing first aid and a stop the bleed kit next season as part of the coaching supplies. The group was supportive of this idea. We will continue to explore training options as part of our 2024 – 25 season planning.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.